



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: July 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.

LIVE LIKE YOU LOVE IT – TIPS TO CONSERVE WATER OUTDOORS

To check out some easy tips for conserving water outdoors, click [HERE](#).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE ARTSPACE RIDGWAY SPACE TO CREATE PUBLIC ART COMPONENT

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Ridgway, Colorado will accept proposals from experienced artists for design and implementation services for a mural on an exterior wall of a building in downtown Ridgway.



An electronic version of the proposal, submitted via email with the subject line “Request for Proposal for the Artspace Ridgway Space to Create Building Public Art Component”, will be received by the Town until 10:00 a.m., local time, on the 6th day of September, 2024, at which time all

proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposal received after the time stated above will be returned to the Proposer unopened. Emailed proposals shall be sent to:

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk, pkraft@town.ridgway.co.us
Tera Wick, Community Initiatives Facilitator, twick@town.ridgway.co.us

Alternatively, proposers may submit printed proposals on 8.5”x11” paper in a sealed envelope labeled “Request for Proposal for the Artspace Ridgway Space to Create Building Public Art Component” to:



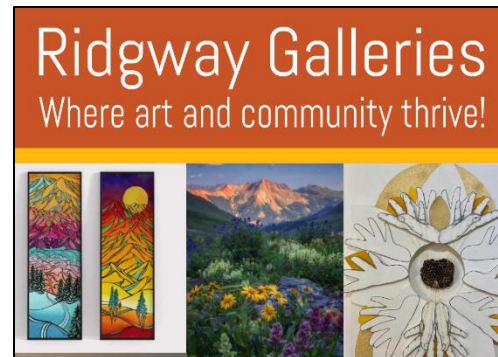
Town of Ridgway
Town Clerk
PO Box 10
201 N Railroad Street
Ridgway, CO 81432

Click [HERE](#) to view the full Request for Proposal.

The Town of Ridgway reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any irregularity in a proposal, to negotiate contract terms with the successful proposer, or to make award in such a manner as they may deem right and proper for the best interest of the Town of Ridgway.

GALLERY GUIDE RACK CARD

To check out the new “Ridgway Galleries” rack card, click [HERE](#).



COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT

Click [HERE](#) to check out the 2023-2024 Annual Report for the Colorado Municipal League (CML). The purpose of this Annual Report is to share information and data showing the progress CML has made for their 271 member cities and towns.

Each year, the CML Executive Board president selects a president’s initiative. Jessica Sandgren, Thornton councilmember and 2023-2024 CML Executive Board president, selected civility. The goal of CML’s ***Civility Starts Here*** campaign is to equip elected and appointed municipal leaders with the tools to engage in respectful, productive dialogue across differences at all levels — council/board, community constituents, municipal staff, and those doing business with or addressing affairs that impact the city. The campaign offers a Civility Pledge, training opportunities, and an online Civility Toolkit for individuals, boards, and councils.

Use the QR code at right to learn more about the ***Civility Starts Here*** campaign.



REQUEST FOR BIDS – DUCTILE IRON PIPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Notice is given that the Town of Ridgway, Colorado will receive sealed bids from qualified contractors to furnish all labor, equipment, and materials for the Ductile Iron Pipe Replacement Project for approximately 2,500 lineal feet of water line replacement.

Two paper copies and one electronic copy of the proposal in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Ductile Iron Pipe Replacement Project” and the name, address and phone number of the bidder



must be received by the Pam Kraft, Town Clerk at Town Hall, 201 N. Railroad Street, or PO Box 10, Ridgway, CO 81432 by 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

Plans and specifications may be obtained by clicking [HERE](#).

The project is funded in part by a State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) loan. Bidder's attention is called to the SRF requirements in the bid package. Davis Bacon wages and compliance with American Iron and Steel (AIS) are required. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements and goals are included. Also certified DBE's or a consortium of certified DBE's are encouraged to bid. See bidding documents for a full list of SRF Requirements.

A meeting and site visit will be held at the Ridgway Town Hall on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm for interested bidders. Questions regarding the contract documents should be submitted by 4:00 pm on Thursday, July 25, 2024.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities in bidding and to negotiate contract terms with the successful bidder, or to make award in such a manner as it may deem right for the best interest of the Town.

EMERGENCY WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

To sustain the wastewater surveillance system in Colorado the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) will be switching to a sentinel surveillance site (SSS) model on August 1, 2024. This model includes twenty wastewater utilities with ten of the largest utilities (two of which have multiple plants) in each of the ten all-hazard and emergency management response regions, three additional utilities in the Denver metro area, and four utilities in high tourism areas.

Ridgway's wastewater treatment plant is not a part of the SSS model. However, CDPHE expressed that they would like to maintain the framework for a statewide wastewater surveillance system and invited us to join their emergency wastewater surveillance system (ESS). This system will be activated when a rapid public health response is needed, and surveillance is necessary at more than the sentinel surveillance sites.

The Town will participate in the ESS program and has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with CDPHE that outlines the roles and responsibilities for ESS.

UPDATE RE RIDGWAY TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Town's application to the Sonoran Institute's Growing Water Smart Program for \$10,000 in technical assistance to support the Ridgway Turf Replacement Project has been awarded. The Town's application to Resource Central's Transformative Landscape Change (TLC) Challenge Program was also awarded.



As a reminder, the Ridgway Turf Replacement Project is a pilot project and a first step in helping the Town to achieve the goal of reducing landscape water usage on municipal turf with the outcome of widespread municipal turf replacement. The project was identified in the Town of Ridgway Growing Water Smart Action Plan and the hope is that this will help encourage residential property owners to modify their landscapes with the ultimate goal of reducing residential water usage.

The Town has not yet determined who the third-party service provider/consultant will be to complete the scope of work for the Ridgway Turf Replacement Project. To make this project happen, the Town intends to issue a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) in the coming days. The RFP will invite qualified service providers (i.e., local landscaping companies) to submit a proposal for completing the Ridgway Turf Replacement Project. The project will generally consist of delivery, set-up and general construction for all labor, materials and services for creating hardscape and landscape, and all other necessary work. Because the Town does not have construction-level documents to guide the landscaping renovation or even a project scope beyond a high-level vision to begin replacing turf on public property and establishing an area to showcase plants and design concepts that use less water than the traditional landscape, as part of the RFP, the Town will ask local landscaping companies to submit a proposal that meets that general vision.

It's worth noting that the total square footage of the area we intend to include in the Ridgway Turf Replacement Project has dwindled to approximately 5,300 sq. ft (outlined in red in the photo at right). After calls last week with representatives of the Sonoran Institute and Resource Central, the decision was made to lessen the project area based on the cost implications and the fact that Resource Central's TLC award will only provide for the removal and hauling of up to 2,500 sq. ft. of turf.



RIDGWAY BREAKS GROUND ON NEW PARKING LOT AT ATHLETIC PARK

Ridgway Valley Enterprises, Inc., on behalf of the Town of Ridgway, has begun construction of the new parking lot at the Ridgway Athletic Park.



Construction of the new parking lot is Phase 1 of the recently finalized [Ridgway Athletic Park Master Plan](#). The new, relocated parking lot, which will remain as gravel and feature over 100 parking spaces, is intended to accommodate the new improvements slated for future phases.

Work will be performed Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The project is expected to be completed very soon, and well in advance of the initially anticipated completion date of August 8th.



CLERK’S OFFICE UPDATE

From Pam Kraft, Town Clerk/Town Treasurer:

New, Temporary Art Installations around Hartwell Park

In May, I was approached by friends who are artists about bringing art installation pieces they created for the 2024 Bombay Beach Biennale (at Salton Sea in California), and displaying them in Town. As President of Public Art – Ridgway Colorado (PARC) I approached the Town, and then the FUSE Committee, with the idea to house these three themed pieces around Town Park for the summer months.



The artists represent a burgeoning “Outside Art” movement that shuns commercial art-dealing businesses which generally are out of reach, and view, of the general public, and brings art “to the people”.

The theme of the sculptures are based around the decrease of water supply from the Colorado River - the lose and drying of the river system due to overconsumption of water resources, hydropower generation, historic drought and evaporation.

The three represented regionally based artists, and their displays are:



John Murphy is an artist and blacksmith out of Crested Butte. His work for the past 28 years has been high end custom forge work for homes and ranches around Crested Butte and neighboring areas. The large-scale metal sculpture is 18 feet wide and 16 feet high, and is entitled “From the Headwaters of the Colorado River to Nothing”. It was created to bring awareness to the environmental impact of the growing and present depletion and mismanagement of water from the Colorado River. The windmill, and iconic western image, represents big agriculture and business interests extracting diminishing water from the Colorado River. Water spigots, gauges and valves extending from the central pipe represent excessive water taken from a single source, with the seven states it spans represented in the piece.

Sean Guerrero based out of Paonia, is a longtime chrome metal sculptor with many public and private commissions installed throughout mountain communities in Colorado. His large-scale assemblages consist of salvaged vintage auto and airplane parts, and upcycled found objects. The piece being displayed is “Migration” a 12-foot whimsical representation of the migration of people from large cities to Colorado rural communities in search of open spaces, and the impact of a growing population on water resources – juxtaposed with the natural migration of waterfowl, whose pathways via the Colorado River are increasingly being threatened by drought. The kinetic wind sculpture features a vintage airplane rudder and other upcycled antique and found objects including an electrolux vacuum cleaner, ironing board and airplane nosepiece sporting a pair of deer antlers.

Alison Cooper from Norwood is best known for her original tile designs and broken tile mosaics, with installations spanning from Colorado to California. The playful installation “Wishing for Water Fairy” features a western themed Barbie riding atop a white swan, above a spinning globe, mounted on a water festooned bird-bath, contained within a stock tank.

The pieces are located on the east side of Hartwell Park; the corner of South Lena and Sherman Streets; and corner of Clinton and North Lena Streets. They will be on display into September.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Workforce & Affordable Housing Committee Meeting/Town Council Regular Meeting** – July 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom
- **Second Concert of Ridgway Concert Series!** – July 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Hartwell Park
- **FUSE Creative Main Street Committee Meeting** – July 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Decker Community Room and virtually via Zoom
- **Third Concert of Ridgway Concert Series!** – July 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Hartwell Park



- **Fourth Concert of Ridgway Concert Series!** – July 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Hartwell Park
- **Planning Commission Meeting** – July 30, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom
- **Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting** – August 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom
- **Town Council Regular Meeting** – August 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom

JOKE OF THE DAY

From Bo James Nerlin, Town Attorney:

“May ya live as long as ya want, and not want for as long as ya live” is an Irish toast.

“Bread, cinnamon, eggs, and maple syrup” is a French toast.