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HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

The Town of Lyons Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Events is pleased to be hosting State of Colorado Division of Wildlife volunteers who will be teaching a hunter education course on February 22nd- February 23rd in the Walt Self Senior Housing Community Room. Classes will run from **Saturday, February 22nd 8am-5pm and Sunday February 23rd 9am-3pm**. Please call 303-823-8250 and leave a message with all names of those who will be attending and contact information to sign up for the course. A minimum of 15 participants is needed to ensure the class will be provided. A \$10 course fee will be collected the day the program begins.

THURSDAY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

A pick up basketball league is held at the Lyons Elementary School Gym on Thursday nights from 8p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Please do not show up to play prior to 7:50 p.m. as the gym is scheduled for other uses. All are welcome to play.

- The league runs Thursdays December 12, 2013 thru May 15, 2014. No use dates 4/3/14 & 4/21/14. Cost is \$140.00 for the year/ \$70.00 per season /\$5 per night.

Community 50+ Dinners

The dinners are Monday 2/17 compliments of Lyons Community Church and Tuesday 2/25 compliments of the LDS church. Dinner begins at 5:30 and are open to all Lyons residents ages 50+. Seating is limited, so please call the Lyons Golden Gang to reserve your spot at 303-823-6771 or 720-371-2396.

Community Planning Recovery Working Groups

The Lyons Community Recovery Planning process is underway. During a December 18th Community Recovery Planning Kickoff Meeting, eight community Recovery Working Groups (or RWG's) formed around major focus-areas for flood recovery, including: Housing, Stream, Economic/Business Recovery, Human Services, Arts/Culture/Historic Preservation, Parks & Recreation, Infrastructure , and Public Facilities. Six meetings are taking place across six consecutive weeks. All RWG's are open to the Lyons Area Public. To sign up for a specific RWG, to view the Recovery Calendar with meeting details, for RWG Leadership contact info and more, visit the website www.lyonsrecovery.com.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday Night Basketball
Lyons Elementary
8:30pm-10pm

Town Hall
Offices Closed
February 17, 2014

Hunters Education
Feb. 23rd & 24th, 2014
Walt Self

Many of the Recovery Working Groups will have corresponding and pre-existing Task Forces, Boards, and Commissions that have conducted community work within that recovery area prior to the September 2013 floods (for example, the Lyons Economic Development Commission). Some of these pre-existing entities will continue their work plans in separate meetings, while others will postpone their general focuses to concentrate on the agenda of their respective Recovery Working Group (for example, the Lyons Economic Development Commissions will merge with the Economic and Business Recovery Working Group for the next six weeks to follow the Community Recovery Planning agenda before commencing "normal business").

Recovery working group meetings can shift weekly. Please check the website Calendar for the most up to date information at <http://www.lyonsrecovery.com/recovery-calendar.html>

Distinction between Recovery Working Groups and Task Forces, Commissions & Boards

In Lyons, there are existing Task Forces, Boards and Commissions in each of the recovery resource areas. Most of these were in existence long before the flood and have served as a permanent conduit for participatory planning and technical recommendations to the Board of Trustees (BOT). Each has formal BOT and Staff liaisons appointed. This ensures overall coordination at policy and operational levels. Several ad-hoc Task Forces were formed immediately following the flood to address areas where Lyons has not had an organized consultative body, including Housing Task Force, Human Services Task Force and Stream Task Force.

Recovery Working Groups (RWG's) are being formed and will meet for the first time during the week of January 20th. These RWG's will follow a specific timeline to meet the goals of the Community Planning Process.

These pre-existing Task Forces, Boards and Commissions have ongoing work, including developing policy proposals for the BOT to consider as well as implementing specific activities, often addressing immediate recovery issues, for example the Human Services Task Force is helping establish the local case management system, the Housing Task Force with staff are engaged in discussions with affected homeowners to educate them about their options, etc.

By their very nature, these Boards, Commissions and Task Forces need to be at the core of recovery planning. At the same, the broader working group membership provides an opportunity for expanded citizen input into the planning process and expands the capacity to explore issues and opportunities.

To clearly specify how they fit into the Community Planning Process and the broader working groups that have been self identified in each recovery area, these guiding principles should be observed:

The respective Boards, Commissions and Task Forces serve as the core of the working groups. The Lead of the Recovery Working Groups (RWG) will work with the respective Boards, Commissions and Task Forces to fully engage the broader RWG in the Recovery Planning Process. The development of the Recovery Plan Process will follow a standard process and timetable. However, there is flexibility within each area to determine how best to achieve the final work product. For example, some RWG's may set up subcommittees in specific areas. Some Boards that have ongoing work may decide to have the first hour of a meeting devoted to the planning activities and the second to Board business; or, they can determine to hold separate meetings. There will not be a separate Board/Commission/Task Force recommendation on the final recovery plan resources area in their areas. It is assumed that they have been fully engaged in the process and the product represents a consensus in their area. Formal recommendation will be gathered from the Planning Commission and the Sustainable Future Commissions as transversal bodies looking at core principles for Lyons, particularly sustainability and the fit with the Comprehensive Plan.

Help Center open in Lyons for flood-impacted residents

Mental Health Partners has a new Help Center in Lyons at the Walt Self Community Building, 335 Railroad Ave., to assist area residents impacted by the September floods. The Help Center provides immediate mental health crisis services for residents coping with anxiety, sadness, depression, fear, sleeplessness, guilt, anger and other emotional distress.

- These services are available for children, teens, adults and older adults.
- No appointments are necessary.
- There is no charge.

Services in Spanish on some days – Call first.

The Help Center is staffed by trained crisis clinicians and disaster interventionists. The Help Centers formerly in Longmont are closed and the Boulder Help Center at 1333 Iris Ave. closes Jan. 31.

Help Center in Lyons:

Walt Self Community Building, 335 Railroad Ave. (lower level entrance at the back of the building)

Hours for the Help Center:

Monday-Friday: 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.

Information for MHP Help Centers: 720-415-9740