



Blue River Monthly News & Updates

Greetings!

Below is the August Blue River News. We hope you enjoy it.

**We want to hear from you! Have a concern,
comment or idea? Email us at
townofbluerivercolorado@yahoo.com.**



**Check out our Community Involvement Page on the
Blue River website at
www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver**

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Upcoming Meetings/Announcements

Planning & Zoning Commission

Tuesday, September 6th, 6:00 p.m.

Town Board of Trustees

Work Session, Accessory Apartments-Next steps, existing units.

Tuesday, September 20th, 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 20th, 7:00 p.m.

September Trustees Talks, TBA,

Celebrating 52 Years-Blue River Founder's Day Celebration

August 26, 1964, Blue River became the newest Colorado incorporated municipality. August 27th, was designated Blue River Founder's Day and was marked with family fun at the Goose Pasture Tarn.

Blue River residents Tim West, and Thos McDonald owners of Breckenridge Outfitters and Alpine Sports volunteered their time and resources to provide some of the fun on the day. Breckenridge Outfitters conducted fly fishing demonstrations and tips.

Alpine Sports brought out six paddleboards for anyone wanting to give it a try.

The Town handed out freeze-pops and for those 21 and over, Breckenridge Distillery donated a bottle of vodka and their famed bourbon for those wanting to try a small tasting.

Fun was had by all in attendance. Thank you to all who came out for the fun and we look forward to growing this event each year.





Trustees Work to Create Goals and a Vision for the Future!

On Friday, August 26th, the Blue River Trustees met for their annual retreat. The goal? Set a plan and vision for the future of Blue River. With the assistance of Greg Winkler, Northern Mountain Regional Manager for the Department of Local Affairs, the Trustees worked throughout the day on various topics.

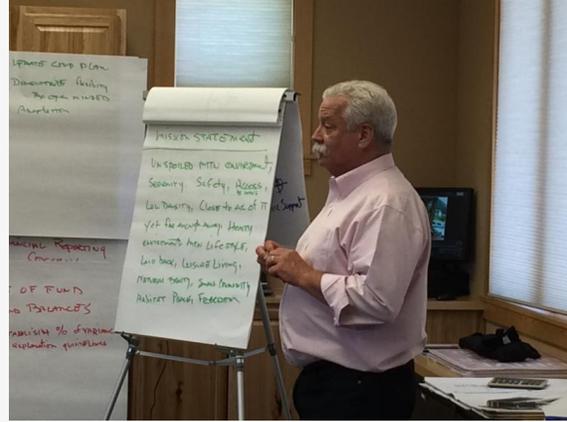


The morning was spent reviewing budgets, financials, developing a staffing plan and laying the ground work for a capital improvements plan. The afternoon was focus on developing a mission statement and vision for Blue River.

What is your Blue River? Below are some thoughts. Do you have more? Share your ideas. Email us at townofbluerivercolorado@gmail.com.

- Unspoiledmountain environment
- Serenity
- Safety
- Accessto the mountains
- Lowdensity
- Closeto it all but still far enough away
- Affordability
- Closecommunity
- Healthyenvironment
- Mountainlifestyle
- Laidback community
- Leisureliving
- Naturalbeauty
- Smallcommunity
- Habitat

Look for more information on this through the end of the year.



Save on gas and avoid the parking lot shuffle.
Ride the Stage!

BLUE RIVER COMMUTER
BRECKENRIDGE to BLUE RIVER TIMETABLE

	Breckenridge Station	Conoco	Green Mt.	Crown	Spruce Creek	97 Circle	Arrive Breck
Stop ID #	14	114	115	116	117	118	119
AM	6:35	6:37	6:39	6:40	6:42	6:46	6:49
	8:05	8:07	8:09	8:10	8:12	8:16	8:19
PM	4:00	4:02	4:04	4:05	4:07	4:11	4:14
	6:10	6:12	6:14	6:15	6:17	6:21	6:24

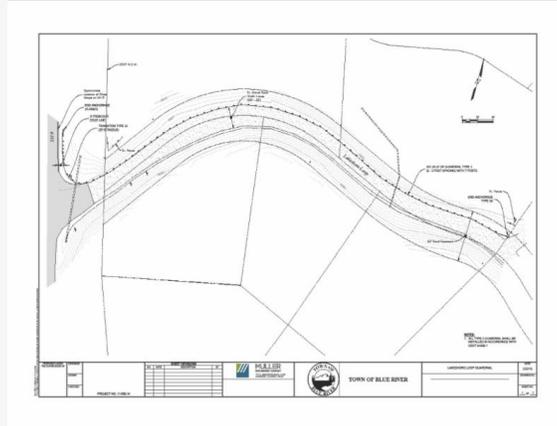
BLUE RIVER to BRECKENRIDGE TIMETABLE

	Dayton Quarry	McCullough Gulch	Town Hall	Calle de Plata	Blue River Road	Wagon Rd.	F Lot	Arrive Breck Station
Stop ID #	119	121	122	123	124	125	100	14
AM	6:55	6:56	6:57	6:58	7:00	7:02	7:07	7:09
	8:25	8:26	8:27	8:28	8:30	8:32	8:37	8:39
PM	4:20	4:21	4:22	4:23	4:25	4:27	4:32	4:34
	6:30	6:31	6:32	6:33	6:35	6:37	6:42	6:44

Map stops: Breckenridge Station (14), 100 F Lot, Conoco (114), Green Mtn. (115), Wagon Rd. (125), Crown (116), Goose Pasture Tarn, Spruce Creek (117), Blue River Rd. (124), 97 Circle (118), Calle de Plata (123), Town Hall (122), McCullough Gulch (121), Quandary (119).

Lakeshore Loop Receives New Guardrail

After several accidents, and concerns for safety, the Blue River Trustees gave the greenlight to have a guardrail installed on Lakeshore Loop. The new galvanized guardrail runs along Lakeshore Loop guarding against a steep dropoff to homes below. Thank you to Muller Engineering and Betone Contractors for putting together a great project that enhances the safety of the road and neighborhood. Check out the video of the project on our Facebook page.



Accessory Units/Apartments

Since taking office in April, the Blue River Board of Trustees have made addressing accessory units/apartments/lock-offs a priority for discussion. Two surveys have been conducted, and several work sessions hosted to understand the issue and develop a plan to move forward. The survey results are available on our website under Community Involvement.

At the July Trustees Meeting the definition of family was discussed and a new definition was presented for a first reading at the August meeting. The September 20th meeting there will be a work session to continue the discussion at 5:30 p.m. The focus will be to review what exist.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please attend the work sessions and public comment time during the regular meeting. You may also send comments to townofbluerivercolorado@yahoo.com.

August Trustee Talks Generate New Conversation

Approximately a dozen residents attended the August Trustee Talks on August 13th. The

conversation centered primarily around bike paths and creating a link in town through existing easements and roads to connect to Breck. There was a lot of enthusiasm, ideas and looking forward to future conversations.



Building In Blue River

In the Town of Blue River, permits are needed for a variety of items. These include: building permits; staining and re-staining; sheds; landscaping; roofs; interior construction; electrical; and tree removal to name a few.

Applications are available at Town Hall and online. **BEFORE** doing any construction or improvements to your home and property check to make sure whether or not a permit is required. In many cases approval is also necessary from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Fees for permits vary based on work being performed.



In addition to permits, any contractor working on your property in the Town of Blue River is required to obtain a Business License. The fee is \$50/year.

If you are adding on to your home, adding bedrooms, bathrooms, a hot tub, etc. It is necessary for you to verify your water rights, sewer or septic permits. Before construction, take time to ensure you have all the property water/sewer/septic permits in place.

For questions about permits, to schedule an inspection and to obtain applications, stop by Town Hall or call 970-547-0545



The Red, White and Blue Fire District received a grant to assist in making sure all homes have 911 addresses. The house numbers are vital to assisting fire and emergency personnel in locating your home in an emergency. Red, White and Blue Fire District provides FREE reflective address signs to residents of Blue River. To have a firefighter come install numbers at your home, please email: mitigation@rwbfire.org.



Tree Cutting

The Town of Blue River encourages residents to take advantage of the Defensible Space Program and help identify way to protect property in the Town. Section 7-5-110 of the Town Code addresses the Town's Forest Management Code. The purpose is to preserve the rural mountain character of the Town by minimizing the removal of live trees while protecting the life and property of the residents of the Town by establishing minimum wildfire mitigation standards. The provisions are intended to aid in the prevention and suppression of fires and to lessen the hazards to structures from wildfires as well as the hazards to wild land from structure fires. A permit is required to remove trees from your property. Applications are available on the Town's website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.

Recreational Fires (Campfires)

The following type of recreational fire is allowed at all times regardless of the burn index: (Exception: If the Governor or Town issues a burn ban or if a Red Flag Warning is issued by the State or Federal Forest Service). 1. Any recreational fire three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height, which has been permitted through the Fire District. 1.1 Limited to property owner. 1.2 Fire must be in a campfire ring and used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purpose. 1.3 The fire shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition. 1.4 The fire shall be constantly attended by a competent adult, until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment, such as a fire extinguisher or a garden hose connected to a water supply, shall be readily available for use. To obtain

a fire permit and more information, contact the Red, White and Blue Fire District at 970-453-2474.

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Town Hall Hours

Monday-Closed

Tuesday-Friday 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Closed Saturday/Sunday

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