

June 2024

GMF Town News



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Mayor's Memo:

There are quite a few things to report for June with respect to our construction projects.

Dumpster Blind: This project is almost complete. The only thing remaining is for the contractor to treat the wood with a fire retardant. This treatment should be done within a couple of weeks. 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 dumpsters should help with the bear situation.

Gazebo Bridge: The bridge itself was completed on schedule and is now open. They were able to get it completed in time to support multiple weddings over the Memorial Day holiday. There is still electrical, light fixtures and concrete work to be accomplished, but the bridge itself is much sturdier than it was. This project was made possible through a grant from the El Paso County Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

GMF Pool: The pool opened on May 31st. General pool hours are as follows: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm. From 9 am to 11 am is Adult Swim only; from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm is the Open Swim; then from 2:50 pm to 5 pm is an Open Swim. See page 3 of this Newsletter for Pool rules. We always appreciate having volunteers work the front desk at the Pool. **If you'd like to volunteer for the pool front desk, please send an email to Pool@gmfco.us.** Please welcome Sofija Cirko (Coordinator/Lifeguard), Delaney Bartco (Lifeguard) and Sophie Hyman (Lifeguard) to our pool staff!

Reimagining Pool Park: From the Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee, Jesse Stroope: The Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee has been leading a series of community engagement sessions focused on the reimagining of pool park. This series of events has included committee meetings, special public meetings and a survey which received two hundred responses. The addition of a Town Welcome Center to Pool Park in 2022 began the discussions. The ongoing need for public restrooms combined with the need for new pool equipment were the incubators for the idea. Students with the University Technical Assistance Program at the University of Colorado have been working with the PRT and the Town of Green Mountain Falls to conduct and analyze the community engagement series. These students have developed four design options incorporating many ideas for the renovation of Pool Park. Community members were asked to name their favorite ideas within each scenario as well as what ideas they were not fond of. Students are currently culminating responses into one design scheme for our community to review. When a design is agreed upon, a business plan will be developed to study not only the initial

costs, but also ongoing expenses required to maintain the project. Fundraising and grant writing to support the results of the business plan will further dictate the scope of the project. The reimagining of Pool Park will be a lengthy project with continued opportunities for community input. PRT is excited to be working with the community to build an incredible new park to be enjoyed for decades to come.

Public Works: I'd like to say a special thanks to Public Works for getting the roads worked prior to the Magnesium Chloride (Mag Chloride) application. In addition, the weather cooperated a little and we were able to apply the Mag Chloride prior to the heavy monsoon rains. This should help hold the roads together better when these rains hit. We do have some fairly significant repair work that needs to be accomplished on Ute Pass Ave. by the lake (where the asphalt is washing out). This could easily mean that Ute Pass Ave. will have to be narrowed to single lane traffic during construction. Also, please welcome Valerie King-Peters as our seasonal Public Works employee.

Fire Safety Update:

The chipper days have been set for June 29th and 30th. On these dates, the chipper will be towed to as many residences as they can get to. 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. These two areas as well as the sediment removal from Catamount Creek still need to be done.

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:

June 4th - Board of Trustees - Canceled
June 11th - Planning Commission
June 18th - Board of Trustees
June 24th - Fire Mitigation Committee
June 29th and 30th - Chipper Days

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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!

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Call type	# of calls	Outcomes if any
Hazards	3	Downed trees from windstorm
911 hang ups	1	
Assist outside agencies	4	
Traffic Accident	1	Associated with stolen vehicle
Citizen Contacts	3	
Attempt to locate	0	
Follow ups	4	
Suspicious incident	1	
Harassment	2	
Abandoned vehicle	0	
Traffic stops	6	
Parking complaints	1	Ticket issued
Check the welfare	3	
Trespassing	2	
Noise complaints	0	
Motor vehicle theft	1	Suspect arrested
Lost property	0	
Parks violation	0	
Motorist assist	2	
Mental health check	1	
Vin verification	1	
Animal complaint	0	
Alarms	2	
Total calls for service	38	

Other agencies assisting us – 2

Us assisting other agencies – 4

NIBERS reports completed.

Citizen Contact upload completed.

Reserve hours worked - 26 hours.