

TO: Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: June 2, 2022
ITEM: Administrator's Report

ORDINANCE
 MOTION / RESOLUTION
 INFORMATION

Boulder County Dispatch Services: Administrator Simonsen met with Boulder County Sheriff's Office to discuss current billing for dispatch services and potential options for amending that formula in 2023 and beyond. Attached is the proposal that would increase our rates by 7.1% in 2023. Future rates will be set based on several significant factors including Erie leaving the dispatch pool, new state laws regarding unionization, staff shortages, etc.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Overall Schedule of Work

- *Phase 1: Issues and Opportunities - COMPLETE*
- *Phase 2: Plan & Policy Framework - COMPLETE*
- **Current Phase 3: Growth Area Scenarios & Strategies o Growth Area Scenario Workshops**
 - o **Draft Future Land Use Plan**
 - o **Preliminary Draft Comprehensive Plan**
- Phase 4: Draft Plan & Adoption (November-December 2022)

Current Update

- Plan Framework Boards updated and posted on LyonsThrive.com (see "Project Document" page)
- Commissioner Kram has replaced Mayor Pro Tem Farrell and joined Commissioner Dreistadt on the PCDC Comp Plan Subcommittee
- Utilities & Engineering Board Infrastructure Discussion/Meeting completed on 5/24
- Growth Area Scenario Workshops for Outside Stakeholders completed 5/24 and included Boulder County, CDOT, CEMEX, Generator Development

Next Steps

- 6/16 @ both 12:00pm and 5:00pm - Growth Area Scenario Workshops for Boards & Commissions scheduled for June 16th
- 6/16 @ 7:00pm - Growth Area Scenario Workshops for Public
- 7/11 @ 8:00pm - BOT/PCDC Joint Update (during regular PCDC meeting date & time)
- Early September – Preliminary Draft Comp Plan Review meetings with PCDC, Commissions, and Public
- September thru November – Draft Comp Plan Review Workshops
- Mid-November – Final Draft Comp Plan
- December 2022 Targeted for the adoption of Comp Plan Update

Election Schedule: Below are the preliminary dates for placing an item on the November ballot:

July 29th – deadline to notify County Clerk in writing that we plan to coordinate for the 2022 General Election

August 30th – deadline to sign IGA to participate in the 2022 General Election

September 9th – deadline for DEO to certify ballot content to the county clerk

Parks Safety Meeting: Town of Lyons staff, Boulder County Sheriff personnel, Lyons Fire Protection District, Denver Metro Security, and Ray's River Rental staff met to outline the policies and procedures to be used in the parks this summer. It was a well-coordinated, thorough discussion of rules, security, emergencies, red flags, and weather warnings and the role of each person in those scenarios. Thank you to all who participated in preparing to keep our residents and visitors safe this summer!

Welcome to Karen & Carey Ragland and Wayne & Cheryl Tellinghuisen, our new park hosts in LMJ Park – please stop by and introduce yourself. Erin and Brian Ludwig have planted new roots in Bohn Park for the summer. We look forward to a pleasant, family-friendly summer in the parks!

LaVern Johnson Services: On Wednesday, May 25th, LaVern M. Johnson held her funeral services and celebration of life in the park named in her honor. The family is thankful for the assistance from the town staff, the support of the community, and for coordinating such a beautiful service. They have asked that her 'throne' and photo remain in the town hall if the board so wishes.

Personnel Updates: We have several changes to announce this month.

Erika Archer, Grant Manager, will be leaving us after four and a half years of service. She started in a temporary position that warped into a full-time, critical quality assurance role in our recovery. Thank you to Erika, who developed the filing system for our recovery projects, kept our contracts and files in order, and was a trusted liaison to DOLA. We wish her the best at CU Boulder helping them with their grant management.

Philip Strom joined our team five and a half years ago 'on loan' from Longmont to assist us with flood recovery project management. While working full time, he earned his master's degree in Urban Planning which led to his selection as the Community Development Director for the Town of Lyons in January 2022. Philip has significant knowledge of disaster recovery and resilience and will be transferring his skills to the private sector. We wish him the best in his next chapter.

We will be replacing Philip's (and Yani's) positions with David Kimmet and Alexander Painter. Both will be starting this month as Planner II positions. They come with appropriate experience and energy to take on their new roles! They will be dividing the duties between them and will be reporting through Aaron Caplan, who has agreed to expand his role as Community Development and Utilities Director.

The town has also added staff to our Parks and Public Works team. Joe McCain and Chase Reiter have accepted Maintenance Worker I positions and Joseph Lekarczyk, Cormac Osborne and Lochlan Osborne will be working as seasonal maintenance workers. We are excited to be filling out our team for the busy summer months!

Michelle Krezek, Chief of Staff for the Boulder County Commissioners, and Kathy Fedler, CDBG-DR Boulder County Collaborative have both retired in the past month. They have both been so very supportive and helpful to Lyons's staff and efforts, especially during our flood recovery. They have had a special bond with our town and their knowledge and history will be greatly missed.

CDPHE Brownfields Grant: The State, in partnership with Longmont and Firestone, has awarded a \$2.0 million Brownfields grant. They will be contacting us to discuss our allocation of the funds. At the time the town agreed to participate in the grant application in the fall of 2021, there were several sites for remediation under consideration, including the Apple Valley water treatment plant, the water tank on Reese Street, Shady Acres Mobile Home Park clean up, as well as Tamburello's water treatment plant remediation.

Lyons Community Foundation would like to request the use of the Visitor's Center for storage of materials until such time that the town has plans for using the space. Staff can support this request due to the non-profit status and partnership that the town has with the foundation as long as they understand that we take no responsibility or liability for damage or loss of materials. We would want them to take down the signage and cover windows as appropriate to reduce confusion and vandalism.

State of Colorado Resilient Leadership Panel: Administrator Simonsen will be presenting at the Resilient Leadership Webinar Series hosted by CML and CCI regarding Resilient Disaster Preparedness and Recovery in June.

Corona Hill Trail Update: The trail assessment has been completed by the Boulder County Parks and Open Space staff and submitted to management for review. They are anticipating a final assessment report the week of June 13th.

COVID Update:

- **CDC Tracker updates: [COVID-19 Community Levels: High Medium Low](#)**
 - **Boulder County COVID-19 Community Level: (for communities) (as of 5/26/22)**
 - **HIGH: 318.52 cases/100,000 (>200) 7-day cumulative incidence rate, 10.6/100,000 (>10) COVID-19 new hospital admissions, 1.9% (<10%) staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients**
 - **Boulder County COVID-19 Transmission Level: (for healthcare settings only)**
 - **HIGH: 318.52/100,000 (>100/100,000 per CDC) 7-day cumulative incidence rate**
 - **Interpretation:**
 - Case rates and hospitalization admissions are rising in Boulder County.
 - The stress on our healthcare system is increasing, determined by the number of cases, new hospital admissions and the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients
 - Healthcare settings will follow CDC guidelines according to **HIGH Transmission Levels**
 - **Of note**
 - **PHO 20-38 (17th amended 5/19/2022, expires 6/18/2022) requires:**
 - Patients, residents, visitors, and staff, regardless of vaccination status, to mask in the following settings during **Medium** or **High** community levels,

during outbreaks or when otherwise required by local or state public health officials:

- Shelters, prisons, jails, community corrections, substance and drug treatment, adult day centers and Day programs and facilities
 - Patients, residents, visitors, and staff, regardless of vaccination status to mask in the following settings during substantial or **HIGH** Transmission levels, outbreaks or when otherwise required by local or state public health officials (staff who are not up to date are required to mask at all times)
 - Healthcare settings
- Congregate living settings follow the requirements of **PHO 20-20**
 - **Recommended actions based on the current community level:**
 - Get yourself and your family [fully vaccinated and stay up to date](#) by getting boosted when eligible. Immunity from vaccines wanes over time so staying up to date is an important layer of protection.
 - Wear a well-fitting medical-grade mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status
 - If you are exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms, get tested and follow BCPH recommendations for [isolation and quarantine](#)
 - Have a plan for testing – If you plan to be near someone at high risk for severe disease, hospitalization, or death, consider getting tested prior to gathering.
 - Increase airflow and ventilation – While indoors, use HEPA filters or increase ventilation and airflow by opening windows or increasing air circulation. Consider moving activities outdoors for the best protection.
 - Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - If you have a household contact or social contact at high risk for severe disease:
 - Get tested before contact
 - Wear a mask when indoors with them
 - If you are [immunocompromised or at high risk](#) for severe disease:
 - Wear a high-quality mask or respirator
 - Consider avoiding non-essential indoor activities in public
 - Have a plan for rapid testing
 - Talk to your healthcare provider about additional precautions and whether you are a candidate for treatments like [oral antivirals](#).
 - **Omicron subvariant BA.2.12.1** cases rising
 - 58% US; 55% region 8, 56% CO
 - More transmissible, possibly more immune escape
 - **Omicron BA.4/BA.5** variants present, more transmissible, increased immune escape
- **Testing positivity:** On average, 1800 PCR tests were conducted per day in the past week. Test positivity is about the same as last week at 10.69%. (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 5/27/22, 13 people are hospitalized with COVID-19-related illness in Boulder County hospitals compared to 19 last week with 9 staffed ICU beds compared to 9 last week. **Pediatric hospitalizations:** As of 5/26/2022, the four Children’s Hospitals (RPTC, Colorado South, Colorado Springs, Colorado North Campus) have 11 confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations (73% ages 0-4).
 - **Deaths:** Please note: Boulder County Public Health and CDPHE continue to perform data cleaning, which affects the number of deaths. Boulder County has had a total of 369 deaths. Boulder County has had 137 deaths since May 1, 2021. Among the deaths since May 1st, 2021, the average was 72 years of age for the unvaccinated and 81 years of age

for the vaccinated. Since May 2021, 41 or 30% of deaths were among those associated with long-term care facilities.

- **Cases by Age Groups:** In the last seven days, there were 11-29% decreases among all age groups except for 65+, where there was a 5-10% increase. The 7-day cumulative case rate per 100,000 is highest among 35-54 yos. Case numbers are highest among 23-34 yos.
- **Vaccinations among all Boulder County residents:** Over 255,000 Boulder County residents are fully vaccinated (81.4% of eligible population/78% of total population). 62% of Boulder County residents have received a booster. 105 first doses given in the last week with an average of 48 doses given per day in the last week.
- **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. 255,000 people are fully vaccinated, leaving about 72,000 not fully vaccinated. Among those not fully vaccinated, 13,600 are ineligible (ages 0 to 4) and 21,000 have received a partial dose. The remaining 37,400 people are eligible and unvaccinated. Approximately 72,000 Boulder County residents are not fully vaccinated because of their age or another reason. This represents 22% of the overall population.
- **Benefits of vaccines:** According to the most recent estimates by CDPHE (5/16), compared to people who are unvaccinated, people who are boosted are:
 - Just as likely to be infected with COVID-19
 - 2 times less likely to be hospitalized
 - 3 times less likely to die compared to people who are unvaccinated.
 - CDPHE has determined that people who are boosted are more likely to be tested than people who are unvaccinated

Community Services Update

Tree Limb Pick Up

Pride Flag Crosswalk

Spring Clean Up

Main St. Conference