

TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: October 28, 2021
ITEM: Administrator's Report

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 INFORMATION

COVID-19 Update:

- **Transmission Level:** The Boulder County seven-day rolling average daily case count, as of 10/25/2021, is about 59.6 cases per day, lower than last week's average of 70.6 per day. The one-week cumulative incidence rate according to the CDC tracker is 155.12 cases/100,000 persons in the last 7 days, lower than last week's 189.15 cases/100,000 persons, which is High Transmission Red (see: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>). Additionally, all counties surrounding Boulder County remain in High Transmission/Red.
- **Testing positivity:** On average, 1850 PCR tests were conducted per day in the past week, lower than the average 1890 PCR tests per day last week. There was a decrease in positivity this week to 4.6% compared to last week at 5.1%.
- **Hospitalizations:** As of 10/25/21, 68 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 related illness in Boulder County hospitals compared to 56 last week. **Pediatric Cases:** The four Children's Hospitals have 19 confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations and 18 presumed positive COVID-19 persons under investigation (PUIs).
- **Deaths:** Boulder County has had 25 deaths since May 1, 2021, for a total of 281 deaths. Since 2020, Boulder County has a cumulative death rate of 86 deaths per 100,000 persons compared to the national rate of 221 deaths per 100,000 persons.
- **Cases by Age Groups:** Case numbers increased for 55-64 year olds. Case numbers were highest among 23-34 year olds.
- **Cases by Race/Ethnicity:** In the past 7 days, 80% of our cases have been among white, non-Hispanic community members, who represent 77.4% of the population and 17% of Boulder County cases have been among Hispanic/Latinx community members who represent 14.0% of the population (Race/ethnicity data is recorded for 77.4% of cases).
- **Percentage of cases by municipality:** In the past 7 days, 21% of our new cases have resided in Boulder City that represents 32.5% of the total population in Boulder County and 43% of our new cases have resided in Longmont that represents 29.5% of the total population in Boulder County.
- **Boulder County has approximately 327,000 of residents. Of those, approximately 45,500 are eligible but unvaccinated. Nearly 244,500 Boulder County residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Over 228,000 have received the full course.**
- **Percent of persons not fully vaccinated (partial or unvaccinated) in Boulder County:** Approximately 99,000 Boulder County residents are not fully vaccinated because of their age or another reason. This represents about 30.2% of the overall population.

2022 Budget Preparation: On October 16th, staff presented the BOT with their proposed budget and department head presentations. The Board will follow up with staff during a workshop on November 1. This will be a time for additional input, feedback, questions, adjustments, etc. On November 15th, staff is proposing to host the public hearing on the proposed budget, with the Board considering full adoption at their December 6th meeting.

LURA Guardrails and Proposed Application: Commissioner Dreistadt, Mayor Angelo and Administrator Simonsen met to discuss proposed Lyons Urban Renewal Authority 'guardrails' for guidance when considering agreements with businesses. They are attached for review and will be included as a topic at the November 15th BOT meeting. Individual comments are welcome in the meantime.

HR Proposals: Staff put out a Request for Proposals for Human Resources support to replace the full-time vacancy that occurred earlier this year. We received five proposals and have selected two to interview and conduct reference checks. This would be for as-needed service to update our Personnel Handbook, assist with internal systems and training, and availability for HR support on a contract basis. A recommendation will be brought to the Board at the November 15th meeting.

CCMA Award to Marissa Davis: A big congratulations to our very own Marissa who received the 2021 Colorado Municipal Clerk's Association "Outstanding Contribution to the CMCA by a Clerk or Deputy Clerk". She was recognized for her outstanding contributions to the CMCA's Website Committee!

Parks and Public Works Updates

Lyons Valley River Park Nanobubble Systems:

ERS has been out and completed the install of the trenching, laying of the conduit and electric. They have set the pads for the units as well. They plan to be out the week of Nov. 1 to complete the remaining work and test the units. The most recent water quality report is attached.

Community Garden Water Hydrant:

The water hydrant for the buyout property at 319 5th Ave. for the Community Garden group has been installed.

Patching and Crack Sealing:

The Parks and Public Works Department is contracting with Apex Paving to start road maintenance on Nov. 1-4 with two crews to do infrared patching and crack sealing Nov. 8-10. The Town has, and will continue, to message residents when and where this work will be taking place. Signs will be placed on streets to alert residents not to park vehicles on these streets so that all work can be completed successfully. In addition, door knockers will be going out. The following streets are to be addressed:

- ✓ 2nd Ave - Old Main North
- ✓ Mountain View - All
- ✓ 1st Ave - All, Crack Seal
- ✓ 3rd Ave - from Stickney to Seward
- ✓ 4th Ave - from Stickney North

- ✓ Seward St. - All
- ✓ Reese St. - All
- ✓ Stickney - from 3rd East to Alley

Painting and Striping:

Parks and Public Works Crews have been working with Pavement Services, LLC to complete some additional painting and striping before the end of the season. Nine crosswalks, 30 stop bars and a few striping and curbs have been identified (from an existing priority list of traffic control and calming measures). A map of those being completed follows.

Map legend:

Green = Stop Bars

Red = Crosswalk

Yellow = striping

Blue = Curb

Tree Trimming and Removals:

Parks and Public Works staff has contracted with a local forestry company to begin annual tree trimming and removals along Town streets, Town right of way, and park areas. Main Street trees were addressed in the past couple of weeks in preparation of putting up holiday lighting. Other areas to be addressed include: Bohn Park, LMJ Park, the Black Bear Hole, Depot and Town Hall, and street and right of way areas.

Holiday Lighting and Décor:

Parks and Public Works crews are scheduled to decorate for the holiday season beginning the week of November 8. Contracted crews assisting with larger pole lights and trees will be assisting the week of November 15th. The Town anticipates having all lights up and lit for the Thanksgiving weekend.

Street Sweeping:

Parks and Public Works will be contracting with a street sweeping company to have the streets swept in early November after patching and crack sealing have been completed and leaves have fallen. This should be completed prior to Thanksgiving.

Playground Maintenance:

Parks and Public Works is working with Rocky Mountain Playground Services to make some updates and repairs to town playgrounds. Recently, new surfacing was added to the playgrounds in Bohn and LMJ Park. Some additional updates and repairs are scheduled for November and December.