



Monthly Report to the Town Administrator

Department: Communications and Community Relations

May 2021

Highlights

- Staff has been attending the Informational Meetings with EPA, CSP, Lyons Fire, CDHPE and Boulder County regarding the gasoline spill in late April. Updating residents via eblast. Fact Sheet was published by EPA and posted on Town website.
- EVC
 - EVC has 7 members and working on business friendly goals, supporting creativity and curiosity regarding the Eastern Corridor Development.
 - Supported a Revitalizing Main St Grant to add solar bollard lighting along 4th Ave and ambient string lighting above the sidewalks on the block between 4th and 5th Ave on Main ST.
 - High priority goals include being of support for the Town Comp Plan and creating a user- friendly resource guide for potential new or expanding businesses.
 - Energize Colorado reached out regarding three local businesses to feature as part of their Can Do Colorado Campaign
 - Business License Renewals are in process. Working with planning, community development and utilities staff for any businesses with any use changes.
 - Article in Redstone Review May is Historic Preservation Month
- Revolving Loan Fund Update
 - 17 loans out. 4 COVID related loans have been repaid fully. All others are currently being paid back on time.
 - \$78K to loan currently.
- Outreach
 - Public meetings planned for Safe Route to School (SRTS) and 4th Ave Ped Bridge on May 13 and May 18.
 - Article in Redstone Review on Summer Weddings, Music, Events and More!
 - Updated residents about 2nd Ave Bridge Construction.

- Sent 13 various eblasts during April covering news for Lyons residents including updates regarding gasoline tanker spill. To date have sent 5 email updates in May.
- MAY Newsletters to utility bill customers/residents in packet

Board and/or Commission Items:

- ***Sustainable Futures Commission – Organized Lyons River Clean Up. May 1. Working on Diversion Day for early June.***

Lyons River Clean Up

Thank You!!!

It was a hugely successful cleanup on Saturday! The community really turned out, we estimate 112 volunteers plus organizers scouring all over the river corridor and beyond. We even got some playground mulch turned and fluffed up in preparation for summer, it was just amazing.

Estimates of our results, we did weigh things as best we could and estimated some of the larger items:

- 165.6 pounds of recyclable materials collected and diverted to recycling
- 337 pounds of trash pulled from the river corridor, surrounding trails and Town property
- Plus an estimated over 200 pounds of scrap metal set aside for diversion including a buried trailer frame that was excavated from the Martin Parcel, a large TV antenna, a carburetor of some kind and more.

Thanks for helping take care of our town and our river corridor, Lyons!

- ***Lyons Arts and Humanities Commission***

Legacy sculpture "Protector" by Eileen Turnbull is now installed on the new Shelter at Bohn Park thanks to town staff and our LAHC member Jacob.



- [The Lyons Poetry in Public Places contest opened on March 24 and is open for two months!](#)
- Creative Outlets – We have selected the next two artists for the Creative Outlets projects: Lyons residents Hannah Finch Phillips and Ryan Sholden. Here is one example:

UTILITY ARTWORK SUBMISSION BY HANNAH FINCH PHILLIPS



Art
fills
in
“missing
piece”
in
landscape



ARTWORK EXAMPLES



- First ever business sponsor for the heARTS of LYONS Outdoor Arts Sculpture Program - Smokin' Daves is fully funding a two year, temporary sculpture on their property. We are thrilled and looking forward to expanding this collaborative program.

- Soon there will be a rainbow Pride flag - including black and brown stripes to honor the people of color in the gay community - at 4th and High.
- There is progress on a new Ute Trailhead marker. The LAHC has been in discussion with the Southern Ute Tribe and is partnering with Lyons Historical Preservation Committee on the project. We also hope to include a talk with the recently formed Exploring Race and Privilege Steering Committee.