



2020 Ridgway Town Councilors

Mayor John Clark



Mayor Clark is a native Coloradan and has lived in Ridgway since 1982. After making his living as a glass artist for a quarter century, John made the rather unconventional switch to Apple-specific computer consultant. "I enjoy helping people get along with technology, instead of feeling like they're always fighting it," he says. John was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Ridgway Town Council in 2000 and was elected mayor in April 2012. He is now in his eleventh term on Council and in his fifth term as mayor. Additionally, he has been on the Ridgway Planning Commission since the mid '80s, with only a one-year hiatus in 1999. Regarding his tenure on the Town Council and the Planning Commission, John says, "I really enjoy working in local government; it's the best. It's important to look for a balance of the best interests of everyone in Town. I care very much about our wonderful community and strive to keep it moving in a positive direction and, most importantly, at a manageable rate."

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Mayor Pro Tem Eric Johnson



Mayor Pro Tem Johnson has been serving on the Town Council since April 2003. Eric has been a resident of Ridgway since 1997. He is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner currently practicing at the Telluride Medical Center. He received a B.S. in Nursing in 1991 from Idaho State University and a Masters in Nursing from the University of Utah in 1995. About serving on the Town Council Eric says, "I value the sense of community in Ridgway and see my service on Town Council as a way to preserve and enhance Ridgway's environment, culture, and businesses." Eric is married to Kaye Middleton; they have two dogs. He is a "sometimes" writer who enjoys cooking, gardening, skiing and most outdoor activities.

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Councilor Russell (Russ) Meyer



Councilor Russ Meyer started on Ridgway Town Council in April 2019. He also serves on the Ouray County Joint Planning Board and Ouray County Water Users Association. Prior to living in Ridgway, Russ worked for Exxon/ExxonMobil for 36 years in a number of roles and assignment locations around the world including, but not limited to, Russia, China, Canada, Chad, Cameroon, and Angola. Having finished his career as a project manager on various IT/Telecommunications projects, Russ decided to run for Town Council to ensure the voice of the community was being represented. He strives to maintain the sense of community that helps to make Ridgway what it is. Russ and his wife, Crista, have been in the Ridgway area since 2012, and moved here full time in 2017.

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Councilor Tessa Cheek



Tessa Cheek joined Ridgway's Town Council and Planning Commission in April of 2019. When not at Town Hall, Tessa works in the offices of local candle company Bluecorn Beeswax. Tessa is the co-director of the Open Bard Literary Series, a poetry editor and a practicing creative writer. She received her MFA in Creative Writing from Hollins University (VA) and her undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Grinnell College (IA). Prior to attending graduate school, Tessa was a reporter for The Colorado Independent and a member of the Colorado Capitol Press Association. A Colorado native, Tessa grew up in Colorado Springs and moved to Ridgway in 2017.

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Councilor Beth Lakin



Beth Lakin was sworn in on Town Council in April 2019. She has made Ridgway home since 2013 and teaches high school science in Ouray. Beth studied chemistry at Bates College (BS, 2008) and oceanography at Oregon State University (MS, 2010) before being called to the mountains. Beth is passionate about Ridgway, her chosen home, and is proud to look out for its best interests as a Council member. When not teaching, attending Council and committee meetings, or attending to projects at home, she can usually be found in the mountains with her beloved pup.

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Councilor Terry Schuyler



Councilor Terry Schuyler began his term on the Town Council in April 2020. Terry moved to Colorado in 1982 to work at the Solar Energy Research Institute (now NREL) in Golden, CO. He has worked in the solar industry for more than 42 years. Terry now serves as the Energy Services and Key Accounts Executive at SMPA here in Ridgway, where he manages the renewable energy programs. Terry relocated from a remote mountain area west of Fort Collins in 2017 to build his home here, and has become involved locally in the Ridgway Ouray Community Council's Clean Energy and Dark Sky Committees, the Sneffels Energy Board, and the Ouray Elks Lodge. His pastimes include all things outdoors (hiking, biking, tele-skiing) and at lower altitudes, scuba diving and underwater photography. Terry "gets his cowboy on" as a member of the Single Action Shooting Society. You may see him out and about hiking with his two Malamutes, Kaya and Chief Niwot.

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Councilor Kevin Grambley

Councilor Kevin Grambley was elected to Ridgway Town Council in April 2020. Kevin first arrived in Southwest Colorado during the winter of 1997/98 and moved to Ridgway full time in 2006. His background includes a degree in Economic Geography from Pennsylvania State University (BS, 1997)



and a near 20-year career in aerial surveying and remote sensing that has taken him to project sites in 26 different countries worldwide. Kevin shares his life here in Ridgway with his wife, Ashley, and their three pups. When not working, Kevin can generally be found soaking up the sun on the sidewalk or enjoying live music at the Sherbino Theater. Kevin is passionate about our little town, "the center of the universe," as he likes to call it, and is thrilled to be an active participant in Ridgway's future.

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