Town of Fairplay Winter Newsletter 2023



Winter Beauty on the Middle Fork of the South Platte River in Fairplay

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 MARDI GRAS!!

Fairplay's Mountain Mardi Gras was held on February 25 and was a grand success! There was music, dance, costumes, great people enjoying themselves, and great food and spirits. The three couples' candidates for Mardi Gras King and Queen, Preston and Erin Springer representing the South Park Activities Association, Pete and Kerrie Lynn representing the Animal Rescue of the Rockies and David and Misty Levitre representing the Boys and Girls Club of the High Rockies were in attendance finalizing their push toward their goal of raising the most money for their non-profits. These 3 couples selflessly dedicated themselves to their non-profit organizations and their community and collected a NEW RECORD amount of donations this year; \$18,787.00!!! What a great achievement for our community and non-profits!! Congratulations to Preston and Erin Springer and their chosen non-profit, SPAA for collecting an amazing \$7,659.48 to win this year's event and be crowned Fairplay Mountain



Mardi Gras King and Queen! Congratulations to Peter and Kerrie Lynn and David and Misty Levitre and their non-profits as well. Each year, I am more and more impressed with the outstanding nominees who work relentlessly and determinedly to generate much needed monies for their non-profits and who, each year, always reach the pinnacle of achievement in doing so. Each couple was presented with a CNC engraved and hand painted maple plaque in recognition of their hard work on behalf of the Town of Fairplay.

I am happy to announce that in the four years, the Fairplay Mountain Mardi Gras fundraiser has collected a total of \$63,436.00 in much needed and appreciated donations for a variety of different non-profits. I wish I had adequate words that could express how blessed we are to have competitors, past and present, who deserve every ounce of support and admiration our charitable community has to give.

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Greetings from Mayor Just (Continued from page 1)

Fun facts about the food that was served:

For the low country boil, 39 pounds of fresh live crawfish, 10 pounds of Cajun boil seasoning, 50 pounds of potatoes, 38 pounds of corn, 9 pounds of lemons, 10 pounds of onions, 24 loaves of 28" baguettes and 50 pounds of handmade Cajun alligator sausage. For the gumbo, 44 pounds of handmade andouille sausage, 40 pounds of diced chicken, 50 pounds of assorted diced vegetables and chopped herbs, 7 gallons of chicken broth and 9 pounds of dark roux. For the Étouffée, 32 pounds of crawfish tail meat, 7.5 pounds butter, 44 pounds of assorted diced vegetables and chopped herbs, 5 gallons of seafood broth and 7 pounds of blond roux. For the Cajun Dirty Rice, 27 pounds ground pork, 25 pounds of cooked rice was served as well. And to top it all off, 16 amazing praline and cream cheese King Cakes direct from southern Louisiana were served and enjoyed by all. I am looking forward to next year, already!



I wish you all great success in your endeavors and undertakings and hope that your rewards far surpass your efforts in everything you do.

On behalf of the Mayor, the Town and the Contestants of this year's Fairplay Mountain Mardi Gras, "Laissez les bon temps rouler!!!"

Frank

Reminders from Public Works

• Snow Removal Policy Adopted By Board of Trustees — The Board of Trustees adopted a formal Snow Removal Policy on October 17, 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 <u>www.fairplayco.us</u> to view the policy. • Sidewalks Must Be Cleared of Snow and 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 his 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.

Reminders from Town Hall

- Annual Renewal of Town Business Licenses—The Town of Fairplay business licenses are due for renewal at the beginning of the year. All businesses or individuals engaged in any activity with the object of financial gain are required to have a Town business license. If you are doing business in Fairplay, <u>please renew your license immediately</u>. If you have questions please contact us by phone at 719-836-2622. Business license applications can also be found on the Town's website, (<u>www.fairplayco.us</u>), click on the "Doing Business" tab.
- Property Improvement Incentive Program (PIIP) The Property Improvement Incentive Program is being offered again this year to the residents and businesses of Fairplay. The PIIP program offers the granting of a rebate of all or a portion of the property taxes paid to the Town over the last five years for visible improvements to the outside appearance of your property. Funds are limited, so get your PIIP applications in right away. PIIP applications are available online at <u>www.fairplayco.us</u> under "How Do I?" and Documents Directory or stop by Town Hall. For more information contact Alex Wagner at (719) 836-2622, ext.104 or email him, awagner@fairplayco.us.

FAIRPLAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE AND VIRTUAL MEETING OPTION

The Fairplay Board of Trustees holds it regular Public Meetings monthly beginning at 6:00 PM in the Board Room on the lower level of Town Hall every 1st and 3rd Monday which is not a holiday. Starting with the March 6, 2023 meeting, the Town will be affording residents the opportunity to watch meetings online. Links to the virtual platform will be embedded in each agenda and included as a link accessible at the Town's website homepage (<u>www.fairplayco.us</u>) under the Upcoming Events tab. Residents can also subscribe to receive email notifications of Board Meetings by visiting the Town's website and clicking on the Notify Me button at the center bottom of the homepage. Agendas are also posted at Town Hall, the Post Office, and the Park County Library.

US 285 WIDENING/BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND HWY 9 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT AWARDED BY CDOT

The Colorado Department of Transportation awarded the US 285 widening and bridge replacement and Hwy 9 intersection improvements contract in Fairplay to American Civil Constructors. The contractor will mobilize and begin construction sometime between March 1 and May 31. Town officials have requested that a Public Meeting with the contractor and CDOT representatives be held prior to the commencement of the project to allow Town business owners and residents an opportunity to view updated plans and ask questions. Watch for upcoming announcements included with utility bills for updates or subscribe to the Town's website to receive email announcements. To sign up for email announcements, visit the Town's website (<u>www.fairplayco.us</u>) and click on the Notify Me button at the center bottom of the homepage.

FAIRPLAY SHORT-TERM RENTAL LICENSING UPDATE

The Town of Fairplay has authorized a total of twenty (20) permits for homeowners seeking to conduct a short-term/vacation rental business for their residence or a portion thereof. As of March 1, 2023, fifteen (15) permits have been issued and five (5) remain available. All permits are issued on a first-come-first-serve basis and there is no waiting list. Please visit the Town of Fairplay website (<u>www.fairplayco.us</u>) Short Term Rentals page under the Doing Business tab for a list of currently licensed properties along with the rules, regulations, application, and other associated information.

TOWN TO IMPLEMENT FAIRPLAY TRANSIT PROGRAM

In 2022, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Fairplay accepted two shuttle buses from another jurisdiction in order to begin a Fairplay public transit program. The Town is participating in a Countywide Transit Study in order to gain insight into needed and desired services and then will begin to hire Transit drivers and roll out the Town's service in the summer of 2023. Please reach out to the Town Administrator's Office with questions or input at 719-836-2622 X-102.

NOTICE IT IS A VIOLATION OF THE FAIRPLAY MUNICIPAL CODE TO SELL TOWN WATER

It has come to the Town's attention that some businesses in Town limits have been selling or providing Town water to visitors, other Town residents or County residents. This is in direct violation of the Town of Fairplay Municipal Code Sec. 13-1-170, which states that any consumer that furnishes water to other users or permits it to be taken without the consent or knowledge of the Town, can be required to pay double the price of any water used/furnished. Additionally, the Town may also shut off service for abuse of water privileges. No business or resident may profit from the sale or provision of municipally owned water. The Town itself does allow for the purchase of bulk water for this purpose and anyone needing or wanting to purchase water should contact the Fairplay Public Works Department at 719-838-0163.

Check Out the Town of Fairplay Website and Sign Up For Email Notifications

The Town encourages citizens to visit the Town's website at <u>www.fairplayco.us</u> to stay on top of everything going on in and around Fairplay. Click on Notify Me at the bottom center of the homepage and sign up for email notifications regarding meetings, events & activities, newsletters, announcements and emergency alerts.

MARDI GRAS FUN!



TOWN OF FAIRPLAY AND PARK COUNTY SEEKING CITIZENS TO SERVE ON PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (PPACG) ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Town of Fairplay and Park County are seeking to fill openings from residents to serve on the following PPACG Advisory Committees:

<u>Community Advisory Committee</u> – A nontechnical committee made up of volunteers who offer a citizen's perspective on regional issues directly related to the mission and programs of PPACG such as transportation, the environment, economic development, and military impact for the Tri-county region (Park, Teller and El Paso). Candidates must have a sincere interest in serving the community and must have the time to review pertinent materials and attend meetings of the committee and be willing to help keep the general public informed of regional plans and programs.

<u>Regional Advisory Council</u> – A council consisting of laypersons and service providers who represent the interests of older adults in the AAA Planning and Service Area of El Paso, Park and Teller counties, and advocate on their behalf. Candidates must have a sincere interest in improving the quality of life of seniors and the aging population.

<u>Commission on Aging</u> – A group that advises and recommends to the PPACG Board of Directors on matters regarding the development of an areawide system of advocacy and policy recommendations for older persons to enable them to maintain as much independence as possible. Candidates must have a sincere interest in improving the quality of life of seniors and the aging population.

<u>Air Quality Technical Committee</u> – A technical committee providing advice on current and emerging issues, goals, plans and programs affecting the Tri-County region (Park, Teller and El Paso). Candidates must have a demonstrated technical background and/or understanding of air quality issues.

<u>Mobility Coordinating Committee</u> – A technical committee, where members must represent a governmental or community-based entity or organization with a demonstrated regional mission related to the purpose of the MCC, or an individual with a vested interest or knowledge of transit, in order to coordinate transit grants and other resources and advise the PPACG Board on current and emerging issues related to human service and job-access transit serves in the Tri-County region (Park, Teller and El Paso).

Attendance at any of the meetings associated with PPACG may be in-person and/or remote.

Fairplay and Park County residents interested in serving on any of these committees can provide a letter of interest to Town Administrator Janell Sciacca by email to jsciacca@fairplayco.us or in person at Town Hall located at 901 Main Street or by mail to Town of Fairplay, Attn: PPACG Letter of Interest, POB 267, Fairplay, CO 80440. Specific questions can be addressed by calling 719-836-2622 X-102.