

TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: March 31, 2022
ITEM: Administrator's Report

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 INFORMATION

Emergency Siren Testing: Starting in April, emergency sirens will be tested on the first Monday of the month: once at 10:00 am and another at 7:00 pm. This will continue through August. It is still being determined if April will be a silent test due to the trauma this could cause those who just experienced the wildfires.

US 36 / Broadway Focus Groups: Staff and Clarion Associates is hosting a public input session on March 31 at 6:00 pm. This will be a virtual meeting. Staff will be presenting the most up-to-date plans to the BOT at their April 4, 2022, workshop.

Comprehensive Plan Update: The Comprehensive Plan update has reached a critical point and the Town will be holding an Open House for the public to see how the plan is beginning to take shape. The open house will be Tuesday, April 12th from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Library Community Room. This is an opportunity to review and provide input on the preliminary guiding principles and goals emerging from the input received so far. There is also an opportunity to review the same material online and provide feedback through an online survey, the link to the material can be found on the Comp Plan website LyonsThrive.com. Now is the community's opportunity to let us know if we have heard them correctly and the plan is heading in the right direction, so we hope everyone will participate.

Human Resources Update: We are reaching critically low staffing levels in our Public Works / Parks Department. Staff will be using the vacancy savings in this department to increase the starting pay for Maintenance I positions, increase our on-call stipend, and allow seasoned workers to take a vehicle home during their on-call week. We will also be offering a hiring bonus. The Office Manager/Permit Tech position is available to be filled. The Planner I position is posted on pertinent websites. Seasonal workers are invited to submit their applications for the summer.

Flood Plain Development Permits: We have seen an influx in flood plain development permits recently, which goes hand in hand with spring and the building season. We do want to remind residents that anyone located in any special flood hazard area (floodway, 1% or .2% zones) needs a permit to do any type of construction or landscaping on their property. It is the town's responsibility to enforce FEMA's rules and the town's flood prevention ordinance if we want to remain eligible to be part of the National Flood Insurance Program. The most up to date map can be found at this link: <https://townoflyongis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=73b7f105acf04b1fbb1da6d6bd29d293>

Board of Adjustments: The Board of Adjustments will be meeting in April to hear a variance request for minimum lot size. Stay tuned for meeting details.

CAMU's 2022 Annual Conference is now available on the Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities (CAMU) website. The conference will be held July 6 - 8 at the Viewline Resort in Snowmass. In addition to panel discussions on the key issues impacting Colorado public power and the annual presentation from WAPA, APPA President and CEO Joy Ditto will be the conference keynote speaker (The official agenda is still being developed, so please keep your eyes open for additional updates in the coming month).

Development Meetings: Staff attended several meetings this week to work on final agreements with Planet Bluegrass and Moss Rock Development, as well as inquiries into Tax Increment Financing, the annexation of land in the eastern corridor, and numerous grant opportunities for partnering with other entities.

FY 23 Congressionally Directed Spending: Town staff is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Trustees to submit four projects to our members of Congress to request funding for specific projects in their districts. See attached FAQ. Unless otherwise directed, staff would like to submit requests for: a STAG Grant for upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant; funding to fill the current gap in the US 36/Broadway Avenue project; funds for the extension of the St. Vrain Trail; and funds to update the flood mapping throughout town. Staff will fine tune the letters prior to sending.

COVID Update:

- **Boulder County COVID-19 Community Level: (for communities)**
 - **LOW: 163.2 cases/100,000 (<200) 7-day cumulative incidence rate, 9.1/100,000 (<10) COVID-19 new hospital admissions, 6.2% (<10%) staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients**
- **Interpretation:**
 - Although COVID-19 cases remain high in Boulder County; the rates of severe illness, hospitalization, and death remain low.
 - The current stress on our healthcare system is **Low**, determined by the number of new hospital admissions and the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients
 - With high case numbers, we will need to closely monitor impacts on healthcare systems and numbers of deaths over the next several weeks
- **Of note**
 - As immunity from vaccines and prior infection begins to fade, families and especially high-risk individuals should ensure they are up to date on their vaccinations, including boosters
 - Uncertainties include the timing and characteristics of future variants, waning immunity, as well as the timing and target population for future vaccine doses, and the availability of therapeutics
- **Testing positivity:** On average, 810 PCR tests were conducted per day in the past week, compared to the average of 979 PCR tests per day during the week prior. Test positivity has increased to 4.5% compared to 3.3% last week.
- **Hospitalizations:** As of 3/25/22, 7 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 related illness in Boulder County hospitals compared to 4 last week. **Pediatric hospitalizations:** As of 3/25/2022 have been six confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations (67% ages 0-4).
- **Deaths:** Boulder County has had 132 deaths since May 1, 2021, for a total of 390 deaths. Among the deaths since May 1st, 2021, the average was 72 years of age for the unvaccinated and 83 years of age for the vaccinated. Since May 2021, 48 or 37% of deaths were among those associated with long-term care facilities.

- **Cases by Age Groups:** In the last week, the 7-day average cumulative case rate per 100,000 has decreased among most age groups; rising among ages 23-34, 55-64, and 75+. The 7-day cumulative case rate per 100,000 is highest among 23-44 yos. Case numbers highest among 23-34 yos.
- **Vaccinations among all Boulder County residents:** Almost 230,000 people in Boulder County are fully vaccinated, 69.6% of the total population. Over 309,000 Boulder County residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine, 94.6% of the total population. 512 Boulder County residents received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine this past week (521 last week), with an average of 123 doses administered per day compared to an average of 138 doses per day last week. 39% of all Boulder County residents have received a booster/third shot.
- **Percent of persons not fully vaccinated (partial or unvaccinated) in Boulder County:** Boulder County has approximately 327,000 residents according to the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) estimate. 230,000 people are fully vaccinated, leaving about 97,000 not fully vaccinated. Among those not fully vaccinated, 13,600 are ineligible (ages 0 to 4) and 82,000 have received a partial dose. The remaining 1,400 people are eligible and unvaccinated. Approximately 97,000 Boulder County residents are not fully vaccinated because of their age or another reason. This represents just under 30% of the overall population.
- According to the latest estimates, those who are boosted are 1.7 times less likely to be infected with COVID-19, 7 times less likely to be hospitalized, and 16.1 times less likely to die compared to people who are unvaccinated.