

TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: April 14, 2022
ITEM: Administrator's Report

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 INFORMATION

Attachments: Attached is a copy of the April Newsletter; Sales Tax Brochure to be distributed to all businesses, mobile vendors, wedding contractors and event vendors; and an invitation to a public reception for outgoing and incoming trustees.

Wildfire Mitigation Planning – Members of the PCDC Subcommittee and town staff met with Lyons Fire Protection District (LFPD) recently to outline a plan for wildfire mitigation this season. We will be meeting over the coming weeks to coordinate messaging, locations, etc., and plan to share it with the BOT and public on May 16th. The details include assessment, plan, and mitigation for publicly owned space, education, and guidelines for homeowners, as well as coordination with local HOAs.

Summit Update – Summit Housing construction is in full swing with grading, over grading, leveling, and prep for infrastructure occurring. Please note that the LMC allows construction activity from 7 am to 7 pm daily. Construction is anticipated to take nearly a year. Summit has extended an invitation to visit their most recent development (Academy Place) in Broomfield on Tuesday, April 26 at 11:00 am.

Comp Plan Public Meeting - Last August the Town began the 2010 Comprehensive Plan update. The update will develop a shared vision for the community over the next 20 years. The process is anticipated to complete in early 2023 and the first phase was completed last November. The first phase identified issues and opportunities through stakeholder engagement while documenting trends and key issues and identifying expectations.

The current phase, phase 2, has developed a Draft Plan Framework that establishes the basic framework for the new Comprehensive Plan. It highlights what's important to Lyon and establishes the overarching goals that will be used to guide the community's actions in the future. At this point, the Town wants to confirm that we understood the community during the Fall outreach, and now is your opportunity to ensure your voice has been heard.

There is an online survey available at LyonsThrive.com to comment on the process so far. To be clear, this is the second survey that has been provided to the community. The first survey was completed last November, and that feedback was used to develop the Draft Plan Framework, the current survey is intended to confirm we heard you correctly. So even if you participated in the initial survey, it is very important you complete the current survey as well.

The town hosted a public input session at the library this week to hear from the community and have the consultants on hand to answer questions about the process. Nearly fifty people attended the event.

Meet and Greet – The soon-to-be seated trustees offered a meet and greet session prior to the comprehensive plan public meeting this week. It was a nice turnout from the community in addition to Commissioner Loachamin and State Senate candidate, Janice Marchman, present.

LURA – Moss Rock – Moss Rock development team is requesting to be added to the April 28th Lyons Urban Renewal Authority agenda to present a request for use of Tax Increment Financing for the hotel project.

Buyout Properties – Mowing of buyout properties has started in preparation for warmer temperatures. This is usually done only twice a year – once in the spring and once in the fall. This practice may need to change to more frequently if recommended by the fire district when assessing public lands.

Lyons Ditch – Town staff attended the annual meeting of the Lyons Ditch. Staff is preparing for the system to be initiated once it is cleaned by the membership and we receive notice from the Water Commissioner that we are in priority to do so. This is anticipated to be within the next two weeks.

COVID Update:

- **CDC Tracker updates: [COVID-19 Community Levels](#): High Medium Low**
- Based on case numbers, hospital beds in use, hospital admissions
 - CDC advises communities to use [Community Levels](#) to determine the impact of COVID-19 on communities and recommended actions
 - Healthcare facilities are advised to continue to use [Transmission Levels](#) to follow CDC's infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare settings
- **Boulder County COVID-19 Community Level: (for communities)**
 - **LOW: 72.35 cases/100,000 (<200) 7-day cumulative incidence rate, 1.3/100,000 (<10) COVID-19 new hospital admissions, 0.5% (<10%) staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients**
- **Boulder County COVID-19 Transmission Level: (for healthcare settings only)**
 - **SUBSTANTIAL: 72.35/100,000 (50-99.99/100,000) 7-day cumulative incidence rate**
- **Interpretation:**
 - Case rates are stable in Boulder County and 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
 - Healthcare settings will follow CDC guidelines according to **SUBSTANTIAL Transmission Levels**
- **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 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
 - BA.2 38% in CO on 4/6; 72% in US
- **BCPH is updating vaccination code and data and will publish once complete**

KEY INDICATORS

- **Testing positivity:** On average, 772 PCR tests were conducted per day in the past week, **compared** to the average of 929 PCR tests per day during the week prior. Test positivity

has increased to 5% compared to 3.8% last week. (To be aligned with CDPHE, the percent positivity is calculated by using data from the Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) system, which does not include all labs testing for COVID-19 and does not include home test kits).

- **Hospitalizations:** As of 4/8/22, 3 people were hospitalized with COVID-19-related illness in Boulder County hospitals compared to 4 last week. **Pediatric hospitalizations:** As of 4/8/2022, the four Children's Hospitals (RPTC, Colorado South, Colorado Springs, Colorado North Campus) have 8 confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations (67% ages 0-4).
- **Deaths:** Boulder County has had 133 deaths since May 1, 2021, for a total of 391 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, 49 or 37% of deaths were among those associated with long-term care facilities.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Cases by Age Groups:** In the last seven days, the 7-day average cumulative case rate per 100,000 has varied among all age groups. Rates have increased among 0-11 and 18-54-year-olds and decreased among 12-17 and 55-75+. The 7-day cumulative case rate per 100,000 is highest among 35-44-year-olds, followed by 23-34-year-olds. Case numbers are highest among 23-34-year-olds.