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Sponsorship program for bear-resistant containers continues in 2015

The Town of Estes Park is excited to announce that the community partnership allowing residents and businesses to sponsor the purchase and installation of a public bear-resistant trash/recycling container will continue in 2015. In 2013, the Town replaced approximately 30 public trash containers with bear-resistant containers; 24 of these were in partnership with the League of Women Voters and Community Recycling Committee. In 2014, seven containers were sponsored by individual residents and organizations. Those sponsors were Bill Miller, the League of Women Voters and Community Recycling Committee, Bears Are Us, an anonymous resident, John and Lynn Geweke and Jeri Paulson of Moosely T's, who sponsored her containers with proceeds from the sales of her "Estes Cares About Bears" t-shirts.

The cost for a trash-only container is \$685 plus freight, with the estimated freight cost for one container at \$335. The cost for a trash/recycling combo is \$1,211 plus freight, with the estimated freight cost for one container at \$417. The Town will pay the cost of installation and will fund and produce a plaque acknowledging the sponsor(s), which will be placed on the donated bear-resistant container. The Town will also schedule a photo op with the sponsor(s). A letter will be provided to the sponsor(s) acknowledging the tax-deductible donation. Once the complete cost of the container has been received by the Town, the container will be ordered and the Town of Estes Park Public Works Department will provide an estimated timeline for installation. Public Works will then work with the sponsor to determine the best location to place the container.

Sponsorship forms are available at www.estes.org/wildlife. For bear questions or concerns, please contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 303-291-7227. For bear emergencies, call 9-1-1.

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