

Town of Fairplay



First snow of the season, October 2023

FALL NEWSLETTER 2023

TOWN OF FAIRPLAY MISSION STATEMENT—Recognizing our unique heritage and environment, the Town of Fairplay is committed to accountable leadership in order to protect and enhance our citizen's quality of life by ensuring the delivery of effective and efficient public services. We implement this mission based on the following core values: open communication; transparency; integrity; professionalism and teamwork.

The Town of Fairplay Welcomes New Treasurer and Chief of Police — We Are In Good Hands!



Originally from the East Coast **Jennie Danner** got her degree at Colorado State University and made roots in the mountains of Colorado. She has been serving the Fairplay community since 2015. Jennie worked for Park County Government as Projects and Grants Manager for the South Park National Heritage Area financing the preservation of significant cultural resources in the area. She most recently served as Executive Director of the Park County Senior Coalition reaching goals of fiscal stability and program revitalization for senior citizens. She is excited to now be working for the Town of Fairplay and serving the community in a new role as Town Treasurer. She looks forward to supporting the projects and efforts that make Fairplay such an amazing place to live. In her free time Jennie enjoys XC skiing, high altitude gardening, hiking, fishing, and exploring with her husband Seth and dog Tela.



Jeff Worley was recently selected as the new Chief of Police for the Town of Fairplay. Though this is the smallest town he has worked for he says, "Fairplay is not the smallest in heart!" Jeff and his wife Nicole have been married for 35 years and have three adult sons. He has been in law enforcement for as many years as they have been married. He started his policing profession in 1986 with the Canon City Police Department, retiring as Detective Sergeant. He then spent time as the division commander for Fremont County and then as a detective with the Florence PD. Jeff says that during his career, he has been quite blessed to have had exceptional experience and training. He hopes to pass on what he has learned to his officers and, thereby, benefit the people of our community. Nicole and Jeff are truly happy and grateful to be in Fairplay and appreciate the warm welcome they have received!

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Business Hours: Monday—Friday 8:30am—4:30pm



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REMINDERS FROM TOWN HALL—PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL

Residents Are Responsible for Securing Trash Containers!

With the recent winter weather and strong winds, the Town has seen an increase in trash cans and totes where the lids have blown open and trash is in the streets or on neighboring properties. Before the recent snow, there were also instances of bears overturning trash cans and scattering it down the Town streets. When this happens, other animals and birds exacerbate the problem. In order to maintain neighborhood relationships and keep our community clean and beautiful, please properly secure the lids on your trash containers and try to keep from leaving garbage bags out for extended lengths of time so as to reduce the chance that birds and animals will get into them and make a mess. Remember, it is your responsibility as a resident to immediately pick up ALL trash if your tote is one that animals get into or is blown over, dumped, or spilled. Thank you!



2024 TOWN OF FAIRPLAY BUDGET PROCESS



The Town Board has begun the public budget process for approval and adoption of the 2023 Amended Budget and the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget. There will be three public hearings at which citizens can provide input. Those dates are November 6, November 20 and December 4. Board meetings begin at 6:00 pm in the lower level of Town Hall located at 901 Main Street. The Board invites all residents, business owners and other interested parties to attend and learn about the working of the Town government and how tax payers monies are spent to provide services and amenities. The Budget document is available online at the Town's website (www.fairplayco.us) under the Treasurer page or at Town Hall. For more info, call Town Treasure Jennie Danner, at 719-656-0755 or email her at jdanner@fairplayco.us.

REMINDERS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

No Parking Zones—As we head into winter, the Town of Fairplay would like to remind residents that there is **NO PARKING ON TOWN STREETS** in ALL residential areas. Colorado law prohibits leaving a vehicle parked on an improved road surface and the Town appreciates the cooperation of its residents on this matter especially in winter due to the fact this creates a hazard for plow drivers and the Town cannot be held responsible for any damage should your vehicle be hit by a plow.



Did you know that Colorado law also prohibits:

- Parking on or over sidewalks;
- Parking in an intersection;
- Parking in a crosswalk or within 20 feet of crosswalk, except for school zones where the distance increases to 50 feet;
- Parking within 15 feet of a hydrant;
- Parking within 5 feet of a public or private driveway;
- Parking within 30 feet of a Stop Sign (*this distance has been reduced by the Town to 10 feet on Main Street*)

Residents are cautioned to take note of the newly painted red curbs on Main Street / CO9 and 6th Street which designate prohibited parking. Deputies and Officers can and will begin citing violators. Please obey the laws and help to improve safety in our Town – Thank You!

Snow Removal Policy—The Town Board of Trustees adopted a formal Snow Removal Policy in October, 2022. The policy is intended to provide information to the Town's citizens regarding the manner and method of snow and ice removal utilized by the Town Public Works Department during a snow event. The policy also addresses citizens pushing snow onto or across Town streets, parking or abandoned vehicles, operations during blizzard conditions and things citizens can do to help the Town better serve its residents over the winter months. Please visit the Public Work's Department page on the Town's website at www.fairplayco.us to view the policy.

Sidewalks Must be Cleared of Snow & Ice within 24 Hours—Fairplay Municipal Code Sec. 11-1-10 sets forth that any owner, occupant or agent of any lot, block or parcel of ground inside the corporate Town limits must clear the sidewalk alongside their property of any snow and ice within 24 hours of its accumulation in order to keep the areas safe for pedestrian use.

The Town is Not Responsible for Frozen Lines or Breaks on Private Property— If you plan to be away from your home for an extended amount of time during the winter months, it is highly recommended that you have your water shut off and service line blown out. To do this you will need to call a plumber to perform the service unless you are experienced in winterizing your own water lines. The Town cannot be held liable or responsible for frozen service lines and breaks on private property.

If you have questions, comments or concerns please call the Public Works Department at 719-838-0163.





Status of the Town of Fairplay Police Department *by Jeff Worley, Chief of Police*

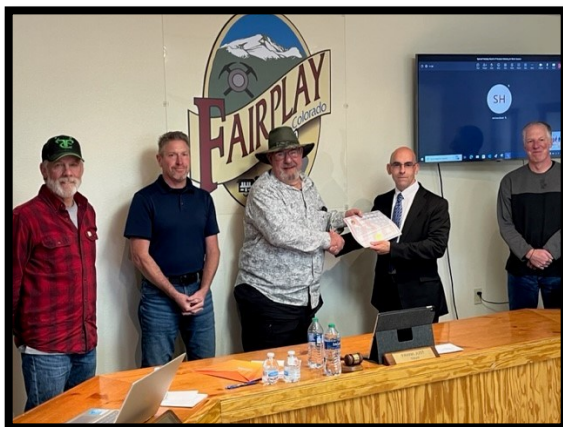
It has recently been the subject of curiosity – and of concern – for Fairplay residents, many asking, “*Will the police department be providing services again?*” or “*Do we even have a police department?*” The answer to both of these legitimate questions is “*Yes!*” In this update, it will briefly be related as to what happened to the department following the summer of 2023 and how the agency is moving forward to soon provide effective services to our community.

During the second half of this year, it became abundantly clear to Town officials that the police department was woefully understaffed and that the few remaining officers were overwrought with work. The lack of police personnel primarily stemmed from low wages that could not support the personal needs of police staff and their families. As a result, police employees began leaving the agency with no new applicants on the horizon. Recognizing the community’s genuine desire for continued local law enforcement services, the Town ultimately decided upon the necessary course of action that meant the rebuilding and professionalization of the entire organization. With that decision having been made, beginning officer wages were increased to offset the high cost of living in the area. Consequently, there was an immediate interest in employment with the police department as witnessed by a plethora of applications made to the Town by promising candidates.

Since that time, the chief and his staff have been busy with the internal rebuilding endeavor, as well as with hiring new officers. As of October 16th, three new officers have been offered jobs. Three more will likely be offered positions by mid-November. All new staff are expected to be in place by January and February 2024, following a careful background screening process. Once the new employees have undergone the requisite and all-important training phase and the restructuring of the department is complete, full law enforcement services – including daily patrol, answering calls for service, and investigative follow-up – are scheduled to resume in March 2024.

Until the Police Department is operational, however, citizens need not fear that their law enforcement needs will be met. Thanks to Sheriff McGraw, his capable deputies are covering the Town and answering calls for service. There may be minor municipal ordinances that Park County Sheriff’s Office is unable to legally enforce, but, rest assured, the Sheriff’s Office has been diligently protecting our community and will continue to do so in the interim. Citizens residing in the Town limits should not hesitate to contact Park County for assistance if needed.

While the reorganization of the Police Department is indeed a lengthy process, what that needed time represents is the establishment of a professional local agency constituted of qualified, well-trained, and proactive officers ready and able to effectively serve the citizens they have sworn to protect. So, yes, Fairplay *has* a police department currently and *will have* a very good police department very soon. The staff of the police department is profoundly grateful for the support of our Town and community during this transitional time. Thank you!



September 11, 2023—Jeff Worley, Chief of Police for the Fairplay Police Department receives his Oath of Office from Mayor Frank Just along side Town of Fairplay Trustees, Ray Douglas, Scott Dodge, and Josh Voorhis. Also attending in support of Chief Worley are Fremont County Sheriff Allen Cooper and Undersheriff Derek Irvine as well as, Park County Sheriff Tom McGraw and Undersheriff Steve Spodyak.

**For emergencies, including criminal activity, medical or fire please dial 911.
For non-emergency situations call Park County Communications at 719-836-4121, #5.**



More Town Info...



37th Holiday Bazaar & A Real Colorado Christmas

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Featuring the South Park Chamber
Chili Cook-Off and Festival of Trees

Holiday Bazaar

9:30am - 4:30pm

South Park School Campus, Fairplay
Arts and Craft Vendors, Santa,
Preschool Holiday Workshop,
Silent Auction and more.
Benefits: South Park Schools Foundation

Bazaar info 970-406-1031
or southparkbazaar@gmail.com

A Real Colorado Christmas

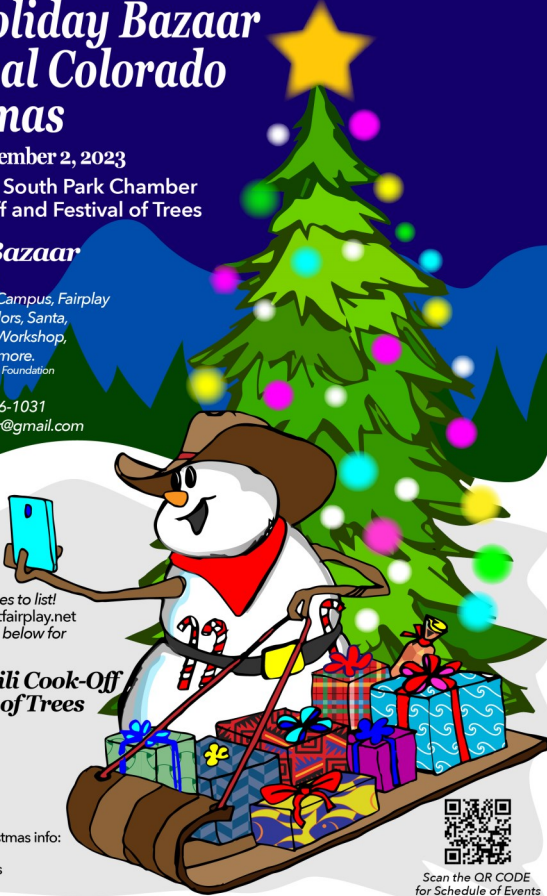
Front Street
3pm-5:30pm

Too many fun activities to list!
Visit our website visitfairplay.net
or scan the QR code below for
schedule of events.

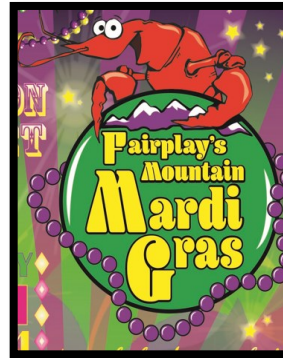
Chamber Chili Cook-Off and Festival of Trees Fundraiser

American Legion
601 Clark Street
5:30pm - 7:30pm

A Real Colorado Christmas info:
719-838-0163 or
jbullock@fairplayco.us



Scan the QR CODE
for Schedule of Events.



Save the Date

Saturday-2/10/24

Authentic Cajun
Cuisine
Cash Bar, Music &
Dancing with
*Hazel Miller & the
Collective*, Crowning of
the King & Queen,
Beads & More



2024 Town of Fairplay Regular Municipal Election April 2, 2024

Do you have a desire to make a difference and important contributions toward shaping your community? If so, the time to get involved is now and you should run for the Town Board of Trustees!

The Town of Fairplay's Regular Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 to elect two (2) Trustees. Both Trustees will be elected to 4-Year terms.

Qualifications for Municipal Office are:

- **US Citizen**
- **18 Years of Age**
- **Registered Voter**
- **Resident of the Town for 12-consecutive months preceding the election.**

The Town Election will be a Mail Ballot election. Therefore, residents are encouraged to check/update their voter registration information at www.GoVoteColorado.com or by reaching out to the Park County Clerk & Recorder's Office at 719-836-4333. Subscribe to the Town's website (www.fairplayco.us) or watch for announcements in your utility bills or postings around Town for updates and important deadlines.

Questions regarding the Town Election? Call Town Administrator and Clerk Janell Sciacca at 719-656-0081 or email her at jsciacca@fairplayco.us.

