

TO: Mayor Sullivan and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: October 18, 2019
ITEM: Administrator's Report

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 INFORMATION

Boulder Acquired Parcels: Approximately 12 people attended a tour of the Boulder County HMGP/CDBG-DR acquired parcels in Apple Valley recently. The county is interested in working with the town to transfer any / all of the deed-restricted properties to the town. The PCDC, Ecology Board and Parks and Recreation Commission all had members in attendance. The recommendations will be coming before the BOT in November. The Martin Parcel, located adjacent to Bohn Park, is also a property under consideration for acquisition by the Town of Lyons.

Budget Workshop: The Board of Trustees held a budget workshop to review the proposed 2020 budget and discuss priorities and plans for the General Fund, Parks Funds and Utility Funds. No public was in attendance. Another workshop will be held on October 21st to follow up on items and work toward finalizing the budget for adoption in November.

Meeting with Longmont: Administrator Simonsen met with Longmont Deputy City Manager Dale Rademacher and their new Director of Electric, David Hornbacher, and new Director of Broadband, Valerie Dodd, to introduce ourselves and discuss the partnership that the town has with Longmont. We are all excited to continue a positive working relationship and consider on-going support of each other in relation to electric services and opportunities for broadband.

Junior Olympic Event: The USATF Colorado Jr Olympic State Championship Meet will be held in Lyons at Bohn Park, on Saturday, November 9th. Four hundred (400) runners and their families are expected. This group hopes to have a regional event in fall of 2020 with 800 runners.

Spooktacular: Spooktacular is coming! October 26 from 4 – 7:30 pm. Games start at 4 pm at Lyons Elementary School, line up at 5:45 pm with parade at 6 pm and trick or treat at 6:30 pm. Cookie Monster will be there accepting new toiletries for LEAF. There will also be a Variable Message Board on US-36 eastbound, for traffic from Estes to let them know about detours and delays. <https://www.lyonscolorado.com/events/halloween-spooktacular>

Electric Rates: Attached is Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities (CAMU) most recent comparison of electric rates in the State. Lyons Power is slightly above the average rate charged.

LVRP Ponds: Aqua Sierra introduced 105 sterile, grass-eating carp and approximately 1,000 minnows into the ponds to assist with eating the grass at the bottom of the pond and reduce the production of algae. The minnows will eat mosquito larvae and other bugs. The carp will grow to 20-30 pounds and slow their eating significantly. This is part of a strategy to help balance the new ecosystem created by the ponds. Staff is working with engineers on balancing the pond levels and adding a method of aeration.

On-Line Reservations: Staff is working to migrate to a new software system for shelter and field reservations online. This will be similar to how we moved camping reservations online. Staff is working to convert all the shelter reservations to an online payment and reservation system. This should be much convenient and efficient for staff and the public.

Town Kiosks: The town has ordered new kiosk signs throughout town. They typically last about 5 years....so they are at the end of life and have declined quickly. Plan to have new fronts up in mid-to-late November. Pay to Park signs were installed in both LMJ and Bohn park. "Payment Required 5 am – 10 pm Daily".

Town Hall Art: Unfortunately, we only had four pieces of art submitted for kid's art show and had to cancel the show. We are hoping to add to our kid's collection over the next week.

Board and/or Commission Items:

- LAHC –Contract with artist for "Creative Outlets" painting of electric power boxes. First one in Bohn Park. Call to Artists for Public Art coming in the next month.
- EVC – productive meeting, two new members, discussed economic indicators report/dashboard for quarterly presentation to BOT. EVC reviewing the 4 finalists for the Hotel Feasibility Study. Expect this on the Nov 4 agenda.
- SFC – Both of the Boulder County Zero Waste and Sustainability Matching Grants were submitted, along with quarterly reporting. EcoPass program to be promoted through year. Working with Boulder County on ridership data and EcoPass program for 2020.
- HSAC – Hosting a senior costume party in October. zTrip voucher program with Boulder County is nearly finalized. Hope to have IGA in the next month to kick off the program for 2020. Service would be offered for trips to Longmont and also when there is no Y-bus service to Boulder.