



CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

For the safety of our community, Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice. We are operating with essential staff to maintain vital services and we're continually monitoring conditions so we can evaluate and adapt our operations accordingly.

Here's how we can help you remotely:

Utility Billing 970-726-5491 ext. 206 ahollis@town.fraser.co.us

Utility payments can be made at the drop box by the Town Hall front door or online at www.frasercolorado.com (homepage - bottom right corner, "online payments")

Water and Sewer 970-531-1241 acwiklin@town.fraser.co.us

Streets, Mon - Thurs 970-531-3284 rchameroy@town.fraser.co.us

Streets, Wed - Sat 970-531-0187 dbooth@town.fraser.co.us

Streets, weekends/after-hours 970-726-5491 ext. 230

Planning and Land Use 970-531-0090 ctrotter@town.fraser.co.us

Licensing 970-726-5491 ext. 201 amcveigh@town.fraser.co.us

General Information 970-726-5491 www.frasercolorado.com

For the most current information about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID19) turn to these websites: Grand County www.co.grand.co.us, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment www.colorado.gov/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus, the National Center for Disease Control www.cdc.com and the Town's www.frasercolorado.com. Town social media channel links are on page 6 of this newsletter.



Stay calm and carry on!

2020 CENSUS – Your participation in the 2020 Census is vital. The census is a once-every-decade count of everyone

living in the USA as of April 1, 2020. Every person not counted is an estimated \$15,000 lost in federal funding until the next census is conducted, equivalent to \$1,500 per person per year. The census count determines where federal funds are distributed for clinics, schools, roads and it can affect legislative redistricting and the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives for each state. Long-time residents as well as seasonal workers are counted. As the census cannot be delivered to a postal box, census employees will hand-deliver the census to residents in Grand County. For more information, visit Grand County's information page

<https://www.co.grand.co.us/1269/2020-Census>

Town Board

Mayor: Philip Vandernail
 Mayor Pro Tem: Eileen Waldow
 Trustees: Ryan Barwick
 Brian Cerkvénik
 Andy Miller
 Parnell Quinn
 Katie Soles

Town Board meets on
 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
 Workshop at 6 PM
 Meeting at 7 PM*

Planning Commission

Chairperson: Jean Wolter
 Mayor Philip Vandernail
 Margaret Bowles
 Sam Brewer
 Bob Gnuse
 Parnell Quinn
 Katie Soles

Planning Commission meets on
 the 4th Wednesday of every
 month at 6:30 PM*

*See meeting agendas at
www.frasercolorado.com

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

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 153 Fraser Avenue
 Fraser, CO 80442
 970-726-5491



WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS

As there were an equal number of candidates and vacancies for Trustees and Mayor, the April Board election was cancelled. The newest Board member, Brian Cerkvenik will be sworn in along with Trustees Eileen Waldow, Parnell Quinn and Mayor Philip Vandernail after April 7, 2020. Contact Town Clerk Antoinette McVeigh for more information: amcveigh@town.fraser.co.us or 970-726-5491 ext. 201.

HANGING BASKETS FOR BUSINESSES and TREES OFFERED VIA THE FORESTRY PROGRAM

The Town of Fraser offers Fraser business owners the opportunity to display two beautiful hanging flower baskets outside their storefronts. Trees are available to property owners by way of a drawing, as are the baskets. Contact Town Gardener Cathleen Brown regarding both programs at cbrown@town.fraser.co.us or 970-726-5491 ext. 230.



Tree and basket quantities are limited. The deadline to contact the Town Gardener regarding baskets and trees is May 28.

Tree and basket pickup are both at the Fraser Public Works Maintenance Facility, 125 Fraser Avenue, next to Town Hall. Tree pickup is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, from 8 AM to noon and basket pickup is scheduled for Monday, June 8, from 8 AM to noon. Proof of residency is required for participation in these programs.

WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT YEAR-ROUND

per the Fraser Municipal Code:

- Outside watering and irrigation are prohibited between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM. Hand-held watering by hose and watering canister during this time is allowed; but is not encouraged.
- Timers are strongly recommended on all irrigation systems and hoses, with a time setting not to exceed 30 minutes per rotation. Rain sensors on such systems are also recommended.
- Washing cars, boats, campers, windows, and the like, shall be done only when the hose is equipped with a flow restricting device such as a trigger nozzle (an example is shown in the photo above).



PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17-23, 2020

We celebrate our Public Works staff during this week for all the services they provide for the community year-round. They really make things happen for us: water, wastewater, streets, parks - the list goes on and on. THANKS!!

**TOWN of FRASER
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jdurbin@town.fraser.co.us

Assistant Town Manager
Michael Brack x212
mbrack@town.fraser.co.us

Town Clerk
Antoinette McVeigh x201
amcveigh@town.fraser.co.us
(general questions, licenses, elections)

Finance Manager
Beth Williams x207
bwilliams@town.fraser.co.us

Utilities Administrator
Ann Hollis x206
ahollis@town.fraser.co.us

Marketing/Econ. Dev. Mgr.
Sarah Wieck x218
swieck@town.fraser.co.us

Town Planner
Catherine Trotter x209
ctrotter@town.fraser.co.us
(zoning, planning, building)

Public Works Director
Russell Pennington x205
rpennington@town.fraser.co.us
(streets, water, wastewater)

**Public Works Administrator
and Project Manager**
Susan Stone x203
sstone@town.fraser.co.us

**Public Works Maintenance
Facility** x230

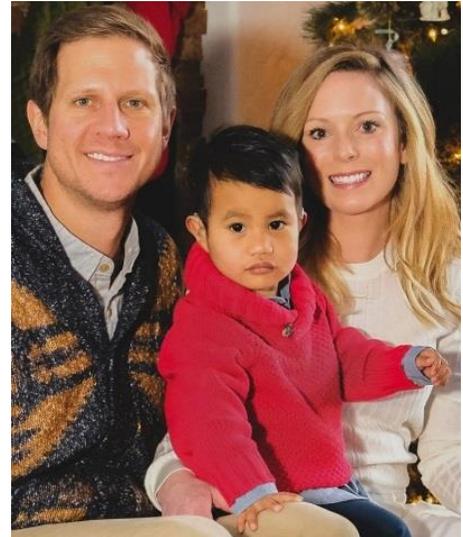
Fraser-Winter Park Police
970-722-7779
Animal Control 970-722-7779

The Drop open Wed/Sat/Sun
970-531-0139 10 AM-7 PM

MEET THE NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER

Brian Cerkvenik first moved to Colorado from Minnesota in the fall of 1998 to go to the University of Denver. During his time at DU he was the president of multiple organizations and studied abroad in Spain. After graduating in 2002 with a major in Business-Marketing and a minor in Leadership and Spanish, he went to work in software sales. That led to an international sales position in London in 2004, where he worked until the end of 2008. Upon returning to Denver, he continued to work in software, becoming a sales director in 2014.

While living in the Highland Neighborhood of Denver, Brian served on the board for the Highland United Neighbors Incorporated (the registered neighborhood organization recognized by the city of Denver) for seven years. He served as Vice President for multiple years and President for one year.



The Cerkveniks purchased a second home in Fraser in January 2017. They quickly realized that they preferred the mountain life to the city life, and began looking into ways to move up full time. In June 2018 they sold their home in Denver and moved up, and in October they completed the purchase of Home James Transportation.

Brian has been interested in helping his community since college, when he would organize volunteer opportunities and philanthropic events. He wanted to get involved as a Board of Trustee for the Town of Fraser so that he could help ensure the responsible growth of the town. As a one-and-a-half-year resident, he also wants to make sure that the needs of residents who have lived here longer are heard. Thirdly, Brian wants to make sure that our budget is set appropriately, that our tax dollars are spent in the best way possible to improve the lives of our citizens.

Brian met his wife Colleen in 2010 and were married in 2012. Colleen and Brian have a son, Kai (two-and-a-half years old), who was adopted from the Marshall Islands. They are awaiting the termination of a coronavirus travel ban in order to go back to the Marshall Islands to adopt their baby girl, Nell (three months). The Cerkveniks also have a Black-and-Tan Coonhound/Australian Cattle Dog mix named Dude (seven years old).

2020 MURAL PROGRAM

The purpose of the Mural Program is to provide funding assistance to local property owners to enhance Town identity, to define the downtown area by turning ordinary spaces into community landmarks and to install a sense of community pride through the arts.

Any property owner in the Town of Fraser who is interested in adding a mural to their building may apply for a grant for a mural project. A match is required to be eligible for the 2020 program; the applicant's match can be either a financial or an in-kind contribution.



To apply, property owners (or tenants with owner authorization) within the Town of Fraser may submit an application outlining their proposal using the 2020 Fraser Mural Program Application form (available on the Town website). Murals must be completed within the current year.

For more information about the program or to submit an application, please contact Sarah Wieck at swieck@town.fraser.co.us, at 970-726-5491 ext. 218.

FIRE HYDRANTS BURIED IN SNOW ARE INEFFECTIVE

Consider this: would you want fire fighters arriving at your house to fight a fire spending precious time digging out a hydrant located within feet of your home? Keeping fire hydrants free of snow avoids damage caused by a plow, makes it accessible to firefighters and saves Town water operators the time needed to shovel or plow it free. Accessible hydrants may save your life.

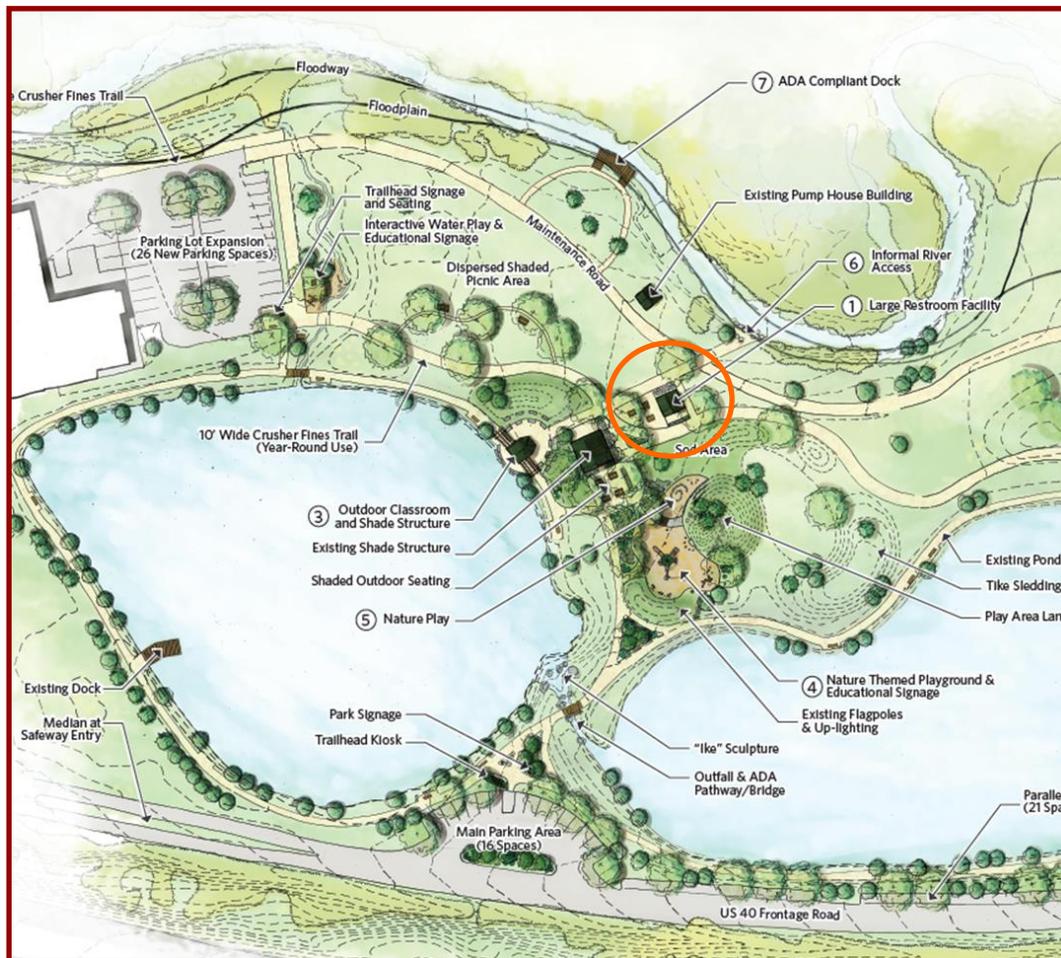
Some hydrants are being buried by snow storage. This practice affects not just your property, but the property of all neighbors served by the hydrant. It is in violation of Town Municipal Code "On-site snow storage shall not interfere with...fire hydrants." Excerpt from Sec. 19-4-185(b)4.

Please take steps to assure this practice is not happening at your residence. Safety first!

GRANT RECEIVED FOR RESTROOM FACILITY IN COZENS RANCH near LIONS PONDS

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs grant for \$299,900, (a 50-50 matching grant with the Town), will fund the 280 sq. ft. building and infrastructure needed to place this year-round restroom facility near the Lions Ponds. See the restroom location, circled on the site plan below.

This amenity was identified by community input in the Fraser River Corridor Master Plan as a much-needed improvement. The restrooms are just one of many improvements which are planned to take place at Cozens Ranch Open Space over the upcoming years.



UPPER FRASER VALLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE and ADDITION

You may have noticed construction activity at the wastewater treatment plant located on the east side of Hwy 40 near its intersection with County Road 5.

The purpose of the work is to allow for phosphorous and metals removal as part of the treatment process. The State mandated that the treatment plant remove heavy metals from the discharge going into the Fraser River. This will keep the ecosystem safe for fish and animals. Phosphorus is a nutrient that can deplete oxygen. If large quantities of phosphorus and other metals exist, they severely harm the aquatic environment.

The roof structure has been installed. Most of the concrete tanks have been completed. Currently the installation of electrical, plumbing, instrumentation and controls are in the works. Overall, progress has been good.

The project began in June of 2019 and it is anticipated to take approximately two years to complete. Funding for the project is shared by Town of Fraser, Grand County Water and Sanitation District No. 1, Winter Park Ranch Water and Sanitation District and the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District.



ANNUAL DRINKING WATER REPORT



Included in this mailing is the 2019 Consumer Confidence Report, also known as the Annual Drinking Water Report. This is a summary of the Town's water quality sampling for the stated year. It is also a vehicle to convey public notice when the Town does not achieve compliance with State rules and regulations. A separate document explaining the violation incurred by the Town is also included with this mailing.

If you have questions regarding the Annual Drinking Water Report or the Notice of Violation of the State water rules and regulations, please contact Water Superintendent Adam Cwiklin at acwiklin@town.fraser.co.us or 970-726-5491 ext. 204.



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 AM 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. *NOTE: Contact Town Clerk Antoinette McVeigh at 970-726-5491 ext. 201 or amcveigh@town.fraser.co.us to schedule some time 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 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 ssstone@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 channels:

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

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 or or contact Utilities Admin. Ann Hollis at 970-726-5491, ext. 206 or email ahollis@town.fraser.co.us*