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Mayor's Memo:

In September, the Town begins to look forward to the budget for the upcoming year. The Committees have supplied input and the Town will begin to review that input with the funds that we are anticipating to receive. Next year may be vastly different because we are needing to update a couple of high cost pieces of equipment. Twice within a two week period the brakes went out on our grader. The grader itself is a 1977 model and parts are becoming an issue. In addition, the motor needs to be rebuilt. The total cost of repairs on the grader could easily exceed \$30,000 and we would still be left with a 1977 grader that we might not be able to get parts for. In addition, the Town uses our skid-steer almost daily. We have almost worn out that piece of equipment as well. At the meeting on September 2nd, the Board was presented with potential financing options. Staff will present a purchase request for a grader and skid steer at our next regular meeting.

In other news, the Town received the Statement of Work for the restroom upgrade at the lake. This means that we can start work on that project. There have been a couple of different ideas since we applied for the restroom upgrade, one is for a leach field, the other is to leave the existing composting system installed. One of the engineers has stated that the Town would be able to put in a leach field for that facility. If we can do this, it would save the Town a significant amount of money over the long-term as we would not have to pump the system out every time it fills up. One of the individuals helping the Town has indicated that, instead of removing the old composting system, we could just pump it out and fill it with sand. This could eliminate a significant cost of having to lift the building and dispose of the old composting tank. **I'd like to recognize Natalie Nelson for assisting the Town with several aspects of this project.**

At the September 2nd Board of Trustees meeting, the Town was also presented with a proposal to install speed cameras. One of the complaints that the Town has received on a recurring basis is people speeding through Town. A company does have a speed camera system that does all of the

ticketing automatically. This would be a no-cost option for the Town (the company takes a cut of the speeding ticket). The data presented indicated that between 2% and 8% of the cars going through Town at certain locations exceeded the speed limit by 10 miles per hour or more. The highest speed recorded in the various locations in Town was 51 mph. In addition, a presentation was made to apply for an "AVIS corridor" that would allow the Town to place speed cameras on Highway 24. In a 24 hour period and in one direction only, over 2,500 cars were clocked going 10 miles per hour or more over the speed limit. The fastest speed clocked was 91 miles per hour. It is also interesting to note that, in that 24 hour period in the eastbound lanes only, there were almost 15,000 cars. The main purpose of installing cameras on Highway 24 is to slow down traffic around the intersection of Highway 24 and Green Mountain Falls Road. The Board unanimously approved the new Ordinance and the Agreement with the speed camera company. The cameras for in-town use should be installed within a couple of months. It will take longer for the cameras out on Highway 24 because we have to apply to CDOT and obtain approval from them before we install that type of system.

Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee

The Fire Department and FMAC will be conducting a second "Chipper Days" on September 6th and 7th. Fixed site chipping at Joyland Church will occur on Saturday, the 6th. Mobile chipping will occur on Sunday, the 7th. FMAC will have a flyer with sign-up instructions out soon. In addition, on September 13th from 10 am until 11:30 am at the Sallie Bush Community Center, the Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee and the Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation will be hosting "Home Ignition from Wildfire" with Tom Welle, a nationally renowned wildfire prevention expert.

Committees:

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

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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. The Board approved for the Town to apply to be recognized as an American Discovery Trail (ADT) Trail Town. This could expand the Town's recognition at no cost to the Town. The Leave No Trace Gold Standard Site application is being submitted in September which is another recognition for the town's trails and Gazebo Lake. Mark October 4th on your calendar for the Community Creek Week Cleanup day. More info to follow.

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:

Sept 2nd - Town Hall/Board of Trustees
Sept 9th - Planning Commission
Sept 10th - Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee
Sept 16th - Board of Trustees (if needed)
Sept 29th - Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee

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Marshal's Report August 2025

Call Type	# of Calls	Outcomes if Any
Case Follow-Ups	4	
911 hang ups	2	
Traffic Control	3	
Traffic Complaint	3	Speeding on Ute Pass Ave
Citizen Contacts	7	
Code Violation	1	
Harassment	1	
Litter Complaint	3	Bears!
Domestic Violence	1	
Details Worked	4	Court, meetings etc.
Traffic Stops	5	
Parking Complaints	13	Citations issued on all but 1
Drug Activity	1	Unable to Locate
Suicidal Check the Welfare	1	
Noise Complaints	1	
Disturbance	0	
Animal Complaint	3	Bears!
Criminal Mischief	1	
Suspicious Incident	2	
Reckless Endangerment	1	Person on Hwy 24
Unattended Death	1	Blue Moose
Animal Complaint	2	
Found Property	2	Items returned to owners
Total Calls for Service	63	Up From 55 Last Month

Other agencies assisting us - 3 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 -13

Assisted the Woodland Park Police Department with the POW/MIA ride in August.