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GMF Town News



Thank You Town Volunteers!

Mayor's Memo:

At the last BoT meeting, the Board decided to table the potential ballot issue and re-evaluate it for the 2026 election. This will allow us to have yet another year's worth of financial data to help us decide what course of action we may want to take.

The Green Box Arts Festival began in Town on June 27th. I'm really looking forward to attending several events throughout this festival and I hope you are able to attend some as well. The art displays this year are spectacular! The Mayor's Forum that is always part of this festival will be at Church in the Wildwood from 12pm to 1pm on July 4th. I will be doing my usual state of the Town presentation

The Firefighter Appreciation Day was very well attended. I really enjoyed cooking the brats and the hot dogs for all who attended! Special thanks to the Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee for pulling this together.

Fire Mitigation:

I thought it would be good to comment on the Town's fire mitigation activities. First off, the Town partners with multiple organizations (Mile High Youth, the Coalition for the Upper South Platte, Team Rubicon and potentially others). Many times, entities like Mile High Youth will be the ones who actually apply for grant funding. In those cases, they are required to do mitigation in accordance with the grant requirements. In addition, those entities have to mitigate in accordance with their own processes. In all cases, the work is being overseen by professionals. *What this means for the Town is that mitigation activities may cause the forest to look significantly different than the way it looks today.* For example, most mitigation prescriptions require that there be only 90 to 100 trees per acre. What the Town currently has in many places is 800 trees per acre or more. Thinning the forest down is needed in order to have a healthy forest. In addition, the Forest Service experts are telling us that thinning has to take priority over hauling the fuel on the ground out. Since the Town is still shown as being a high risk for fire; and since several property owners are experiencing problems obtaining insurance; I would expect that mitigation activities will continue for the foreseeable future.

Team Rubicon will be working in the Ute Pass area, including GMF, from July 11-20. The base of operations will be Church of the Wildwood, with the town providing shower facilities at the pool. FMAC is still accepting applications from property owners interested in receiving fire mitigation assistance. The FMAC monthly tip will provide a waiver for those interested.

Chipper Days will once again be here on July 12th - 13th. This event is sponsored by the Green Mountain Falls - Chipita Park Fire Protection Districts and the Green Mountain Falls Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee. If you would like to sign up or get more info, please send an email to FMAC@gmfco.us.

Upcoming Events:

In addition to the Green Box Events that began on June 27th, the 87th annual Bronc Day festivities will be on July 26th (the last Saturday in July). For more details on Bronc Day, please go to this website: <https://www.broncdaysfestival.org/>. This event is proudly presented by the Building Ute Pass Community non-profit organization.

Committees:

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission has been working on updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan. This Plan is very important because many grants want to see how the grant request fits within the community's planning documents.

Parks, Rec and Trails Committee: This Committee is working on numerous potential park improvements including Pool Park, Hotel Park, relocating the American Discovery Trail and more.

Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee: Please see my previous statements.

Reminder:

If you are doing any exterior upgrade to your property or lot, please discuss your project with the Town to avoid a stop order.

Calendar:

June 27th through July 12th – Green Box Arts Festival
July 1st - Town Hall/Board of Trustees
July 8th - Planning Commission
July 9th - Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee
July 15th - Board of Trustees (if needed)
July 28th - Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee