



SMOKE TESTING SET FOR OCTOBER 9TH THRU 11TH

Leaks in the sewer system are costly and dangerous. This spring, we cleaned and videoed sewer mains and manholes while the water table was high. This helped us determine the areas of high concern within the Town. The testing this fall will focus on the areas of town in the valley floor. We have notified the appropriate authorities of our test plans and each property along our route will be posted with flyers explaining any precautions property owners may choose to take.

The smoke used to test is non-toxic and manufactured for this purpose. It leaves no residuals or stains and has no effects on plant and animal life. Smoke visibility last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation.

If traces of this smoke enter your house or building, it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer also may enter. These sewer gases have unpleasant odors and pose a health hazard to the occupants. Location, identification and correction of the source of smoke that enters your house is highly recommended.

While the Town will render all possible cooperation, the correction of any defects in the pipes and sewer on private property is the responsibility of the owner. Services of a professional plumber are advised. A Utility Incentive Program is in place to assist property owners with this type of work.

If you have questions or desire more information, contact 970-726-5491, ext. 203 or 204.

Town Board

Mayor: Philip Vandernail

Mayor Pro Tem:

Eileen Waldow

Trustees: Ryan Barwick

Herb Meyring

Andy Miller

Parnell Quinn

Katie Soles

Town Board meets 1st and 3rd

Wednesdays

Workshop at 6 PM

Meeting at 7 PM*

Water and Wastewater

Committee

Chair: Ron Anderson

Herb Meyring

Parnell Quinn

Dennis Soles

Philip Vandernail

Eileen Waldow

Bob Wolfe

W/WW Committee meets the 2nd^h
Tuesday 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!*

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Set clocks back on Nov. 4th

TRASH and BEARS: A NEW, SIMPLE SOLUTION!

Take your trash to The Drop, located across from the Fraser Tubing Hill on CR 72. This pay-as-you-throw option eliminates bears being attracted to food in your trash cans. You can also drop your recyclables at this facility. The Drop is open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 AM to 7 PM. Paying for trash is intended to fund the recycling operation. The 40 gal. trash bags cost \$8.50 ea. and are available at retailers in Fraser, The Drop and Fraser Town Hall.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife asks citizens and visitors to avoid leaving food, trash and other attractants anywhere bears can locate them. If a bear doesn't find abundant food, it will move on; if it becomes accustomed to eating trash, the bear is often put down – **trash kills bears!**

It is a violation of Colorado state law to leave trash accessible to wildlife. The Fraser Municipal Code, Article 7, Wildlife Protection, mirrors the state law protecting and maintaining wildlife in the Town and surrounding areas. Remove all food sources from your yard, bird feeders, dog bowls, bar-be-que grills, etc. Utilizing The Drop will also help keep trash cans off the streets, making it easier for our crews to perform snow management operations. We appreciate your efforts! **Your actions may save the life of a bear.** For other useful tips for living with bears, visit www.cpw.state.co.us/bears.



THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE (PAC) HAS BEEN BUSY!

There are five new (can you believe it?) murals: on the back of Nat Haven's property, on the side of the Crooked Creek Saloon, on the side of the Fraser Valley Shopping Center, on the back of Connie Clayton's property and on the fence at Sharky's restaurant. Check them out. They are a great reflection of the diversity within our community, not to mention they look awesome!



The PAC concluded the chairlift artists competition. Nineteen artists were selected for the Fraser chairs and 10 for Winter Park. A few of the chairs have already been installed and will be painted by their designated artists soon, while the remainder will be painted inside the Public Works Maintenance Facility, then installed.

The Zephyr Express chairlift is being replaced by 10-person gondolas. The WP Resort generously donated the chairs to the Towns, for this purpose, expressly. We're glad they did!

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Position vacant
(streets, water, wastewater)

**Public Works Administrator
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**Public Works Maintenance
Facility** x230

Fraser-Winter Park Police
Chief Glen Trainor 722-7779
Animal Control 722-7779





IT'S TIME TO WINTERIZE!

Be prepared for the freezing temperatures and snow cover:

- Set thermostats to keep the dwelling from freezing in your absence.
- Put new batteries in smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and thermostats.
- Take lawn hoses inside prior to freezing weather.
- Protect outdoor faucets (hose bibs) from freezing.
- Pick up and store all objects in your yard which will not withstand the weather.
- Water meters and pipes in crawl spaces (under trailers, beneath the home, in unheated mechanical rooms) exposed to freezing should be insulated or wrapped with heat tape to prevent frozen pipes and damage to the water meter. If your water meter is damaged, repair it as soon as possible – ensuring the wire to the meter is still connected so meter reading can take place. Most meters have bottom freeze plates that break (protecting the meter) and are easily replaced. Freeze plates can be purchased at Town Hall. Meter removal due to freeze damage is prohibited.
- Locate and mark your water service shut-off and sewer clean-out so they can be found in snow should you need to access either of them due to freezing – it happens!
- Clean chimneys and wood stove flues to reduce fire risk.
- Snow tires – don't get caught on the pass without them.
- Snow blower maintenance – is it ready for winter? **Are you?**



ANOTHER WINTER SEASON CONSIDERATION



Snow management operations begin when the snow flies and our November through April street parking restrictions go into effect. Vehicles are allowed to park on *some* downtown streets and right-of-ways during certain hours from November thru April (these streets are clearly designated). However, snow management requires streets which are clear of parked vehicles.

Please be aware of these parking restrictions to avoid parking tickets. For more detailed information regarding snow management, go to www.frasercolorado.com and follow this path – Government/Departments/Public Works/Snow Management Operations to view the Snow Management Operation Plan. If you prefer, there are free brochures on this topic available at Fraser Town Hall. Stay safe on the roads and allow plow operators plenty of room to do their job.

FREE GRASS SEED at FRASER TOWN HALL

Available to Fraser residents, this Middle Park Conservation District Forest Mix is designed specifically for our climate and soil. Spread the seed in the fall for best germination in the spring! Each bag of seed covers 1,000 square feet. Directions for spreading the seed are on the bag, along with the percentage of various seeds in the mix. The seed bags are to the left, outside the copy room as you enter the Fraser Town Hall building.



US HWY 40 PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AWARDED



On September 5, 2018 the Town Board of Trustees awarded the construction contract for the project to Noraa Concrete Construction Corporation. This project is being accomplished with funding not solely from the Town but from Safe Routes to School and Highway Safety Improvement Program grants administered by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). A meeting was held with the Town staff, the Contractor, the Town Engineer, the Construction Engineer and CDOT's project manager

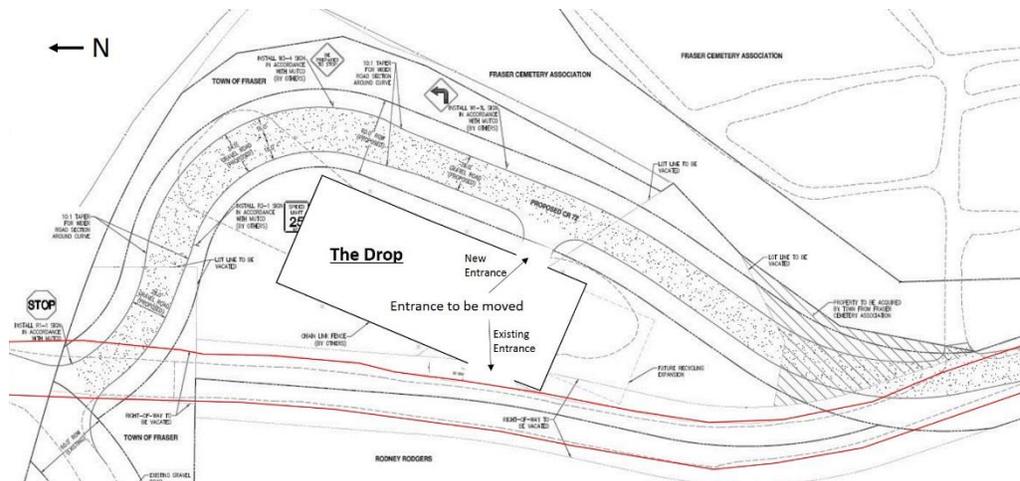
shortly after the Notice of Award was transmitted to the Contractor. At this meeting, the discussion centered on having construction underway this fall, and, weather permitting, completed prior to snow levels and low temperatures being prohibitive.

A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for early October with the above parties and the subcontractors on the project. We're excited to get this project underway. When complete, traffic will continue to be allowed to make left turns off of Hwy 40 at intersections. This project will create safer pedestrian crossings and will provide much-needed traffic calming in the process. Winter weather may impact the construction schedule.

COUNTY ROAD 72 REALIGNMENT PROJECT SET TO BEGIN

On September 18, 2018, the Town of Fraser and Grand County signed an Intergovernmental Agreement for the "County Road (CR) 72 Realignment Project" which set cost allocations between the Town of Fraser, Grand County and Denver Water. With this agreement in place, Nick's Dirtworks, LLC., the contractor awarded the bid for the project, can begin work to complete the project.

The project will improve the existing grade of the section of CR 72 that runs east of the Fraser tubing hills. Its current 13-14% grade will be lowered to a 7-8% grade.



This will be accomplished by restructuring the road to go around the east side of Fraser's new recycling facility, The Drop, which will allow enough distance to steadily lower the grade compared to that of the existing road. The location of the current stop sign at the intersection of Fraser Valley Parkway and CR 72 will be moved so that Fraser Valley Parkway traffic will not stop but vehicles traveling down the new section of CR 72 will stop. This project addresses a major safety concern for vehicles traveling through this intersection and alleviates inclement weather impacts.

Work is set to begin by the end of September and, weather permitting, will be completed by mid-November. Winter weather may impact the construction schedule.

THE COZENS RANCH OPEN SPACE LIONS PONDS TRAIL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The trail project is nearing completion with new pads for benches included. Trails are wider and are built to accessible grades, with the exception of the connection between the two ponds, which will be addressed in another project at the ponds. The portions of the trail under construction are closed to the public for everyone's safety. Tree planting along the western side (by Hwy. 40) of the ponds is to be accomplished by others. The project is expected to be substantially complete by the first week in October.

THE FRASER STILL – GRAND OPENING THIS FALL

Stay tuned for a *possible* early November opening. Of course, this is dependent upon the various trades completing their work on time. Don't worry, the owners will advertise their grand opening and can't wait to welcome everyone to their lovely new facility. What a difference a year makes!





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 to the 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/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 such an issue**. The information we request is kept strictly confidential. Submit this info with your payment.

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. Rytis Raila at 970-726-5491, ext. 206 or email raila@town.fraser.co.us*