



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: January 11, 2023
RE: **Town Manager’s Report**

INTRODUCTION

This monthly report serves as an update to Council on key projects, activities, and community issues.

UPDATE REGARDING RMC CHAPTER 7 “PLANNING AND ZONING” UPDATES

At the January 10th Planning Commission meeting, TJ and Katie from CPS, the Town’s planning consulting firm, provided a general overview of the feedback received so far from Planning Commissioners and Town staff, explained how they are making updates in response to that feedback, and presented several development scenarios and explained the processes that an applicant would follow if proposing that type of development within the Town. These scenarios demonstrated how an applicant would move forward through Town staff reviews, Planning Commission consideration, and/or Town Council approval, based on the requests. Click [HERE](#) to check out the video recording of the meeting.



UPDATE REGARDING WETTERHORN HOMES PROJECT

Fading West started construction on the Wetterhorn Homes this week! Click [HERE](#) to check out a short video that brings the neighborhood to life. One of the firms that donated their time to create the project renderings, produced this video.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

From December 5th to January 6th, the Town solicited proposals from qualified and experienced individuals or firms to perform engineering services for development review consulting work. The Town received three proposals in response to the RFP. A review committee comprised of the Town Engineer, Town Attorney, Planning Consultant, Planning Commission Chair, and the Town Manager, have collectively reviewed the proposals and will hold interviews with proposing firms later this month.



UPDATE REGARDING RIDGWAY SPACE TO CREATE OUTDOOR LIGHTING

On December 21st, Stryker installed the low voltage dimmers on the exterior lights. Switches to shut off the linear lights were also installed, and the lights have been switched off. Alternate and more properly shielded fixtures have been ordered and will be installed once they arrive.

NEW EV CHARGING STATIONS

Artspace installed two EV charging stations in the covered parking lot on the north side of the Space to Create building. The Space to Create car chargers are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. For a complete list of EV charging stations in Ridgway, click [HERE](#).

A MESSAGE FROM BRUIN WASTE MANAGEMENT

On behalf of Chris Trosper and Bruin Waste Management, thank you all very much for your support of the CDPHE RREO Infrastructure Grant, to begin compostable waste collection with transport to 3XM, a Class III composting facility in Olathe, CO.

The overarching goal for this program is to make composting easy, accessible, and affordable for residents and businesses. The intent is to have compostable waste collection become the “new normal”, alongside recycling and trash services.

The proposed program offers compostable waste collection at transfer stations: Silverton, Ouray, SMC/Norwood, and curbside pick-up for businesses in the towns of Mountain Village, Telluride, Ridgway, and Ouray (for Bruin accounts), plus residential drop sites in the towns listed above. Additionally, the proposal includes compostable waste pick up at two City Markets in Montrose, and one in Delta.

If funded, Bruin Waste will be working with each municipality to determine residential drop sites in central housing locations, and which businesses are most suitable to target for initial services. Some municipalities were concerned about the size of dumpsters/containers in the residential areas; responding to this Bruin requested 3-yard (and Bruin will be supplying 6-yard) containers, in addition to the 20-yard gable top roll offs used at festivals.

The final grant request is for: a T370 single axle truck, and T800 tandem axle roll off truck, and (360) bear-resistant 96-gallon poly carts, (6) 20-cubic yard gable top roll off containers, (20) 3-cubic yard dumpsters totaling \$828,874. Awards will be announced in March. This is a significant request, but given the outpouring of community support for a program that will meet established waste diversion goals for the communities, and services offered in five rural counties, we are hopeful that this project will be funded. A note about RREO grants: The grant projects are funded at 100% of the request, or denied completely. There is no partial funding awarded; this ensures that a project can be accomplished vs. not having all the resources needed to succeed.



Thank you for the many letters of support from your communities and organizations. Thank you also to those who provided helpful data and other information. We really appreciate you taking the time to help us with this during the busy holidays.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Many thanks,
Chris Troser, Bruin Waste Management
Heather Knox, support

CML TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CML has a fantastic lineup of training opportunities coming in early 2023:

Webinar: Psychedelics, Housing & Wine: A Review of 2022's Propositions 122, 123, and 125

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 12-1 p.m.

Presented by Robert Sheesley, CML General Counsel, and Rachel Bender, CML Associate Counsel. Three of the citizen-initiated statutes approved by voters in November 2022 will impact Colorado municipalities: Proposition 122 (legalizing natural medicine), Proposition 123 (affordable housing funding), and Proposition 125 (allowing the sale of wine in grocery stores).

Webinar: Crisis Communications: When the Never Expected Happens — Marshall Fire Lessons Learned

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 12-1 p.m.

When wildfire hit highly populated areas never imagined to be in a danger zone, it put Boulder County government communicators to the ultimate test. Join leaders from the Town of Superior, the City of Louisville, and Boulder County to hear lessons learned about crisis response communications, frameworks, and tactics. The webinar will provide real-life examples that can help you prepare for disasters, as well as key takeaways on the importance of a digital-first strategy for crisis response and valuable ways for monitoring community sentiment during and after crisis response to ensure support, provide services, and promote long-term healing.

Webinar: 2023 Legislative Update

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 12-1 p.m.

Presented by the CML Advocacy Team. Learn what to expect during this session of the Colorado General Assembly. Get the latest news on potential legislation and ask questions about issues that could affect your city or town.



Legislative Workshop

Thursday, February 16

This annual day-long workshop is your opportunity to discuss the key municipal issues before the General Assembly, CML's 2023 legislative program, and what you can do to influence the legislative process.

COLORADO COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES ON CLIMATE CHANGE 2022

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Air Pollution Control Division has published a report following its statewide climate change listening tour. During sessions, Colorado residents shared their experiences with climate change and discussed opportunities for state and local collaboration. The state completed the tour to make sure everyone has a seat at the table and their ideas are heard. The state included their feedback in Colorado's plans to further address climate change.

Between April and June of 2022, state staff held two virtual and seven in-person sessions in Greeley, Aurora, Montrose, Durango, Pueblo, Trinidad, and Lamar. The Air Pollution Control Division led the project, with involvement from the department's Environmental Justice Program and other state agencies. Those include the Colorado Energy Office, Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, and the Public Utilities Commission. A local non-profit organization facilitated the workshops and prepared the report published today. To reach a wider audience, staff offered Spanish interpretation during all sessions and provided written materials in both English and Spanish. About 120 Coloradans in total participated.

During the workshops, participants prioritized issue areas most important to their particular community. They discussed prioritizing policies in several sectors, including energy, public health, housing, agriculture, water, and transportation. Participants also discussed strategies to address climate change. Across Colorado, the following main strategies emerged:

- **Education and outreach.** Participants saw opportunities for a greater emphasis on education about the impacts of climate change. Participants also saw opportunities for more outreach on local, state, and federal incentives and programs to invest in solutions that reduce pollution and reduce energy costs.
- **Environmental justice.** Many community members wanted to see continued attention to communities historically overburdened by air pollution. This aligns with state law and the federal government's Justice40 Initiative.



- Holistic and tailored solutions. Participants wanted to see solutions that further bridge local priorities with state programs, recognizing the differing needs between communities across Colorado.

The state has already begun taking action on recommendations from the climate change listening sessions. For example, the state incorporated community input in its [priority action plan](#). It is available in both English and Spanish. The state will continue to update the priority action plan and make adjustments as needed. Feedback from these listening sessions will also help inform the update to the [Greenhouse Gas Roadmap](#). The state will offer more opportunities to get involved in developing the new roadmap and other plans to address climate change.

For a more detailed summary of the tour and a complete breakdown of each workshop, see the [full report](#) on the Air Pollution Control Division's website. It is available in both English and Spanish.

Let me know if you're interested in registering for any of these trainings!

A LEGACY THAT MATTERS

I'm subscribed to Strategic Government Resources' free, weekly newsletter *10 in 10 Update on Servant Leadership*. I thought I'd share a message from one of their recent newsletters that encourages elected officials to make eleven commitments that will help them leave a legacy that matters.

A Legacy That Matters

In electing me to office, my fellow citizens have entrusted me with the sacred duty of shaping the future of our community. Because I am committed to creating a future that is brighter and healthier and more beneficial to all citizens than when I was called to lead, I will:

Base my decisions on the next generation more than the next election - and remain committed to the ideal that my loyalty must be to the entire community, both now and in the future, and not merely to those who got me elected.

Focus on our mission, vision, and values as a benchmark for my decisions and recognize that my responsibility is the pursuit of the greatest good for the entire community and not the satisfaction of any particular group's agenda.

Make decisions centered on fact-based evidence and not allow myself to be manipulated into bad decisions based on the decibel level of the critics.



Recognize that "it takes a smart person to know where they are stupid" - and have the wisdom to be smart. Accordingly, I will value those who have the courage to tell me what they really think, and I will listen sincerely to those who disagree with me to truly understand their perspective, recognizing that understanding other perspectives makes me a better leader.

Embrace my responsibility to govern rather than to manage, recognizing that if I am doing staff's jobs, I am not doing my job—while also understanding and embracing the appropriately exercised governance role of holding staff accountable.

Place a greater emphasis on solutions than on a problem - while refusing to offer solutions before I understand the problem.

Understand that mutual trust is the foundation for everything, and that if I refuse to trust others, they will be unable to trust me.

Protect the integrity of the process more than the rightness of my position. I will fight hard for my issue but will unify behind the governing body once the decision is made, even if I disagree with the outcome, because the decision was made with integrity of process.

Understand that my deeply held beliefs, values, and positions will be strengthened, not compromised by, courteous, respectful, and civil discourse. I will not treat someone as the enemy just because we disagree.

Treat everyone with dignity and respect because of who I am as a leader - not because of how they treat me or what I think about them.

Be a role model for civility. I will not treat my colleagues or staff in any way that I would be embarrassed by if my five-year-old child treated someone the same way.



MARSHAL'S OFFICE UPDATE

From Shane Schmalz, Town Marshal:

Shop with a Cop

On 12-17-2022 Deputy Ryan Hanson and I took part in the second annual Shop With A Cop. The Ridgway Marshal's Office sponsored and shopped with four kids from the Ridgway area. A fun time was had by all. A special thank you goes out to Ouray County Sheriff's Office, Ouray Police Department, Jennifer Peterson, and O Toy's for another successful year.



Training

Our office completed the required training for POST Rule 28 (24 hours each) in December. We went well above the requirement with officers totaling well over 200 combined training hours in 2022.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Ridgway Town Council Regular Meeting** – January 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom
- **Ridgway FUSE (Creative Main Street Committee) Meeting** – January 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting** – January 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at Ridgway Town Hall and virtually via Zoom
- **Ridgway Planning Commission Meeting** – January 31, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom
- **Town Council Regular Meeting** – February 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom



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JOKE OF THE DAY

Me: I'm not saying a word without my lawyer present.

Cop: You ARE the lawyer.

Me: So, where's my present?