

TO: Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator

DATE: September 14, 2023

ITEM: Administrator's Report

☐ ORDINANCE

☐ MOTION / RESOLUTION

☒ INFORMATION

Grit, Grace & Gratitude: A Ten-Year Commemoration of the Flood: Despite a deluge of rain during the picnic and music, the official ceremony, exhibits, tours, presentations, and candlelight vigil were amazing! We have received positive feedback from many people letting us know that they appreciated the events and effort put forth to commemorate and document the disaster in our community's history. The *Redstone Review*, September 13 2023, edition has full coverage. There was widespread coverage by Denver news stations, numerous newspapers, and radio stations. Governor Polis, Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet, and Congressman Neguse were all present. The staff has sent follow-up notes of appreciation to the presenters.

Communications and Community Relations Updates

- The Artisan Market was held on Saturday, September 9 at Bohn Park. There were 40 local artists and a fundraiser for the Lyons Community Foundation. Vendors and visitors all reported good sales and enjoyed a beautiful day. We may want to continue this event in the fall next year.
- St Vrain Invitational Cross Country Events will be held September 15 and 16th with 900 and 1,700 participants expected each day. The district did a door hanger on every house in the neighborhood asking them for patience with the parking that day.
- We're excited to kick off the new **Lyons Wayfinding Planning Process** with Design Week! During the week, members of the design team will be hosting open hours at the Lyons Regional Library, as well as stopping in at the coffee shops in town. Members of the Lyons community are invited to drop by to share your ideas!

They also have created a wayfinding community survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/LyonsWayfinding (English) and www.surveymonkey.com/r/LyonsWayfindingSpanish (Spanish).

- The Parks and Rec Dept hosted a lovely senior (55+) picnic on Sept 13 at LaVern Johnson Park. The picnic lunch was well attended with 26 seniors on a perfect fall day. Next up is a bus trip to the Wildlife Sanctuary in Keenesburg later this month and a trip in November to see David Sedaris at Macky Auditorium in Boulder. Senior programming is supported by the General Fund as well as grant funds from the Lyons Community Foundation.

- Lights Out Lyons event – Bohn Park – Oct 7. Community event in tandem with Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Rave to the Grave special event application for LaVern Johnson Park is being reviewed. The date is planned for Saturday, Oct 21.
- The Spooktacular Parade will be held on Saturday, Oct 28.

2024 Budget Input: The Board of Trustees continues to seek resident input into the 2024 Town Budget at <https://www.townoflyons.com/budgetinput>