



ONWARD TO 2020!

On behalf of Mayor Vandernail and the Board of Trustees, I'm pleased to report that 2019 was a positive year for Fraser.



A strong economy along with significant grant funds have helped us complete major projects in Fraser in 2019, and we hope for more of the same in 2020. In addition to baseline operations, the 2020 budget includes the following:

- • A deed restriction program intended to help mitigate workforce house problems.
- • Significant improvements around the Lions Ponds including a year-round restroom facility, playground and an outdoor classroom with the assist of a grant awarded by the Colorado Department of Legal Affairs.
- • Replacement and repair of failing pavement on streets including CR 8, CR 72 and portions of Eisenhower Drive. Those with a commute over the new CR 8 bridge will really appreciate this improvement.
- • Production, distribution and collections projects within our water and wastewater utilities (repairs and maintenance ensure long term sustainability of our systems).
- • Adding processes to our wastewater treatment facility to improve the quality of our effluent.
- • Streetscape planting in medians created by the US40 Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project.
- • Researching and implementing additional lighting at the three pedestrian crosswalks created by the above highway project.

Our Public Arts Committee plans to continue its work in 2020, including expansion of the rotating sculpture and mural programs, and a second year of the Fraser Mural Festival. They will also continue to work toward development of the Fraser Center for Creative Arts via private and grant funding.

We are proud to look back on 2019 with several sustainability accomplishments. Great strides have been made to pursue a more sustainable community and lower our impact on the environment.

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Town Board

Mayor: Philip Vandernail

Mayor Pro Tem:

Eileen Waldow

Trustees: Ryan Barwick

Herb Meyring

Andy Miller

Parnell Quinn

Katie Soles

Town Board meets on 1st and 3rd

Wednesdays

Workshop at 6 PM

Meeting at 7 PM*

Public Arts Committee

Ken Ball

Francie DeVos

Krista Klancke

Ernie Royball

Eric Vandernail

Laura Veenstra

Debbe Knutson

PAC Committee meets on the 3rd

Friday at 9:00 a.m.

*See meeting agendas at

www.frasercolorado.com

*When you see these folks,
please tell them "THANK YOU!"
for their service!*

Fraser Town Hall

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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While some of the Town's sustainability initiatives are focused on waste diversion, the Town of Fraser is still committed to reaching its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 20% below 2014 levels by 2025.



Below are some of the Town's achievements towards sustainability:

➤ • The Drop, Fraser's pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) trash and recycling facility, finished its first full year of operations. The Drop has seen a 38% increase in recycling utilization since last year and a 17% increase in PAYT trash bag sales. As of November 25, The Drop has received over 23,000 lbs. of recycling in 2019 alone! The Drop is also home to the Town's first solar system which will help power the facility and increase the level of service to the community. Due to a few site improvements (a propane heater, the 2.5kw solar system and road base within the yard), 2019 revenues from PAYT trash bag sales and donations covered about 70% of all costs (labor, capital improvements, dumpster service) incurred for The Drop.

➤ • Our wastewater treatment plant's new, efficient blowers have been online since June of 2019. These blowers use less power than the older blowers they replaced. The blowers require the highest power demand of any other piece of equipment for the Town of Fraser and using the new blowers will reduce our greenhouse gas emission at the wastewater treatment plant by approximately 100 metric tons every year!



➤ • Town staff, with assistance from the Colorado Energy Office, worked with our local power utility, Mountain Parks Electric, Inc. to establish a rate structure for Level 3 fast electric vehicle (EV) charging stations for electric vehicles for all of Grand County. The Town applied for and was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Colorado Energy Office to install Grand County's first public Level 3 EV charging station in 2020.



➤ • Since the adoption of the Town of Fraser disposable bag fee on April 1, 2019, disposable bag use has been reduced by 72%, resulting in a cleaner environment and encouragement of a more sustainably focused community.

While long range fiscal planning and a strong economy are allowing us to complete these and other important projects, the Town Board has been actively reviewing our financial policies and has expressed some concern about increasing capital expenditure demands within our limited revenue streams. Long term financial planning to ensure sustainable services for the community will continue in 2020.

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More information about the 2020 Budget, these projects and programs, and other matters can be found on our website (www.frasercolorado.com).

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and passionate group of public officials and staff here in Fraser. I'm excited to welcome all of our new employees. Thanks to all of them for their work here in 2019!

Jeff Durbin

Town Manager

**INTERESTED IN PUBLIC SERVICE? RUN FOR OFFICE or SERVE ON A COMMITTEE!**

The Mayor and three Town Trustee positions are up for reelection in the spring of 2020. Candidate petitions, available on January 7 from the Town Clerk, must be filed by January 27. The election is April 7, 2020.

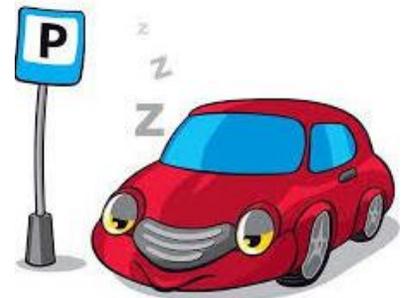
Save the date, January 13, 2020 for a forum conducted by Fraser Town Clerk Antoinette McVeigh, where more information will be available for candidates. Contact the Clerk at amcveigh@town.fraser.co.us for specifics on this meeting date, time and place.

If you are not that person, perhaps one of the Town Committees could use your perspective and talents. The committees are as follows: Economic Development Advisory Committee, Public Arts Committee, Water and Wastewater Committee, and the Planning Commission. Visit the Town website to learn more about each of these committees and when they meet.

**HOW ARE THESE TWO THINGS ALIKE?**

They are both obstacles, when not properly handled, to snow management operations by Town of Fraser crews. Please park your car off the street per Town Municipal Code and only place your trash can off the street in the right-of-way in the morning of the

scheduled pick-up date. Remove the trash can as soon as possible. This will allow snow plow operators to do their job without the obstacles presented by your car and/or trash can.

**GREAT NEWS FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS!**

Water and wastewater rates will remain the same in 2020 as they have been since 2017 due to strong customer growth.

In 2019, the combined Winter Park/Fraser/Granby Building Department issued permits for 80 new housing starts and 51,000 sf of new commercial space within Fraser Town limits.





FRASER TOWN HALL IS A FOOD BANK COLLECTION POINT - We deliver donated food from the Town Hall to the local food banks (located throughout Grand County) to address the needs of residents and guests. For a complete list of food banks, call Mountain Family Center at 970-557-3186.

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS - Every Tuesday between 11 a.m. and 12 noon is your opportunity to discuss Fraser topics with Mayor Philip Vandernail. He is interested in gaining citizen input by establishing a dialog with Fraser constituents outside of formal Board meetings. Please drop by the Fraser Town Hall and meet with the Mayor!



TOWN SEEKS BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH CITIZENS

This newsletter is one of several methods (along with our website and social media) of communicating with residents and business owners in Fraser, providing a summary of events that took place during the past three months and a look ahead to future goings on. It is still included with your quarterly utility billing. In addition to the newsletter, an email-only Bi-Weekly Update provides more current information. View it on the Town website homepage via the Newsletter page. To receive the Bi-Weekly update via email - contact Michael Brack, Assistant Town Manager, at 970-726-5491, ext. 212 or at mbrack@town.fraser.co.us



View this newsletter in color on our website, www.frasercolorado.com, or opt to receive the newsletter via email (**go paperless!**)! Also, please let your tenants or friends who don't receive the newsletter know that it is available to them by email for the asking. Contact Susan Stone at ssone@town.fraser.co.us to add your email address.

For our communications to be more dynamic and so we can gain input immediately rather than quarterly or bi-weekly, follow Fraser on social media:

Facebook – www.facebook.com/OfficialFraserCO
Twitter – www.twitter.com/Fraser_Colorado
Instagram – www.instagram.com/OfficialFraserCo



We are moving towards paperless utility billing. Contact Finance Manager Beth Williams at bwilliams@town.fraser.co.us or 970-726-5491, ext. 207 for assistance with Xpress Bill Pay. There are no payment fees and it saves trees (paper), postage and staff time.

With your email contact information, we can reach out to you with surveys and allow you to have your opinion heard when you are unable to attend public hearings. Please share your email address with us so you can receive the newsletter via email as well as other communications of interest. We never share your personal information; it is kept confidential.



HELP US HELP YOU!

Additionally, disaster often strikes when we least expect it or are away from our property. Pipes can freeze because thermostats are set too low or because the thermostat battery dies, rendering it inoperable, or because pipes are in uninsulated/unheated areas. If this happens when you are out of town, it is helpful for the Town to have your **current** contact information **so we can notify you of any such issues**. The information we request is kept strictly confidential.

Property Owner Name: _____ Utility Billing Acct. No. _____
Mailing Address _____ Email address _____
Property Owner Phone Contacts: home _____ cell _____
Physical Address _____

Clip and return with your utility payment.