

Town of Fairplay Spring/Summer Newsletter 2022



Springtime in Fairplay



Summer is on the way

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 citizens' 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.

Greetings from Mayor Just.

Happy Spring/Summer Fairplay!! While the snow seems to be resistant to allowing summer's approach, the wildflowers and native vegetation are anxious to get started with the summer and are loving the moisture.

The April 4, 2022, Town of Fairplay election was cancelled due to the lack of a sufficient number of candidates applying for the four open seats on the Board of Trustees. Elected Mayor in the 2018 municipal election, my 4 year term of service expired and, running unopposed, I was elected to another 4 year term. There were 3 Trustee seats open of which 2 were filled by incumbents Josh Voorhis and Pete Lynn, who, running unopposed, were also declared elected. The third seat was vacated by outgoing Board member of 9 years, Trustee Eve Stapp. We all owe Trustee Stapp a debt of gratitude for her 9 years of service. Trustee Stapp was honored at the April 18 Board meeting and was presented a plaque recognizing and thanking her for her service and dedication to the Town of Fairplay, Board of Trustees and Staff. Trustee Stapp was also presented a spray of roses and honored with a round of applause by those in attendance. Trustee Stapp will be missed immensely. The Board solicited letters of interest from applicants to fill Trustee Stapp's seat and at the April 18 Board meeting, the Board interviewed 3 candidates. They were, William Pike, Jeff Eastham, and Isaiah Goodreau. Each of the candidates were questioned by the sitting Board members about their qualifications and desires to fill the vacated seat. They all offered great insight and extremely good answers and it was evident that they are all vested in this community. Isaiah Goodreau was selected by vote of the Board to fill the vacancy and was sworn in as the newest Trustee for the Town of Fairplay. He will serve until the next election in April 2024. Congratulations, Isaiah!! Please, if you see any of the serving Board members out and about, next thanks to them for the job they do and have done. We all hold an endearment for the Town and Community and do our best to be thoughtful and committed to doing what fits the Town of Fairplay.

Our summer is full of events once again and everyone is looking forward to the time when we can all get out and enjoy the music and festivities that we so dearly miss during the winter. Please check out the Town's new website by using the Upcoming Events link on the front page so you do not miss a thing.

The Board began working on a Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance in October 2021 and passed it by unanimous vote at the March 21, 2022, Regular Meeting. Over 6 months of deliberation, public meetings, and work sessions yielded an ordinance that is 100% unique to Fairplay and our specific situation with respect to STR's within Town limits. Every word of the ordinance was scrutinized by the BOT, Staff, and Public with all input carefully pondered, deliberated, and discussed before admitting it into the document. One of the highlights of the ordinance provides that any developer wishing to construct units

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Greetings from Mayor Just *(Continued from page 1)*

primarily for the purpose of STR shall then be required to build an equal number of units specifically for permanent local workforce housing that is attainable by anyone making 60% of the local AMI. This built-in mechanism is intended to begin increasing the local workforce housing inventory as development occurs. Additionally, the ordinance sets a cap on the total number of STR's that may be located inside of the Town limits.

Congratulations to Habitat for Humanity and everyone involved, on the groundbreaking of the local work force housing project on Castello. Subsequently, the Board of Trustees directed Staff to continue to research funding opportunities and creative ways to promote more developments that are specifically intended to provide realistically priced housing for locals who choose to work and live within the community. I am excited about the opportunities that we will uncover which will allow us to move forward with housing for those who are truly dedicated to working and supporting the businesses, schools and emergency services who operate in the South Park Community.

There is so much more that I would like to share but do not have the space in this blog to do so. Any time you see me out and around and have a question or want to know how things are going, please feel free to engage me and ask me and any of the other Trustees as well. You may also join me at regular meetings of the Board to stay in tune with happenings. Those meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 6 PM in Town Hall. Thank you all again for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor.

As a parting good thought, the Town has welcomed the opening of **23 new businesses to our business family in the last 2 years!!!** What a great testament to the determination and resolve of the good people of South Park!!

Much Love to you all!

Frank

Town Tidbits and Reminders

- ◆ **Summer Paving Project**—This summer the Town will be paving several roads in Town which include Steinfelt Parkway, 4th Street from Front to Main Street, 5th Street from Bogue to Witcher and Hathaway to Castello, Hathaway Street from 8th to the Forest Service building, Silverheels Circle, and the Cohen Park parking lot. Keep an eye out on social media for notices of road closures.
- ◆ **Annual Renewal of Town Business Licenses**— All businesses or individuals engaged in any activity with the object of financial gain are required to have a Town of Fairplay business license. If you plan to open a business in Fairplay, please apply for your license before opening your business. Stop by Town Hall at 901 Main St. for an application or go to our Town's website, (www.fairplayco.us), click on the online payments. If you have questions please contact us by phone at (719) 836-2622.
- ◆ **Sign Up for Paperless Billing**—If you are interested in receiving and paying your Town water and sewer bill electronically, sign up for paperless billing! Go to www.expressbillpay.com and log in or "sign up" and create a new account. Enter your personal information and then find "Town of Fairplay" in the billing organization field and enter your account number and last name. For more information contact Kim Wittbrodt, Town Treasurer, at (719) 836-2622, ext. 103 or email kwittbrodt@fairplayco.us.
- ◆ **Dog Licensing Required** — Per Sec. 7-6-160 of the Fairplay Municipal Code, all dogs over six months of age within Town limits must be licensed. The fee for an animal that has been spayed or neutered is \$5 and the fee for an animal that has not been spayed or neutered is \$10. Licenses must be renewed every year. Visit Town Hall for the appropriate paperwork and please bring current vaccination records from your veterinarian with you. Additionally, please remember to clean up after your dogs as you walk them through Town. Be courteous to others and, it's also the law!
- ◆ **Small Animal and Livestock Permits Required** — Per Sec. 7-7-30 of the Fairplay Municipal Code, no person shall keep animals or fowl within the corporate limits of the Town unless such person has a valid permit to do so and no animal or fowl shall be allowed to run or fly at large. The permit form can be found online at the Town's website (www.fairplayco.us) under the Documents & Forms tab or you can visit Town Hall to complete the application and obtain a permit. Please call Town Hall with questions at 719-836-2622.
- ◆ **Please contact the Fairplay Police Department** for law enforcement concerns within Town limits, (719) 836-2840. Issues handled by the Police Dept. include, but are not limited to: criminal complaints; traffic complaints; animal control; and Town code enforcement including abandoned vehicles; trash accumulation or refuse; parking issues; etc. For emergencies, including criminal activity, medical or fire please dial 911. For non-emergency situations call Park County Communications at 719-836-4121, #5.

Please Take Care of Your Trash & Pick Up After Your Animals


With the gale force winds the Town of Fairplay experiences, there are many trash cans and totes with the lids being blown open. This leads to debris blowing throughout the community as well and animals and birds getting into garbage and scattering it into the streets and adjacent yards. Secure the lids on your trash containers and refrain from leaving garage bags out for extended lengths of time so as to reduce the chance that animals will get into them.

Also, pet owners need to follow the Town code and immediately remove animal feces deposited on public or private property. The Town has containers all over Town so grab a bag, fill it up and deposit it into the metal bin. Please help keep our community clean and beautiful and maintain neighborly relationships. Thank you!

Short Term Rental Rules & Regulations

The Board of Trustees approved Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2022, on March 21, 2022 setting forth the rules and regulations for permitting of Short Term Rental units within Town limits. There are currently 20 permits available, which is 6.5% of the total housing units in Town. Once all permits are issued, no others will be available until additional housing units are built or one of the 20 permits were to be surrendered, revoked, expire, etc. Please visit the Town's website at www.fairplayco.us for additional information.

US 285 & CO 9 Improvement Project Postponed



US 285 and CO 9 Intersection Improvements

What: Change to Project Construction Start Date

When: Winter 2022 / Spring 2023

Where: US 285 and CO 9, Fairplay

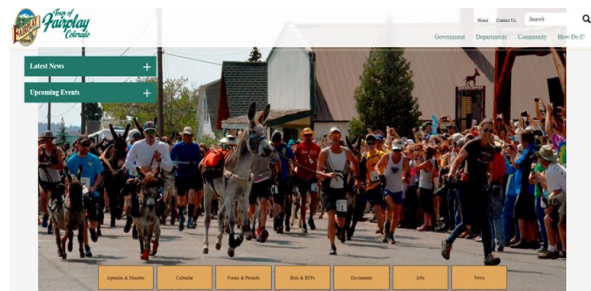
What: CDOT is planning improvements on US 285 and CO 9 in Fairplay, including pavement replacement, bridge replacement, lane additions, turn lane additions, and addition of drainage inlets. Due to a change in the project schedule, construction is now anticipated to begin in Winter 2022 - Spring 2023.

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New Town of Fairplay Website to go Active June 7

The Town is excited to announce that it will be launching a brand new, ADA compliant, and more user and mobile-friendly website on June 7. The new website will be simple to use, contain much more information, and also allow users to subscribe to email updates. Make sure to check it out and get connected by clicking on How Do I? and signing up for updates under Email Subscriptions. Website: www.fairplayco.us



Make Sure You Are FireWise with NWFPD's Fire Prevention & Mitigation Information

Have you taken steps to prepare your property in case of a wildfire? If not, visit the Northwest Fire Protection District's website at www.nwfpd.org and click on the Prevention/Mitigation/Chipping link to learn what you can do to protect your family and your home. You can also learn about Red Flag Warnings, Fire Weather Watches and how to subscribe to CodeRED emergency alerts.

Town Regulations for Camping, Temporary Housing and Storage of RVs/Trailers/Vehicles

In order to keep the community looking nice while also protecting the community as a whole, the Town does regulate camping, use of RVs as temporary housing and storage of recreational units and vehicles. Here are the basic rules and regulations:

- Camping is ONLY ALLOWED on private, real property or within developed, commercial campgrounds. Camping on private property is restricted to 7 consecutive days and no more than 28 days in a 6-month period with a permit issued by the Town.
 - Camping is NOT ALLOWED on public property which includes parking lots, streets, right-of-way, parks or any other areas owned, leased or under the control of the Town or another public entity. Sleeping in cars and trucks is also prohibited.
 - ◆ Temporary Housing is ONLY ALLOWED by permission of the Town when there is an active building permit for a property. Temporary Housing is restricted to self-contained units (RVs and Trailers) and is subject to other conditions such as adequate water supply, appropriate sewage and trash disposal, and adequate fire protection.
 - ◆ Temporary Housing is NOT ALLOWED in tents, teepees, tarpaulins, lean-tos, or similar structures nor without Town approval.
 - * Storage of RVs/Trailers/Vehicles is ONLY ALLOWED on private, real property. This means the unit must be housed entirely on the homeowner's land or kept in a commercial storage yard.
 - * Storage of RVs/Trailers/Vehicles is NOT ALLOWED on public property which includes parking lots, streets, right-of-way, and any other areas owned, leased or under the control of the Town or another public entity.
- ⇒ RVs are also prohibited for use as storage sheds in all Town zones except Light Industrial.

The Town has already begun making contact with homeowners, business owners, or other parties identified as being in violation of these restrictions. We are requesting and hoping to obtain voluntary compliance. However, egregious and repeated violations may result in a summons to Municipal Court. Please contact Town Hall with any questions, (719) 836-2622.

EVENTS



*Join us for **BIG**
small town events
this summer in
Fairplay!*



TGI Fairplay!

Where History Meets the High Country

Events 2022

Stay Play

- APRIL 17 FAIRPLAY EASTER EGG HUNT** at South Park City Museum
- JUNE 4 HUCK FINN DAY** at THE Fairplay Beach, Free Fishing in Colorado Weekend
- JUNE 11 SOUTH PARK TRAILS HEAVY MARATHON & HEAVY HALF MARATHON**
- JUNE 24 FREE CONCERT** w/ Split Window
- JULY 4 FAIRPLAY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** - Burro Buster 5k, Parade, Food, Kids' Activities, Strut Your Mutt, Flea Market, **FIREWORKS & FREE CONCERT**
- JULY 9-10 SILVERHEELS 100 MILE ENDURANCE RUN**
- JULY 10 "LAST CALL" 50 MILE & 55k ENDURANCE RUNS**
- JULY 12-17 PARK COUNTY FAIR** - Vendors, Carnival, Animals & Rodeo
- JULY 28-31 FAIRPLAY GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW** at THE River Park Event Site
- JULY 29 FREE CONCERT** at 5th STREET w/ The Long Run, an Eagles tribute band
- JULY 29-31 73rd BURRO DAYS** - Burro, Llama, Dog & Outhouse Races, Parade, Rides, Cowboy Church, Live Music, Vendors & Burro Days Museum
- AUG 6 SHEEP MOUNTAIN ENDURANCE RUNS** - 50 Mile & 50k
- AUG 12-14 LIVING HISTORY DAYS** at THE South Park City Museum
- AUG 26 FREE CONCERT** w/ Hazel Miller & The Collective, Free Colorado Peaches & Ice Cream
- SEPT 17 OKTOBERFEST at FAIRPLAY** at South Park Brewery & Taproom
- OCT 31 HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR** hosted by Boys & Girls Club of the High Rockies
- OCT 31 HAUNTED HALLOWEEN MUSEUM** at South Park City Museum
- DEC 3 A REAL COLORADO CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

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