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February Blue River Mountain News



Blue River 2016 Municipal Elections



April 5th marks the Blue River Regular Municipal Election. This year, the election will be a mail-in ballot election. Ballots will be mailed to all Blue River registered voters on March 14th. Ballots may be mailed back or dropped off during regular business hours (Tuesday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.) to Blue River Town Hall. All ballots are due back by 7:00 p.m. April 5th.

This year voters will be electing a Mayor and three Board of Trustees. Below is the list of candidates. If you are not registered to vote, you may do so at the Summit County Clerk's Office at 208 Lincoln Ave, Breckenridge, or online at www.co.summit.co.us. More information on the Blue River Municipal Election and candidates may be found on the town website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.

2016 Blue River Ballot

Mayor-4 year term

Mitchell Weiss

Board of Trustee (Choose 3)-4 year terms

Christine Armitage

Toby Babich

Tyler Brook

Joel Dixon

Laurel Wehrman

Meet the Candidates Forum

Sponsored by
Summit Association
of Realtors

Monday
March 14th
Social hour 5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
Breckenridge Council
Chambers
150 Ski Hill Rd.



Moose taking a winter break. Photo courtesy of Lindsay Backas

March Meetings

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, March 1st, 6:00 p.m.

Town Board of Trustees
Tuesday, March 15, 6:00 p.m.

Letter from Board of Trustee Rob Theobald

After sitting on the Town Board of Trustees for nearly ten years, I wanted to take this chance to thank the people of Blue River for the opportunity to serve as a Trustee. Blue River is a unique and wonderful place that I know you all love as much as I, and the opportunity to serve the Town has truly been a privilege and an honor. I would like to publicly thank my family for their support of me as a Trustee and their sacrifices to allow me to serve the Town. I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees and the Mayors I have had the pleasure of working with during my term. They have all served the town diligently and through their work and dedication the Town has made remarkable advances.

I take pride in the fact that the Town has been managed with a steady fiscal conservancy and is on sound financial footing despite the challenges of TABOR, local mill levy limits and limited income sources as a residential town.

The Town has made enormous strides during this time and I would like to reflect on some of the Town's achievements during my tenure.

There have been countless road improvement projects. Most notably two new bridges were installed across the Blue River to provide reliable and safe and access to the Wilderness, Mountain View, Royal, Coronet and 96 subdivisions. Additionally the Town paved aprons at Highway 9 intersections, replacements numerous failing culverts, completed numerous drainage and grading improvements and paved Blue River Road through three major intersections.

Also during this time the Town was included into the Upper Blue Sanitation District to guarantee safe and effective wastewater service throughout town and protect our environment and ground and surface water. The Town's first park and playground was built. Five water cisterns have been installed to provide much needed water for fire protection. The Summit Stage has also began providing bus service to the Town.

All of this has been done with the utmost concern for the responsible use of public funds and through grants and alternate funding sources when available.

Even more impressively this was all done with limited staff. Many of these projects came to fruition purely through the dedication of my fellow Board Members and their selflessly volunteering their time to the Town.

During my tenure as the Town has grown the Town's staff has grown from one part time position to two full time positions. This change allows for the Town to provide a greater level of service to the people of the Town, and for the Town to pursue more public improvement projects in the future.

I expect Blue River will continue to see rapid changes as we come ever closer to build out and the population continues to increase. Along with that the Town will continue to face additional challenges. I am heartened by the interest in the governance of the Town as witnessed by the number of names on the ballot for the upcoming election. I am hopeful that my successors will continue to build on the current successes of the Town's solid fiscal management and ongoing dedication to the enhancement of the Town through protection of property values and rights, completion of public improvement projects and providing of public services to the citizens.

I want to encourage everyone to take an active role in the governance of the Town by sharing your thoughts and opinions with your Trustees.

I am unwaveringly optimistic about Blue River's future and look forward to seeing what lies in store for the Town.

-Rob Theobald

2016 Capital Improvement Plans

Starlit Lane Capital Improvement Project

- ◆ Raise roadway, cut ditches to improve drainage, realign intersection of Starlit Lane and Sherwood
- ◆ Design to be completed by March/April
- ◆ Construction - Summer of 2016

Cisterns

- ◆ Completion of previous Cistern Project, install one cistern along Highway 9 north of the Tarn.
- ◆ Seeding of cisterns installed last fall - Summer 2016
- ◆ Additional cisterns will be based on funding/grant opportunities
- ◆ Design additional cisterns in 2016 / Construction in 2017

Pennsylvania Creek Culverts

- ◆ Implement improvements to remedy maintenance issues caused by existing creek width.
- ◆ Construction by General Contractor in 2016

Lakeshore Loop Wall

- ◆ Finalize the scope and design to repair erosion
- ◆ Construction by General Contractor in 2016

Lakeshore Loop & Spruce Creek Road/Crown

Blue River's Leash Law



Pets are a very important part of our life here in Blue River. With that comes the responsibility of keeping both pets and people safe. The Town of Blue River does have a strict leash law in place. It is unlawful for pets to be off leash and not in physical control of the owner. The leash law was enacted for the safety of residents, visitors and other pets. Please be sure to keep all pets on a leash within the town.

The Town Marshal is patrolling the Town. Violators will receive a warning or a fine. If you find a pet out without a leash, we ask that you contact our Town Hall at 970-547-0545. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our animals and neighbors safe.

Fine Schedule

1st Offense-\$50

2nd Offense-\$100

Subsequent Offense within 18 months-\$200



Drive Safety Barriers

- ◆ Design completed, requesting bids
- ◆ Construction by General Contractor in 2016

Road and Drainage Improvements

- ◆ Resurface roads with additional road base material, slope roads for proper drainage
- ◆ Includes all remaining town roads not completed in 2015
- ◆ Cut/clear ditches for proper drainage

Culvert Inventory

- ◆ Consulting Engineer and Road Manager will inventory and record condition of all town culverts
- ◆ Repair, cleaning, replacement by General Contractor

Town Road Paving Proposed

- ◆ Funds are expected to be available and have been budgeted for the next ten years to allow the start of paving of town roads. Since this will be an ongoing project, a prioritization plan is being developed.
- ◆ Key prioritization factors will include; usage/traffic, sewer installed, current road condition, drainage, LiDAR availability, right-of-way/easement determination, other factors.



Help Keep bus service to Blue River.

RIDE THE STAGE!

BLUE RIVER COMMUTER

BRECKENRIDGE to BLUE RIVER TIMETABLE

Sequence #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
AM	6:35	6:37	6:39	6:40	6:42	6:44	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

Sequence #	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	1
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

Safety Suggestions for Blue River bus riders!

Please arrive at your bus stop a couple minutes early and wait as close to the bus stop sign as possible. **Rushing to a bus stop along a busy highway can be dangerous** (and you might miss the bus!)

Several bus stops require the bus to block an intersection while boarding riders. We hope to minimize the interruption of traffic, so **please be ready to board when the bus arrives**. This will shorten the time the bus blocks the intersection.

If you are a motorist who is blocked by a bus stopped at an intersection, please be patient and the bus will move out of the intersection as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please **DO NOT CROSS THE HIGHWAY** to board or exit the bus. Use the nearest bus stop **on your side of the highway**.

For example, if you are headed to Breck and your stop is at 97 Circle, please board the **southbound** bus there. Ride the bus to the Quandary turn-around where the bus reverses direction. It will then head **northbound** to Breck. It will only take a few more minutes, but it is much safer than trying to cross a busy highway!

Thanks for helping us maintain our excellent safety record!
We look forward to serving you on this new bus route.

The Summit Stage Bus Service has been a great success. Thank you to all who have ridden the bus and helped to keep it going. Please share bus information with friends, families and visitors in Blue River. If you own a rental home, please provide information on this great service.

Above is a map of the bus stops and times as well as a list of safety tips from Summit Stage. Schedules are available at Town Hall or may be downloaded at www.summitstage.com or on the Town website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.

Thank you to Board of Trustee Larry Nelson; Bruce Camping, Jim Andrew, and Vivian Pershing with Summit Stage for all of their hard work to provide this great opportunity for Blue River.

PARKING!! Please note that there is limited parking along Whispering Pines Circle **ONLY**. This is parallel parking only and is limited in space, off of the main road. Parking is restricted to this area and there is no overnight parking available. Signs indicate area available.

There will be **NO parking** available at the remaining bus stops or on Town roads. There is also no parking available at Town Hall/Municipal Court.

Violators will be ticketed and/or towed.

Snow Removal



If you rent your home, please inform your renters and/or your property management company of the Town Code pertaining to snow removal. Snow accumulations will be monitored by two remote cameras established on the north, and south areas of town.

Periodically, it will be necessary to remove the snow pack on the roads. This will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

If you utilize a snow plow contractor or you are a snow plow contractor conducting business within the Town of Blue River, they are required to obtain a Blue River Business License. **Business Licenses are \$50 and available at Town Hall.**

Parking on any streets or public ways within the Town is prohibited. Vehicles, trailers, equipment, etc., must be parked in designated off-street parking spaces. Any vehicle left parked on the road, is subject to ticketing and towing.

Please do your part to ensure that all snow equipment and emergency vehicles are able to access roads during this winter season.

Town Code Sec. 11-1-20; 11-1-30-Snow Removal

- * Every owner or occupant of any premises within the Town having a sidewalk on or adjacent to the premises shall have the duty to keep the sidewalk clean of snow & ice.
- * All snow & ice shall be removed within 24 hrs. of accumulation.
- * It is unlawful for any person in the Town to clear snow from a driveway in such a way that it in any way interferes with the normal use of or plowing of roads. All snow cleared from a driveway must be retained on the lot containing the driveway or transported to an authorized dumping area.
- * Any person who violates this section shall receive a summons and complaint requiring an appearance in Municipal Court.



Please inform your short-term renters, of the winter road conditions. Overnight parking is not allowed at Town Hall and violators will be ticketed and/or towed. Additionally, please assist the town in identifying your snow storage areas. This will assist plow drivers in identifying where you currently store snow on your property.

Blue River Building Permits



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.

Inspections must be scheduled by 4:00 p.m. the day before. Inspections called in on Fridays, will be scheduled for Monday. For questions about permits, to schedule an inspection and to obtain applications, stop by Town Hall or call 970-547-0545.

Permits Required for:

Staining

Sheds

New Construction

Additions/Remodel

Garages

Electrical

Plumbing

Tree Removal

Interior Remodeling

Excavation

Roofing

Siding

Fences

For a complete list, applications and fees, visit www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.



Home Energy Assistance

The Northwest Colorado Council of Governments has home energy assistance programs for low-income residents. Assistance includes caulking/weather stripping; insulation; storm windows; furnace tune up; minor repairs; furnace replacement; refrigerator replacement. Assistance is free of charge and available to homeowners and renters with an agreement with the landlord. Income restrictions apply. If you receive LEAP, TANF, OAP, and SSI, SSDI or SNAP, you automatically qualify. The improvements will be made by the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments weatherization specialist, through federal and state grant monies. For more information call 1-800-332-3669.

Trash Code

As snow has fallen on the ground and new visitors come to our mountain community, it's important to remind everyone of the importance of Blue River's Trash policy. The bears may be on sabbatical for the winter but many other animals are busy keeping fed throughout the winter. All trash containers must be secured inside the home, garage, building or shed. A reminder that trash may not be put out until the day of trash pick up. After pick up, containers must be re-secured. Dogs, fox, coyote and birds do get into the trash and create a messy nuisance for the town. Please inform your property management companies, and renter of this important code. Citations will be issued to property owners for any violation of this town code.

Fine Schedule

1st Offense-\$50

2nd Offense-\$250

Subsequent Offense within 18 months-\$300



Cisterns 2016



Over the last two years, the Town of Blue River has been very active in the installation of cisterns throughout the town. Fire protection is a top priority in both Summit County and the Town of Blue River. In fall 2014, the Town of Blue River partnered with the Red, White and Blue Fire District to install four 2,600 gallon cisterns along Blue River Road. Cisterns assist the fire department in fire response where fire hydrants do not exist.

In 2015, the Town of Blue River applied for and was granted a grant in the amount of \$75,000 from the Department of Local Affairs. The Town of Blue River matched the funds with another \$75,000 to bring total to \$150,000 for the installation of cisterns in five locations throughout the Town. Four were installed in 2015 and a fifth will be installed in the spring of 2016. This is an ongoing project that the Town Board of Trustees are committed to funding each year. The Board of Trustees is looking to the residents in seeking land easements for placement of the cisterns. If you are interested in providing an easement, please contact Michelle Eddy, Town Administrator for more information 970-547-0545.

Breckenridge WINTER PARKING UPDATE

The Transit & Parking Task Force continues to work toward a comprehensive, sustainable future in transit and parking. The community is invited to join the task force for the next public forum on FEBRUARY 18, at 7:30am & 5:00pm at the Breckenridge Grand Vacations Community Center. Transit and parking experts from outside the Town will also be joining the conversation that day.

In the meantime, we have made several changes to parking this season in order to maximize close-in customer parking (locals and tourists) and to provide more employee parking options. Town staff monitors parking occupancy throughout the town. We make adjustments to parking based on occupancy either to increase or decrease the number of vehicles accordingly.



Ice Rink Day Use Permit

An Ice Rink Day Permit is now available to residents in a designated area of Breckenridge and unincorporated Summit County. The designated area includes the area of Boreas Pass south to the top of Hoosier Pass. Permit holders are eligible to park at the Ice Rink in the designated pay parking area. Qualified individuals are eligible to purchase permits for up to two vehicles - \$75 for the first, \$25 for the second. Permits are not transferable. Proof of residency is required (recent utility bill, lease or similar). The permit is not valid for overnight parking.

The designated areas include:

- Warriors Mark
- Boreas Pass, Baldy, and arteries
- Area south of Boreas to the top of Hoosier Pass



Employee Parking Tips

Employee Parking is normally available on French Street and in the Klack Placer lot (S. French Street). Occupancy averaged 55% last winter on French Street and 54% in Klack Placer. Driving directly to those locations will save you time when you're trying to find a place to park.



Do not park beyond the median in the middle of the E. Sawmill lot. This creates narrow driving lanes and blocks other legally parked vehicles. Violators will be ticketed.

Additional Employee Parking

After tracking usage in the E. Sawmill and Wellington lots for the first part of the season, the Employee North permit holders will now be permitted to park in the Wellington Lot Mondays through Thursdays. Employee parking is still prohibited on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays as well as on blackout dates (see blackout dates below). This change is being made on a trial basis and we will continue to monitor occupancy and adjust parking management accordingly.

Blackout Dates - subject to change
Monday, February 15 (President's Day)
March 7-10 (Spring Break)
March 14-17 (Spring Break)

BRECKENRIDGE ELEMENTARY

Employee overflow parking will be available to permit holders at Breckenridge Elementary on the following dates.

Saturday 1/30/2016
Saturday 2/6/2016
Saturday 2/13/2016
Saturday 2/20/2016
Saturday 2/27/2016
Saturday 3/6/2016

Parking is available from 7am to 7pm for employees ONLY. Any vehicles left overnight will be towed.



Overnight Parking

Overnight parking is available at the Satellite lot for \$5/night and the Ice Rink for \$15/night. Both allow a maximum of 14 nights. Oversized vehicles must park at the Satellite lot.



NO Skier Parking Main Street

There are nearly 2,500 parking spaces, including pay and free, where skier parking is encouraged in town. However, skier parking is prohibited on Main Street in order to promote Downtown businesses and allow for guests - both local and out-of-town - to find convenient parking. ("Skier" includes snowboarder according to the Ski Safety Act).

Please visit our website at www.townofbreckenridge.com/parking for parking information, maps, and news. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for real-time parking updates.



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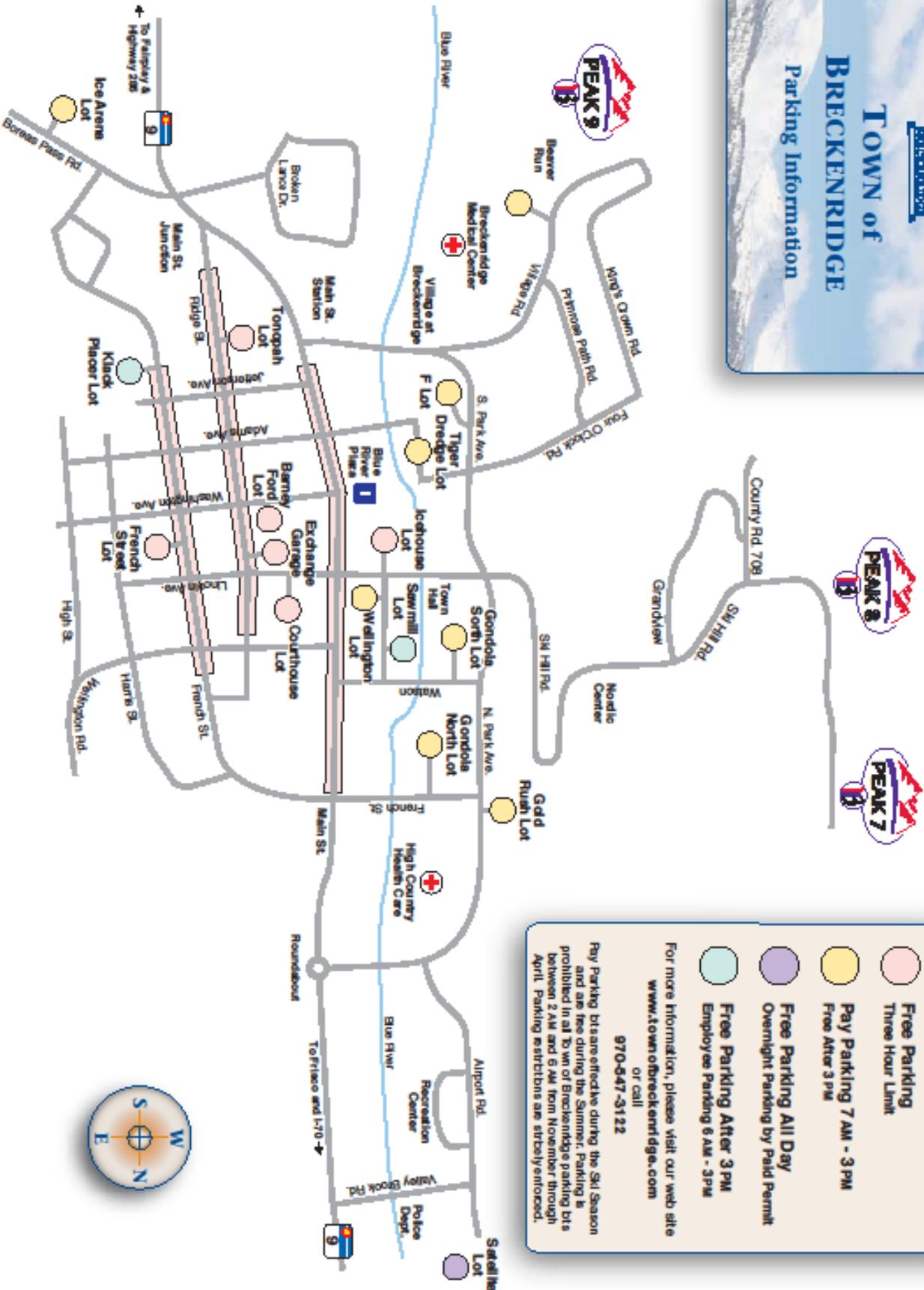


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TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

Parking Information



LEGEND

- Free Parking Three Hour Limit
- Pay Parking 7 AM - 3 PM Free After 3 PM
- Free Parking All Day Overnight Parking by Paid Permit
- Free Parking After 3 PM
- Employee Parking 6 AM - 3 PM

For more information, please visit our web site www.townofbreckenridge.com or call

970-647-3122

Pay Parking lots are effective during the Ski Season and are free during the Summer. Parking is prohibited in all Town of Breckenridge parking lots between 2 AM and 6 AM from November through April. Parking restrictions are street/entrance.

