

November 2025

GMF Town News



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Mayor's Memo:

I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving!

First, a couple of good news items. GMF Parks and Trails have been awarded the Leave No Trace Gold Standard Site designation! The press release for this award is on page 2.

The second good news item is that the Town has been awarded \$1 million in matching funds again for the Ute Pass Avenue Bridge. The funds were originally awarded to support the Federal "Protect" grant. Unfortunately, that grant was paused and not re-started, so the original \$1 million was returned to the State. The Town is now applying for different Federal grants to do the bridge engineering and construction. We applied for the matching funds again and the State has set \$1 million aside for us. However, we will not receive any of those matching funds if we do not receive a Federal infrastructure grant.

I thought I'd also talk a little bit about the speed cameras. A few months ago, the Marshal made contact with a company that would supply the equipment for the Town to have speed cameras (at no cost to the Town). The first thing that had to be done was an initial speed survey. The results of that initial speed survey are (each location was for a 24 hr time period):

- Ute Pass Ave (W of El Paso Ave): 100 vehicles going 10+ mph over the speed limit. Top speed = 51 mph
- Ute Pass at Hondo Ave: 43 vehicles going 10+ mph over the speed limit. Top speed = 46 mph.
- Ute Pass Ave at GMF Lodge (bus stop): 58 cars going 10+ mph over the speed limit. Top speed = 46 mph.
- Green Mountain Falls Road at Carsell Way: 43 cars going 10+ mph over the speed limit. Top speed = 44 mph.

On Highway 24, the following data was captured on the initial speed study (again, only for a 24 hr time period):

- Number of cars going 10+ mph over the speed limit = 2,519.
- Number of cars going 15+ mph over the speed limit = 577.

- Number of cars going 20+ mph over the speed limit = 100.
- Top speed recorded was 91 mph.

In order to apply for permission for the Town to put speed cameras on Highway 24, another speed study had to be conducted. This speed study lasted one week and was on Highway 24 only. Those results (capturing both eastbound and westbound traffic) are:

- Number of cars going 10+ mph over the speed limit = 40,379.
- Number of cars going 15+ mph over the speed limit = 10,048.
- Number of cars going 20+ mph over the speed limit = 1,888.
- Top speed recorded was 93 mph.

It will likely take several months before the Town knows if CDOT approves the use of the speed cameras along Highway 24. The speed cameras in Town are already in place. It is one mobile unit with 2 cameras and can be moved wherever needed. **On November 16, 2025, the Town will cease issuing warnings and begin issuing citations.** As of October 27th, there were 70 cars recorded as going over the speed limit. This number of cars speeding was in a time period of less than two weeks. The cameras record license plate numbers. When citations are issued, the fine will be levied against the registered owner of the vehicle. A moving violation will be issued along with the fine. The registered owner has the ability to redirect the liability to another driver if they were not driving. Any unpaid tickets will have additional fees/fines applied and submitted to a collection agency.

So why would speeding be a concern here in Town? Data from the Institute of Traffic Engineers tells us that if a car going 20 mph hits a pedestrian, there is a 10% chance of it being fatal. If that same car is going 30 mph, the chance of a fatality increases to 40%. If that same car is going 40 mph, the chance of a fatality increases to 80%. So in order to reduce the possibility of a fatal car/pedestrian collision, we need to keep the speeds down. A similar situation exists out on our intersection of the highway. A small increase in speed can result in a much larger chance of a serious injury or fatality.

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Committees:

Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee

The Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee FMAC members can assess your property from a fire mitigation perspective. I had them come to my home and even though it is a newer house, they advised me on additional things that can be done.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission has an opening. If you are a resident of the Town of Green Mountain Falls, please consider applying! 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, and relocating the American Discovery Trail. **There will be members of the Mile High Youth Corps working on trimming some of the vegetation at Gazebo Lake over the first couple weeks of November.**

Press Release for Leave No Trace:

Town of Green Mountain Falls Parks and Trails Named Leave No Trace Gold Standard Site

October 30, 2025 Green Mountain Falls, CO: Leave No Trace recently announced the designation of Town of Green Mountain Falls Parks and Trails as a Leave No Trace Gold Standard Site, an honor awarded to sites, organizations, and programs that demonstrate excellence in implementing the Leave No Trace principles which are essential in minimizing the impact of natural resources and ensuring a sustainable future for natural areas. Town of Green Mountain Falls Parks and Trails earned the recognition for its role as a leader in promoting responsible enjoyment in the outdoors. "Leave No Trace is thrilled to announce Town of Green Mountain Falls Parks and Trails as our newest Gold Standard Site," said Dana Watts, Leave No Trace Executive Director. "Green Mountain Falls Parks and Trails provides critical Leave No Trace education to their community. Their volunteers and partners' hard work and dedication to protecting natural spaces means they are a leading force in the Leave No Trace

movement and an example of how to implement education effectively."

The project is a collaboration of the Town of Green Mountain Falls, Ute Pass Elementary School, Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation and Friends of Ute Pass Trails. Through 2025, these partners created new Leave No Trace aligned signage for their trailheads and websites, hosted educational hikes for students and adults, were formally trained in Leave No Trace and outdoor ethics and incorporated these learned ethics during trail work days. "This is a huge accomplishment and recognition for the Town of Green Mountain Falls Parks and Trails," exclaimed Miles Groth, Ute Pass Elementary 6th grade teacher who is the project lead. "Thank you to all of the partners for their hard work and input over this year to make this happen."

About Leave No Trace:

The Leave No Trace organization is a national nonprofit organization that protects the outdoors by empowering everyone through science, hands-on training and simple guidelines. The Leave No Trace Gold Standard Site designation recognizes public lands implementing the highest standard of onsite Leave No Trace education. The program aims to achieve a critical mass of Gold Standard designated sites across the country to ensure minimum-impact education is part of every public lands visitor's experience and thereby alleviate the significant impacts currently affecting these outdoor areas. For more information, visit: www.LNT.org.

Reminders:

Parking in the Public Works Yard and entering the Public Works Yard is not allowed. The Public Works Yard is a restricted area. Also, do not park in front of the Public Works gate. If work in Town is needed, please report it on the Town's website at: <https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/form/report-a-nonemergency-issue> or contact Town Hall.

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:

Nov 4th - Board of Trustees
Nov 11th - Veterans Day - Town Hall Closed
Nov 12th - Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee and Planning Commission
Nov 18th - Board of Trustees (if needed)
Nov 24th - Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee

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Marshal's report September 2025

Call type	# of calls	Outcomes if any
Case follow-ups	0	
911 hang ups	3	
Traffic control	2	repaving
Traffic complaint	1	Speeding Ute Pass Ave
Citizen Contacts	5	
Code violation	1	
Harassment	0	
Litter complaint	1	
Domestic violence	1	Unfounded
Details worked	6	Court, meetings etc.
Traffic stops	5	
Parking complaints	11	Citations issued on all
Patrol check	3	
Suicidal check the welfare	1	
Noise complaints	0	
Sexual Assault on a Child	1	Occurred in EPSO's jurisdiction.
Animal complaint	2	
VIN verification	1	
Check the welfare	4	
Reckless Endangerment	0	
Unattended death	0	
Traffic accident	3	
Found property	1	Item returned to owner
Total calls for service	52	Down from 63 Summer is ending!!

Other agencies assisting us – 4 calls for service

Us assisting other agencies – 4 calls for service

NIBERS reports completed.

Citizen Contact upload completed.

Use of force reporting completed.

Reserve hours worked – 26

The department completed several training courses to include-

Cops and Cars...How Law Enforcement interacts with vehicles.

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Will attended a train-the-trainer on how to teach red dot sight use.

The entire department successfully qualified with side arms, long guns, shot guns and less lethal bean bag rounds. **Thanks to Caleb and Nicole for attending and training and shooting with us!!!!** We had a great day!