

July 2024

GMF Town News



Thank You Town Volunteers!

Mayor's Memo:

I wish you all a happy and healthy Fourth of July!

This is an incredibly busy month with several events that are going on. First, Greenbox Arts will be celebrating their 16th annual Arts Festival from July 1 through July 14. I encourage everyone to explore attending some of these activities. I will be speaking at the Mayor's Forum on July 4th at noon at the Church in the Wildwood. This is a lunch event, so there is a \$5.00 fee for attending. Tickets can be obtained from greenboxarts.org. Due to State-mandated accessibility requirements, I'm not sure I'll be able to post my presentation on the Town's website.

Summer Concerts on Gazebo Island begin July 15th from 6 to 8 pm and will repeat on Monday Evenings until September. These events are sponsored by the Ute Pass Chamber of Commerce.

Finally, the 86th annual Bronc Day will be the last Saturday in July (27th). The events will start at 7 am with the parade beginning at 10 am. Family activities and vendors will be on-site from 9 am until 3 pm. Please plan on attending and having a good time!

Project Updates:

Dumpster Blind/bear resistant trash containers:

This project is complete. The dumpster blind is a result of a grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to limit the bear/human interaction that we've had for some time downtown. Businesses will be given the opportunity to use this area for a fee and the bear-resistant dumpster should help with the bear situation. In addition, we have received several bear-resistant trash containers that will replace several of the Town's containers.

Gazebo Bridge: With the exception of the accessible benches, the bridge is complete. The new concrete leading to the bridge has been poured and all of the electrical work is done. However, some of the irrigation lines were cut and still need to be repaired. All of the new wood used was treated with a fire retardant to help in case of fires. This project was made possible through a grant from the El Paso County Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Shade Sails on the Fitness Court: Shade sails have been installed on the fitness court by the pool. This will provide much needed shade in the summer months. Special thanks to the Kirkpatrick Family Fund for providing a grant for this improvement.

GMF Pool: If you'd like to volunteer for the pool front desk, please send an email to Pool@gmfco.us. In the month of June, our pool had 478 users. This is very encouraging! Recently, a new pool solar cover was installed and this has helped with the water usage significantly (not nearly as much evaporation). I'd like to

thank Jennifer Forbes for pointing us in a direction that led to being able to obtain this new cover.

The pool park project that is being worked on by the Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee and the University Technical Assistance Program is on-going. We are anticipating that the concepts will be narrowed down sometime this summer. There will be more stakeholder engagement as things progress.

Gazebo Lake Fountain: The fountain at the lake is back! The original fountain's motor fried and through a generous grant from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund, we were able to obtain a new one. There were several installation issues related to the electrical connections. All of that finally came together in the last week of June. I'd like to give a shout out to Public Works for having met all of the challenges to get that fountain installed and working again.

Fire Safety Update:

The first set of chipper days were on June 29th and 30th. It is my understanding that the chipper program was successful again. The second set of days will be September 28th and 29th. On the September dates, the chipper will be located at Joyland and people will need to take their slash to that area. If you can't take it to Joyland, a team of volunteers is being organized to pick up slash at the residences.

There are opportunities available with Rubicon and if you are interested, please contact David Douglas at david@falconpartnersltd.com.

Please note that Thomas Trail may have closings during the week for fire mitigation.

Grants/FEMA

There are a handful of repairs that still need to be completed. The fence along Ute Pass Ave. along the lake has a couple of areas that are washed out. The repairs on those washouts have begun. These two areas as well as the sediment removal from Catamount Creek still need to be completed.

Reminder:

Please cut down your dead/dying trees. Also, if you are doing any improvements to the outside of your house/property, please check with Town Hall to see if you need a permit. Stop Orders and fines are just no fun!

Calendar:

July 2nd - Board of Trustees
July 9th - Planning Commission
July 10th - Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee
July 16th - Board of Trustees
July 29th - Fire Mitigation Committee

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Pool Rules

1. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an individual over the age of 13
2. Swim diapers are required for those who are not potty trained
3. Absolutely no running or speed walking on deck or in bathhouse
4. No DIVING!
5. No SMOKING, glass, sharp objects, or drugs of any kind
6. Please dispose of trash properly
7. Only wear swimming attire
8. NO GUM!
9. No pets allowed
10. Management is not responsible for lost or stolen items

Please follow the directions given by the lifeguard on duty and only enter the water when a lifeguard is on duty and ready

Thank you and Enjoy!