



Winter at the Fairplay Beach

TOWN OF FAIRPLAY MISSION STATEMENT-Recognizing our unique heritage and environment, the Town of Fairplay is committed to accountable leadership in order to protect and enhance our citizens' quality of life by ensuring the delivery of effective and efficient public services. We implement this mission based on the following core values: open communication; transparency; integrity; professionalism and teamwork.

Greetings from Mayor Just

I will begin this Blog by wishing everyone a Happy New Year 2022!

All of us have been through a lot in the last 2 years, each of us dealing with our own challenges, losses and generally navigating a new "normal" that we have yet to figure out. In essence, our lives have become more complicated, and our decisions have become more important. Yet, I still hear mostly positive from those with whom I have communicated, and that positive shines through much brighter and overshadows any negative that is present in our great community.

We all have so much to be thankful for when compared to those in our surrounding communities who are dealing with total loss of property, possessions, and passions. It would be so easy for those who are subjected to these seemingly insurmountable impacts to simply throw in the towel and submit to defeat. But, like most of us who live our lives with a positive outlook and a will to overcome life's obstacles, they will conquer this overwhelming situation and rebuild, and restructure their dreams and be better human beings for their efforts in the end.

The Town of Fairplay continues to move forward (Fairplay Forward) with plans which will enhance our small business and citizens ability to enjoy what Fairplay has to offer. We have plans for exterior aesthetic and physical improvements to the 501 Main Street building. These improvements include a covered deck or porch that will be ADA accessible and will run for most of the length of the building. This deck/porch will provide much needed seating and weather protection for the multitude of persons who navigate our downtown area on foot each year. I am excited about this project and undertaking which will be a significant addition to our downtown area. I am also happy that we have figured out a way to be able to address the public input specific to this building which was to make it more appealing and user friendly for the public at large.

We have also been notified that the intersection of US 285 and SH 9 will be improved beginning mid-summer 2022. This project has been on the books for many years and has undergone several iterations and design changes. I feel honored to have been a part of the evolution and development of this intersection and am proud to let you

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know that the final product is a realization of many meetings and much time categorizing and logging public input from folks like yourselves that have yielded a positive improvement for both access to businesses and pedestrian traffic at this busy intersection. Most of us who live here understand the challenges presented by the enormous amount of traffic traveling through this area which used to be intense only on weekends but has evolved into a daily normal. I have expressed my appreciation to the CDOT design team who listened to us and translated our concerns into a sensible new reality. CDOT will conduct at least one more meeting to keep the public apprised of their schedule and the general work schedule throughout the construction process. Please attend these meetings and gain as much information as you can about this monumental change on the horizon.

As a reminder, we will have our Mountain Mardi Gras on February 26 this year. Please support our candidates for King and Queen by donating to their respective choices of not-for-profit entities, all of which are instrumental to our community and provide unique services that are much needed.

I would like to express my gratitude to this Town for your continued support. I am truly honored to be Mayor and represent the great citizens of Fairplay.

Good health, happiness, success, and love to all as we navigate this new year and mysterious horizon together!

Frank

Town Tidbits and Reminders

- ◆ **Protect Your Home in the Winter**—If you plan to be away from your home for an extended amount of time during the winter months, it is highly recommended that you have your water shut off at the curb stop and clear the service lines. Public Works suggests calling a plumber to take care of this for you unless you have experience winterizing your water lines. The Town is not responsible for frozen service lines or breaks on private property. Please call the Public Works Department with questions, (719) 838-0163.
- ◆ **Snowplowing is a Priority**—When three inches or more of snow falls, the Fairplay Public Works crew will clear the roads within Town limits. School routes and high traffic streets are prioritized and include Fairplay Heights, Hathaway and 7th at the South Park School property, (*on school days*), along with Castello Avenue, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th. Once those streets have been cleared crew members will move on to the rest of the Town. It is recommended that residents refrain from parking vehicles along side streets when possible in order to allow the plow trucks to more efficiently and effectively clear snow and ice from those areas. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated and for more information reach out to the Public Works Department at (719) 838-0163.
- ◆ **Clearing Snow from Sidewalks**—If you have a sidewalk adjacent to your property, please remember that as per Fairplay Municipal Code Sec. 11-1-10, it is your responsibility to clear the snow and ice within 24 hours of its accumulation in order to keep the walkway safe for pedestrian use. Please call the Public Works Department at (719) 838-0163 if you have any questions.
- ◆ **Annual Renewal of Town Business Licenses**—The Town of Fairplay business licenses are due for renewal immediately. All businesses or individuals engaged in any activity with the object of financial gain are required to have a Town business license. If you are doing business in Fairplay, please renew your license prior to January 31. If you have questions please contact us by phone at (719) 836-2622. Business license applications can also be found on the Town's website, (www.fairplayco.us), click on the online payments.
- ◆ **Sign Up for Paperless Billing**—If you are interested in receiving and paying your Town water and sewer bill electronically, sign up for paperless billing! Go to www.expressbillpay.com and log in or "sign up" and create a new account. Enter your personal information and then find "Town of Fairplay" in the billing organization field and enter your account number and last name. For more information contact Kim Wittbrodt, Town Treasurer, at (719) 836-2622, ext. 103 or email kwittbrodt@fairplayco.us.
- ◆ **Dog Licensing Required** — Per Sec. 7-6-160 of the Fairplay Municipal Code, all dogs over six months of age within Town limits must be licensed. The fee for an animal that has been spayed or neutered is \$5 and the fee for an animal that has not been spayed or neutered is \$10. Licenses must be renewed every year. Visit Town Hall for the appropriate paperwork and please bring current vaccination records from your veterinarian with you. Additionally, please remember to clean up after your dogs as you walk them through Town. Be courteous to others and, it's also the law!
- ◆ **Small Animal and Livestock Permits Required** — Per Sec. 7-7-30 of the Fairplay Municipal Code, no person shall keep animals or fowl within the corporate limits of the Town unless such person has a valid permit to do so and no animal or fowl shall be allowed to run or fly at large. The permit form can be found online at the Town's website (www.fairplayco.us) under the Documents & Forms tab or you can visit Town Hall to complete the application and obtain a permit. Please call Town Hall with questions at 719-836-2622.
- ◆ **Please contact the Fairplay Police Department** for law enforcement concerns within Town limits, (719) 836-2840. Issues handled by the Police Dept. include: criminal complaints; traffic complaints; animal control; and Town code enforcement including abandoned vehicles; trash accumulation or refuse; parking issues; etc. For emergencies, including criminal activity, medical or fire please dial 911. For non-emergency situations call Park County Communications at 719-836-4121, #5.

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- ◆ **MORATORIUM ACTIVE ON ALL NEW SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS** — The Board of Trustees recognizes the impacts Short-Term Rental units are having on the Town and passed an Emergency Ordinance on November 22, 2021 imposing a temporary (3 month) moratorium on the submission, acceptance, processing and approval of new applications for licenses. The moratorium provides Town leaders time to obtain public input, review policies, impacts, solutions, etc. and decide how best to handle these uses in the future. Rentals currently licensed by the Town are authorized to continue operations, but no new licenses can be obtained until the moratorium expires or is rescinded. Operation of an unlicensed Short-Term Rental is a violation of the Town's code and punishable by a fine up to \$2,650, imprisonment up to 1 year, or by both fine and imprisonment. **A public Work Session is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Monday, January 31, in the Board Room at Town Hall to review and discuss a DRAFT ordinance, license application and associated fees.**
- ◆ **TOWN GEARING UP TO ENFORCE CODE VIOLATIONS IN 2022**— In 2022 the Town of Fairplay will be making a concerted effort to reduce Code violations in order to enhance the appearance of properties while also positively impacting values and improving the quality of life for residents. The Town has conducted inspections and will begin issuing written courtesy notices for violations such as accumulation of litter, garbage, trash, junk, refuse or other material, weeds and brush, junk and unlicensed vehicles, unauthorized use of metal shipping or storage containers, and unauthorized use of tents or RVs for temporary residences. The Town's Municipal Code can be found online at <https://library.municode.com/co/fairplay> and residents are encouraged to review the laws, rules and regulations contained therein.

Please Secure Trash Containers to Keep Garbage from Blowing throughout Town

With the recent winter weather and strong winds, the Town has seen a lot of trash cans and totes where the lids have blown open. This has led to debris blowing throughout the community as well and animals and birds getting into garbage and scattering it into the streets and adjacent yards. In order to maintain neighborhood relationships and keep our community clean and beautiful, please secure the lids on your trash containers and try to keep from leaving garbage bags out for extended lengths of time so as to reduce the chance that animals will get into them. Thank you!



TOWN BOARD MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS

Per the Fairplay Municipal Code, Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees are held twice monthly. The Board also conducts Work Sessions as needed to obtain more information on a matter or discuss subjects in-depth. Special Meetings may also be scheduled if more time is needed to complete Town business.

Time/Date: Town Board Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, except on legal holidays, when no meeting is held. Work Sessions are typically held in conjunction with a Regular Meeting but may also be held separately at an announced/posted date and time.

Location: Meetings, Work Sessions and Special Meetings are held in the Town Hall Board Room at 901 Main Street, Fairplay, CO 80440.

Meeting Notices: Per State Law, the Board must declare the places where meeting notices will be posted. This is done annually at the first meeting of the year by resolution. The public places designated for posting of meeting notices and agendas for 2022 are:
Town Hall – 901 Main St.
Fairplay Post Office – 517 Hathaway St.
Park County Library – 400 Front St.
Town of Fairplay Website – www.fairplayco.us

Complete meeting packets and minutes of meetings are also available online at the Town's website under the Mayor and Board of Trustees tab.



2022 Town of Fairplay Municipal Election April 5, 2022

Do you have a desire to make a difference and important contributions toward shaping your community? If so, the time to get involved is now and you should run for the Town Board of Trustees!

The Town of Fairplay's Regular Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 to elect a Mayor and three (3) Trustees. The Mayor will be elected to a 4-Year term; Two (2) Trustees will be elected to 4-Year terms; and One (1) Trustee will be elected to a 2-Year Term, filling a vacancy created by a resignation.

Nomination Petitions are available at Town Hall and can be circulated through Monday, January 24, 2022. Qualifications to run are:

- US Citizen
- 18 Years of Age
- Registered Voter
- Resident of the Town for 12-consecutive months preceding the election.

It only takes valid signatures from ten registered electors living in Town limits to become a candidate! So, if you decide you want to run for office, stop by Town Hall at 901 Main Street, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to pick up a Nomination Packet.

The Town Election will be a Mail Ballot election. Therefore, residents are encouraged to check/update their voter registration information at www.GoVoteColorado.com or by reaching out to the Park County Clerk & Recorder's Office at 719-836-4333.

Questions regarding the Town Election? Call Town Clerk Janell Sciacca at 719-836-2622 x-102 or email her at jsciacca@fairplayco.us.

EVENTS



Holiday Lighting Winners— The Kintz Family & the Hand Hotel



True Pioneer—Barbie McBee & Mayor Just



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Fairplay's Mountain Mardi Gras Royalty Couples—Nicole & Joe McChesney, Bobby & Claylynn Ryszkowski, and Lea and Mike Hamner



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FAIRPLAY AMERICAN LEGION
601 CLARK STREET

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6:00 PM

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Authentic Cajun Cuisine
Cash Bar (& Hurricanes)
Costume Contest (Prizes)
Crowning of the Mardi Gras King & Queen
Music, Dancing, Tarot Card Reading,
Beads, & more!

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TICKETS \$20 in advance only
(no tickets at the door)
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL
901 MAIN STREET
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Boys & Girls Club of the High Rockies
Park County Livestock Committee
PeaceWorks, Inc.

BRANNAN Companies

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TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

SAVE THE DATE for Town Clean Up, June 3, 4 & 5! More info coming in your water bills.

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