

TO: Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: August 30, 2024
ITEM: Administrator's Report

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 INFORMATION

HUD—CDBG 50th Anniversary: On August 26th, the town hosted the 50th Anniversary of HUD CDBG funding. Thank you to the volunteers and staff who made the event very successful. It was a trip to remember for the participants! HUD Regional Administrator Dominic Jackson and Maria DeCambrio, DOLA Director, were in attendance, as well as representatives from Senator Hickenlooper and Senator Bennet's offices. Lyons received a 50th Anniversary plaque for our partnership with HUD over the years.



Communications and Community Relations Updates:

- The letter of support for the wildlife corridor crossing on Hwy 36 that staff prepared after the last meeting, has been put on hold. Boulder County staff informed us that CPW has requested that they hold off on applying until early 2025 as there is another jurisdiction in the state that is applying for the same federal funding and they do not want to compete against another Colorado community.

- The fourth Venus de Miles cycling event was held in Lyons at Bohn Park on August 24. It was another successful event, and no issues were reported. Here are two articles about the event:

<https://www.dailycamera.com/2024/08/24/venus-de-miles-all-womens-bike-ride-in-lyons-celebrates-sisterhood/?share=niti2loeeslmieshgio>

<https://www.dailycamera.com/2024/08/24/photos-the-venus-de-miles-ride-in-and-around-lyons/?share=tereo0satdduw2emtd0s>

- Old Man Winter had nearly 100 cyclists come for a trial run over the weekend.
- **Lights Out Lyons** was a huge success this year! The program started at the Lyons Regional Library with a mini planetarium experience brought to us by the Fiske Planetarium. The presenter said that it was the highest attendance she had ever experienced for that event! Over 50 participants went to an educational session in Bohn Park where local adults and children learned about animal adaptations to the dark and the importance of dark skies. They also went hiking together while their eyes adjusted to the night. Telescopes were set up to view the stars later in the evening. Several groups stayed to camp overnight in the Bohn Park field.
- The 4th Annual Lyons Summer Artisan Market, featuring nearly 50 local vendors, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 7, at Bohn Park. Live music and BBQ food will benefit the Lyons Community Foundation.
- Staff reminds residents about the Wildfire Mitigation Rebate Program. Boulder County has a new rebate program encouraging residents to actively take steps to protect their homes and communities from wildfire. The rebate program is open to all residents actively improving home hardening and defensible space on their properties to reduce the potential for spreading wildfire. This program provides a rebate of up to \$500 to county residents, including those who live in the Town of Lyons, who apply and complete wildfire mitigation actions. www.wildfirepartners.org/rebate/
- The inaugural First Sunday in Lyons event, sponsored by the Lyons Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held this Sunday, September 1st, from 11:30 am - 5 pm. The Lyons Area Chamber of Commerce aims to increase business visibility and sales. It is an opportunity to highlight our collective talents, unique shops and restaurants, and the "Lyons vibe" that makes our town so unique. They hope to engage locals AND attract visitors from the greater metro area with family-friendly activities, live music, and more.
- Town Hall will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 2nd
- . The Board of Trustees workshop starts at **5:00 pm** on Tuesday, September 3rd.
- The Lyons Middle/Senior High School is celebrating its 50th year. They will highlight "A History of Excellence" at their community BBQ on Friday, September 6th, beginning at 5:00 pm. Come support and celebrate this milestone achievement. The event is open to all residents. Come on out and celebrate 50 years!

- St. Vrain Valley School District will host three cross-country invitationals this year: September 4, 20-21st, and October 26th.
- Lyons Flyer: Mid-day bus service returned on Aug 12 for the remainder of the year. The Boulder County Commissioners approved adding mid-day bus service from Boulder to Lyons and Lyons to Boulder for the remainder of the year. The mid-day bus departs Boulder at noon on weekdays to Lyons and the return trip leaves Lyons at 12:50 pm. The final schedule is posted on the Town website.

Parks and Public Works Updates:

- Staff are putting out an Invitation For Bids for Streets Rehabilitation/Repairs for work to be completed in September. Repairs will include crack-sealing streets on the south side of town (sections of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Park, Railroad, Evans, and McConnell) and Chip Sealing on the north side of town (Bloomfield Alley, sections of 3rd, Stone Canyon Dr., Noland Rd.)
- Sewer inspections and cleaning on the northwest side of town were completed, and we are awaiting the final report.
- PPW staff will be repairing a section of the dog park fence starting the week of September 3rd at the Dog Park. Some temporary construction fencing will be set up as these repairs are made.
- PPW crews are refreshing the rock mulch materials along Main Street.