



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: April 9, 2024
RE: **Town Manager's Report**

INTRODUCTION

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

EIAF AWARD

The Town has been informed by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs that it has been awarded \$600,000 to assist with the *Ductile Iron Water Line Replacement Project*! Our project was reviewed based on a variety of factors such as its connection to energy impact, degree of need, measurable outcomes, amount of request, relationship to community goals, level of local match and community support, management capacity, resiliency and readiness to go.

GREEN STREET PARK MASTER PLANNING MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 18TH

To kick-off the master planning process for Green Street Park, the Town of Ridgway and Superbloom will host a public meeting on Thursday, April 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the Decker Community Room, located at 675 Clinton St.

The purpose of the meeting is for members of the public and various stakeholder groups to meet the Superbloom team and provide thoughts and ideas on the future of Green Street Park. Superbloom was recently selected by the Town, after a competitive solicitation process, to provide a plan, process, and approach for the public engagement and master planning for Green Street Park.

For more information, please contact Preston Neill, Town Manager, at pneill@town.ridgway.co.us or 970-626-5308, ext. 212.

GREEN STREET SUSTAINABILITY PARK

Join us to help imagine the future of Green Street Park!

Green Street Park is planned to be a 7-acre community park with sustainability-driven amenities. The design team is holding several public meetings to get community input on the master plan. An online survey will also be made available soon. We'd love to hear your ideas!

Find out more on the project [website link below!](#)

Community Meeting #1
April 18, 2024
at 5:30 PM

Meet at the Decker Community Room
675 Clinton Street in Ridgway

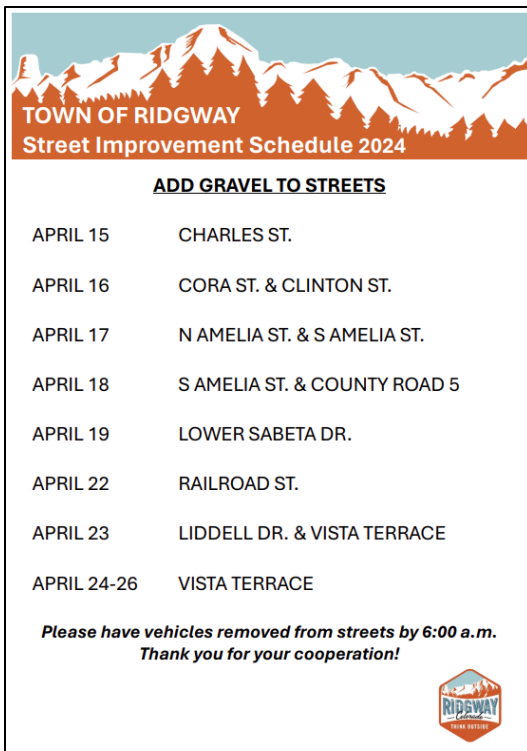
Contact us at:
greenstreetpark@superbloom.net



ANNUAL STREET IMPROVEMENT OPERATIONS TO BEGIN APRIL 15TH

The Town will commence annual street improvement operations on April 15th. This year, annual street improvement operations will be split up into two segments. In the first segment, which will run from April 15th through April 26th, Public Works personnel will add gravel to the unpaved street sections that need to be built up. The second segment, which will run from May 13th through May 31st, will consist of Public Works personnel using a street grader to restore the driving surface and drainage attributes to the Town’s unpaved streets. The process will also include the application of a dust suppressant agent, known as magnesium chloride, to the unpaved streets.

The full schedule can be viewed [HERE](#) and is as follows:




TOWN OF RIDGWAY
Street Improvement Schedule 2024

ADD GRAVEL TO STREETS

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| APRIL 15 | CHARLES ST. |
| APRIL 16 | CORA ST. & CLINTON ST. |
| APRIL 17 | N AMELIA ST. & S AMELIA ST. |
| APRIL 18 | S AMELIA ST. & COUNTY ROAD 5 |
| APRIL 19 | LOWER SABETA DR. |
| APRIL 22 | RAILROAD ST. |
| APRIL 23 | LIDDELL DR. & VISTA TERRACE |
| APRIL 24-26 | VISTA TERRACE |

*Please have vehicles removed from streets by 6:00 a.m.
Thank you for your cooperation!*




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Street Improvement Schedule 2024

STREET GRADING OPERATIONS

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| MAY 13 | SOLAR RANCHES – CHIPETA DR. & TABERNASH LN. |
| MAY 14 | SOLAR RANCHES – ALL OF SABETA & COUNTY ROAD 23 |
| MAY 15 | LIDDELL DR. & VISTA TERRACE |
| MAY 16 | VISTA TERRACE |
| MAY 17 | MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE APPLICATION ON STREETS |
| MAY 20 | CLINTON ST. |
| MAY 21 | HYDE ST. & LAURA ST. |
| MAY 22 | S CORA ST. & MOFFAT ST. |
| MAY 23 | CHARLES ST., FREDERICK ST. & OTTO ST. |
| MAY 24 | ELIZABETH ST. & CHARLOTTE ST. |
| MAY 29 | S AMELIA ST. & COUNTY ROAD 5 |
| MAY 30 | MARY ST. & N AMELIA ST. |
| MAY 31 | MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE APPLICATION ON STREETS |

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Motorists are asked to exercise extreme caution when driving in the area of a grading operation. Residents are asked to have vehicles removed from streets that are scheduled to be graded by 6:00 a.m. The Town of Ridgway greatly appreciates your patience and cooperation!



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

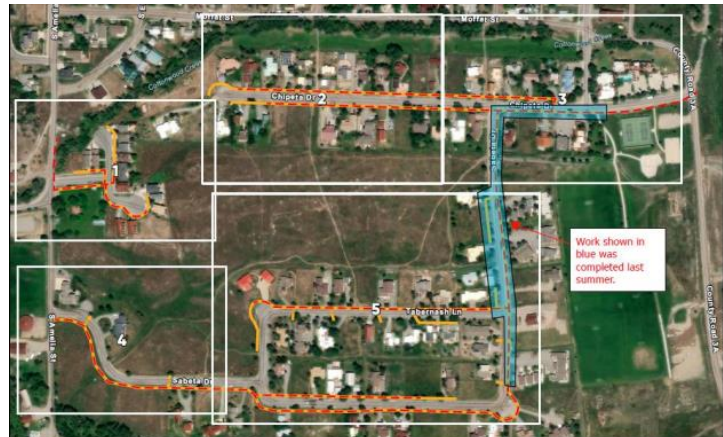
The Ridgway Town Council has committed to picking up trash and litter along Hwy 62 from milepost 20 to 22 for another two years! The commitment is to pick up litter a minimum of two times each year. The new agreement with CDOT expires in January of 2026. All participating group members will have to view the Spruce Up Colorado Volunteer Safety Video and Meth Lab Waste Recognition Video prior to any planned pick-ups. The time has come to pinpoint a date and time to hold another clean up event this spring or summer!

TRI-AGENCY DINNER

With the City of Ouray hosting the last Tri-Agency Dinner back in December, it's now the Town's turn to host the event. The time has come to pinpoint some date options to share with Ouray County and the City of Ouray.

CLEARNETWORX CONTINUING WORK ON "RIDGWAY SOUTH" FIBER INTERNET PROJECT

On April 1st, Clearnetworx crews picked up where they left off in the fall and started work on their "Ridgway South" fiber internet project. They began trenching and boring operations to continue laying conduit and fiber in the Solar Ranch and Le Ranch subdivisions. Residents will start to see paint and flags from other utility providers throughout the area. There are a few steps after excavation like fiber jetting and splicing before residents will be able to connect to the Clearnetworx service, but those activities are not expected to impact area residents or the roadways.



Clearnetworx crews will visit adjacent property owners to provide a description of the work they are undertaking and contact information if questions or concerns arise.

For immediate questions regarding this work, please call 970-626-5308, ext. 212.

COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT'S STATE OF THE RIVER MEETING (UNCOMPAHGRE RIVER)

The Colorado River District's State of the River meetings are a spring tradition in Western Colorado. The meetings are hosted by the Colorado River District and local partnership organizations across the fifteen-county District. Originally designed to give residents a peek at upcoming water forecasts, these casual, public-information events include a look at the upcoming hydrology, a summary of major western water issues, and a spotlight on projects and



priorities of each local community. At the March 19 State of the River (Uncompahgre River) Meeting held at the Ouray County 4H Center, Town staff gave a presentation on the Town of Ridgway Growing Water Smart Action Plan.

ANNUAL CLEANUP DAY EVENT



Annual Clean Up Day

**The Town of Ridgway presents
Town Clean Up Day!**

This is a **FREE** event where Ridgway residents will be able to easily dispose of accumulated trash and scrap metal in dumpsters

**Saturday, April 20th
from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
in the lot behind the Ridgway Public Library
on Railroad Street

**NO DUMPING OF THE
FOLLOWING MATERIALS:**
*Appliances, furniture,
hazardous materials, tires, or
commercial trash*

NEW THIS YEAR! *The Town is offering
FREE mulch during the event. Bring your
pick-up truck or open trailer, and bring
your own shovels, pitchforks, and
containers to serve yourself. Mulch will be
available while supplies last!*



UPDATE RE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND THE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

Ouray County and JEO Consulting Group have finally come to an agreement on the contracts for the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHP) and Community Wildfire Protection (CWPP) plans. These contracts are scheduled to go before the Board of County Commissioners on April 16th.

As a reminder, Ouray County has received a grant up to \$100,000.00 from the USFS through the West Region Wildfire Council for the CWPP and has received a grant award through the Federal



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program from the State of Colorado Office of Emergency Management for up to \$89,974.89 plus a 10% local match for the MHP.

Last month, a Review Committee recommended that the Board of County Commissioners award the Bid for both the CWPP update and the MHP to JEO Consulting Group.

HEY, RIDGWAY!

This is a reminder to check out our monthly “Hey, Ridgway!” ads in the Ouray County Plaindealer. Below is an image of the ad that will run in this week’s paper.

HEY, RIDGWAY!

- **Green Street Sustainability Park!** Green Street Park is planned to be a 7-acre community park with sustainability-driven amenities. The design team is holding a public meeting on April 18th to get community input on the master plan. The meeting will take place on April 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the Decker Community Room, located at 675 Clinton St. See you there!
- **Town Clean Up Day!** The annual Clean Up Day event will be held on Saturday, April 20th in the lot behind the Ridgway Public Library on Railroad St. The Town will provide dumpsters and residents are encouraged to bring their refuse to the site between 8:00a and 1:00p. The Town will offer FREE mulch during the event!
- **Street Improvements!** The Town will commence annual street improvement operations on April 15th. To check out the full schedule, visit townofridgway.colorado.gov. Residents are asked to have vehicles removed from streets that are scheduled to be graded by 6:00 a.m.
- **Love Your Valley Festival!** The Love Your Valley Festival is set for Saturday, May 18th from 1:00 to 6:00p in Hartwell Park. The event is FREE to the public and the fee to participate in the microbrew sampling is \$25. See you there!
- **Idle Free Ridgway!** Please limit idling vehicles to two minutes or less. Idling leads to unnecessary pollutants and wasted fuel that could be conserved!



LOVE YOUR VALLEY FESTIVAL

The Love Your Valley Festival is set for Saturday, May 18th with the local band Joint Point playing during the event which will run from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. There are a number of brewers attending, and for a \$25 fee, participants can purchase a tasting glass to sample microbrews. This year's poster has begun circulating.

NEW ELECTRIC UTILITY CART

As budgeted for 2024, the Town has purchased a new electric utility cart for our building official to use for inspections and for staff to use during special events.



COMMUNITY INITIATIVES UPDATE

From Tera Wick, Community Initiatives Facilitator:

Colorado Business Preservation Grant

The Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade's Community Business Preservation Program (CBPP) received 38 eligible applications and made awards to eleven. Ridgway's application was not one of those selected.

Colorado Creative Industries Director, Josh Blanchard, visits Ridgway

On March 29th, twenty-six Ridgway area creatives and creative industry advocates shared their perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing the Ridgway Creative District. Those gathered also heard Mr. Blanchard's updates on the Colorado Creative Industries since he has taken the top position in November 2023.

The Decker Community Room Community Room Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that Arielle Bielak has been contracted as the Community Room Coordinator for the Decker Room. She was selected through a competitive process for a role of approximately 10 hours per week. She will work closely with the CIF to coordinate art exhibits, events, volunteers, help with promotion and maintain the organization of the space.





Access Control System

The Decker Room's new access control system installation is nearly complete. Honk-Key Lock and Safe has worked closely with Proximity Space on the installation, which will allow for streamlined space rental, calendar management and increased security.

2024 Events and Art Show Calendar at The Decker

The Decker Community Room is regularly being used for community meetings, trainings and community-initiated events such as the Ridgway Film Club. Artists have responded to the open call for exhibitions at the Decker Room! The few remaining exhibition slots for 2024 are in **BOLD** below. Proposals are accepted on a rolling, first-come basis. Complete details at www.ridgwayfuse.org/decker.

2024:

- Currently exhibiting: Kane Scheidegger and Cie Hoover
- **April 14-30 - OPEN for proposals**
- May 1-31 - Henrik Haaland, Solo Show
- June 1 - 12 - Kellie Day, Solo Show
- June 15 - July 14 - Ouray County Pride Young Adult Art Show
- **July 15 - July 30- OPEN for proposals**
- August 1- 31 - Cie Hoover, Solo Show
- September 6-30 - Sue Rose, Glass Mosaics, Solo Show
- October 1-31 - Creativity to Support Sustainability - Community Show organized by Coyote's Revenge and Realm Supply
- November - Ridgway Independent Film Festival Art Exhibition
- **December - OPEN for proposals**

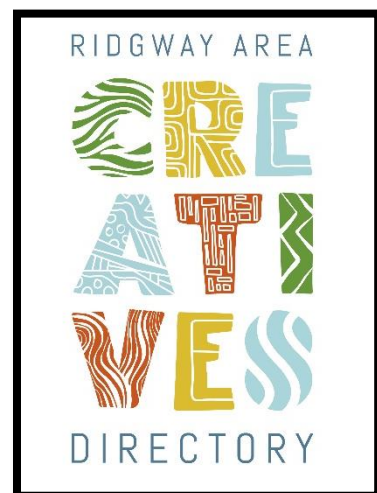
2025: July 2025 - Ouray County Art Show

Upcoming Ridgway FUSE events

- May 21, FUSE Happy Hour, visit from Colorado Main Street
- June, July, August and September - First Friday Art Walk
- November 14 – 17 Tenth Annual Ridgway Independent Film Festival

Ridgway Area Creatives Directory profiles: 84 and counting!

Ridgwayfuse.org/creativesdirectory





UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Town Council Regular Meeting** – April 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom
- **FUSE Creative Main Street Committee Meeting** – April 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in-person and on Zoom
- **Green Street Park Master Planning Meeting** – April 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at the Decker Community Room
- **Planning Commission Meeting** – April 30, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom
- **Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting** – May 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom
- **Youth Advisory Council Meeting** – Date TBD at 3:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall
- **Town Council Regular Meeting** – May 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom

JOKE OF THE DAY

From Kevin Grambley, Council member:

What does a nosy pepper do?

It gets jalapeno business.