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GMF Town News



Thank You Town Volunteers!

Mayor's Memo:

I do have some more good news, the Town has received another grant! Unfortunately, since the "grantor" hasn't created their press release, I cannot publicly state what the grant is for. For a "teaser", it is for something down at the Lake. Once the "grantor" does their press release, I'll provide an update to the Newsletter.

It's that time of year again. We are looking for a Pool Coordinator and Lifeguards. The Town has posted these positions on our website at:

(<https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/jobs-and-requests-for-proposals>) for **Pool Attendants/Life Guards and for a Lead Pool Coordinator**. If you are interested, please go to the website and print an Application (or stop by Town Hall to pick one up).

In addition, we have posted for our **Clerk/Treasurer** at the same link as above. Recently, our current Clerk/Treasurer (Bo Ayad) informed us that he has a family medical situation that will preclude him from meeting his duties. We will definitely miss Bo and wish him and his family the best.

On Tuesday, May 6th at 6 pm we will hold another Town Hall meeting to discuss a potential ballot measure regarding a tax increase. As the preliminary data for 2024 comes in, it is looking more like our "operations" (General Fund) will be in the black. Our audit (which we are currently in) will still need to confirm this data and I suspect it may change somewhat. However, my original concern about being in the "red" for our General Fund may be unfounded. So what does this mean? To me, it's looking more and more like we do not need a tax increase to support operations (wages, etc...).

However, we may want to consider a 1% sales tax increase to support some Capital Improvements. Some of the more recent figures indicate that a 1% sales tax increase would net us well over \$80,000 per year. The Town has a very long list of things that need to be done. These things include items like the main bridge, new asphalt overlay over most of our existing paved roads, culverts under some of our streets, culverts and drainage on our steep mountain roads, the pool park upgrade and some building and equipment upgrades. If my estimates are correct, the potential cost of all of these things could approach

\$22 million. Unfortunately, decades of inaction have put us in a position where repairs and/or replacements are much more expensive than they would have been had the Town been able to do them earlier. There are also several "strings" attached for using someone else's money. For example, if we use any Federal funding to accomplish these repairs and/or replacements, there is reporting that has to be done on the contractors employees and wages. This is just one of the items that tend to make it so that only the larger contractors will bid on these projects. A 1% tax increase that goes towards Capital Improvements could mean that at least some of these repairs and/or replacements could be handled locally.

Upcoming Events:

On Saturday, May 10th, beginning at 9 am and ending at 11 am, there will be a Community Work Day sponsored by the PRT committee. Please meet at the Farmstand down on Lake Street before 9 am. This has been very helpful in the past with cleaning up various areas around the parks.

Grants:

Most of the Federal grants have been paused. We are confident that they will be re-started and once they are we will do our best to get the Applications in. This mainly affects the pursuit of funding for the Ute Pass Avenue bridge.

Fire Mitigation:

On Saturday, June 14th, from 11 am to 2 pm, there will be a Firefighter Appreciation Day sponsored by the Fire Mitigation Committee. This event will be held at the Green Mountain Falls Fire Station and hot dogs, brats and ice cream will be available.

Reminder:

If you are doing any upgrade to your property, please submit your Pikes Peak Regional Building Department permit number to the Town with your Application for the Town permit.

Calendar:

May 6th - Town Hall/Board of Trustees
May 10th - Community Work Day
May 13th - Planning Commission
May 14th - Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee
May 20th - Board of Trustees (if needed)
May 27th - Planning Commission (if needed)
June 2nd - Fire Mitigation Committee