



Town Hall Hours

Monday-Closed

Tuesday –Friday

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

Closed Saturday/Sunday

*Schedule subject to change.
Hours are posted at Town Hall.



Upcoming Meetings

Planning & Zoning

December 2nd 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Court

December 3rd, 5:30 p.m.

Town Board of Trustees

December 16th, 6:00 p.m.



Snow Removal

Tis the season of snow and snow removal. Snow removal will began with a bang the week of November 3rd. We received over 53” of snow that week.. We welcome David Allen with Highland Galloway Investments as the 2014/2015 snow removal contractor. David is a local and familiar with Blue River.

A reminder of the Town Code concerning 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 four remote cameras established on the north, south, east and west sectors 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.

While conditions change and snow removal operations will vary, in general snow removal operations will begin at 4:00 a.m. One plow will start on the north end and the other on Blue River Road. Please follow us on Facebook or check our website for the latest information



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.

Building Department-What to know before you start!



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.

Permit inspections will be conducted Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 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.

Town of Blue River Business Licenses/ Lodging Registration

Any person who engages in or carries on a business within the Town limits of the Town of Blue River must first obtain a business license. The annual fee for a business license is \$50.00. To get a Business License Application, visit our website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.

Sales Tax

All businesses that sell retail merchandise or provide taxable services are required to obtain a State of Colorado sales tax license and a Town of Blue River business license. Sales of tangible personal property for delivery to a destination within the Town limits by the vendor or an agent for the vendor are also taxable irrespective of the physical location of the vendor's place of business. The Colorado Department of Revenue collects the sales tax on behalf of the Town of Blue River. Information on registering with the State of Colorado can be found at www.colorado.gov/apps/jboss/cbe/. Use the Colorado Business Registration Form CR100 at the Colorado Business Express website.

Retail sales inside the Town limits are taxed at a rate of 8.275%, comprised of:

Colorado State tax 2.90%

Summit County tax 2.00%

Summit County Transit tax 0.75%

Town of Blue River tax 2.50%

Summit Housing tax 0.125%

Lodging Tax & Registration

Homeowners who wish to short term rent (less than 30 days) their home or condo must collect a 3.4% lodging tax in addition to the 8.275% sales tax on the entire amount charged to any person or persons for lodging services. They must also complete a Lodging Tax Registration form and pay a Lodging Tax Registration fee. They do **not** need to also obtain a Town of Blue River Business License. The Lodging Tax Registration fee is \$200 the first year and \$75 for subsequent years. The 3.4% lodging tax is remitted directly to the Town of Blue River. Lodging Tax returns must be filed regardless of whether any income was generated and remittance forms are due by the 20th of the month following the end of the reporting period. To get a Lodging Tax Registration Form or Remittance Form, visit our website at www.townofblueriver.com. For periods when no tax is due, homeowners may securely and easily file a \$-0- tax due return online at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.com.



Saturday

December 6th

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Blue River Town Hall

0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River

Holiday craft booths

Cookie Exchange

Cocoa/treats

Pictures with Santa 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bring a plate of your favorite cookies with a recipe for the cookie exchange.

Spread the word and help make this first year a big success for Blue River!



Yoga Mondays

Every Monday

6:00 p.m.

Town Hall

Donation Based

**For more information,
contact Town Hall at 547-0545.**



What's New??? & Coming Soon!!

NEW:

The Town of Blue River has recently added some services for the residents of Blue River. The Town of Blue River now offers VIN Verification for registering your vehicles. The fee is \$10.00. Additionally, the Town now offers finger printing for \$25.00. Please call ahead to make an appointment at 970-547-0545.

COMING SOON!:

The Town has been working with CitizenServe to develop software for the building and code enforcement departments. The software will allow residents to apply for Planning & Zoning items, building permits and code enforcement complaints all online. Stay tuned for more.

Snow Removal & Landscaping

Living in Summit County we all know winter begins in November and ends somewhere in June. The few months of summer that do exist, yards are meticulously landscaped for our mountain setting. Time is spent repairing and recovering from winter damage. To make sure you can maximize your summer relaxation in your yard, it is recommended to do some winter preparation. If you have landscaping close to the edge of the road, it is suggested to install snow stakes by the landscaping features. This will assist snowplow drivers in identifying where landscaping features exist, protecting your work and the snowplow from damage.



Got Numbers?

The Red, White and Blue Fire Department 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 Protection District provides FREE reflective address signs to residents of Blue River. To have a firefighter come install one at your house, please email mitigation@rwbfire.org.



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.

If you find a pet out without a leash, we ask that you contact our Town Hall at 970-547-0545 or Summit County Animal Control at 970-668-3230. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our animals and neighbors safe.



New Fire Protection Cisterns Installed

Fire Protection throughout Blue River and the County are a top priority. Increased efforts in fire mitigation and forest management have been a great success in Blue River. In an effort to ensure Blue River is ready, the Town of Blue River has partnered with the Red, White and Blue Fire

District to identify areas for installation of fire cisterns throughout the town. This year four 2,500 gallon tanks were installed on Blue River Road.

A big thank you goes out to Board of Trustee Terry Feret, Engineers Steven Humphrey and Audry Rogers with Mueller Engineering; Red, White & Blue Fire Department and Stan Miller for their work on the project!





Survey Monkey

The Board of Trustees have been working hard on adding additional services for the residents of the Town of Blue River. Below are two subjects and questions they would like your input on. Please take time to go to the Survey Monkey link at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BBRYYTm>.

Thank you!

Summit Stage:

Transportation from Blue River to other areas of Summit County is a challenge, especially in the winter. The Town of Blue River has been working with the Summit County Transportation Authority to find a solution. Currently there is work in progress to bring the Summit Stage to Blue River with three pick ups and drop offs a day. In an effort to understand the need for this service to Blue River, it is necessary to know the potential ridership in Blue River. Please go to the link below and take time to answer the following question:



If there were bus service to Blue River, would you ride the bus?

Mailboxes:



The postal service has recently added a new driver for mail delivery. There is an opportunity to add additional cluster boxes in Blue River. Potential locations include Blue River Road, bottom of Crown and Hwy 9 or at the entrance of 97 Circle. Please take time to answer the survey question below on Survey Monkey.

Would you be interested in purchasing a box for mail delivery in Blue River?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BBRYYTm>