



## Dolores Colorado

To: MAYOR AND TRUSTEES  
From: Ken Charles, Dolores Town Manager  
Dt: August 9, 2021  
RE: Meeting Information Update

### **Monday/s Town Board Meeting**

On the agenda for our regular meeting Monday night, the Trustees begin with considering several items on the consent agenda followed by Department, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Committee and Chamber reports. There is a Resolution to rescind the fire ban and a resolution codifying the Conditional Use permit for the retail marijuana store located at 102 Railroad.

### **Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in Place Montezuma County (Continued)**

The Montezuma County Sheriff, and Fire Chiefs representing fire protection districts of Montezuma County have rescinded their respective fire bans and the sheriff has recommended the Town of Dolores follow those leads. Included in the packet is the resolution lifting the Town's fire ban.

### **Land Use Code Update**

The Town's Land Use Code consultant, Elizabeth Garvin, is planning to facilitate a day long workshop on Saturday August 21 from 9-3 at town hall. Elizabeth will be presenting the draft of the full LUC update to the P&Z. All town board members and members of the public are invited. The meeting will be noticed as a special meeting of the town board in anticipation of more than 2 members attending.

### **General Updates**

- The Town mailed the STR License applications to those 15 property owners who are either already operating a STR and to those who have contacted the town with plans to open an STR.
- All three solar systems are complete and generating electricity. The Town treasurer will be monitoring the results as it pertains to the billing for the three meters at the WWTP, Town Hall and Town Shop. Shaw Solar said that the system at the WWTP is the second largest system they have installed to date.
- The Town Manager, Linda Robinson and Marianne Mate met with AquaHab to develop a proposal to improve the public fishing access points. Members of the Parks and Recreation committee thought after 20 years it was time to review and improve our access to the river and eventually apply for a State Fishing is Fun grant. AquaHab originally designed and constructed the Dolores River fishing improvements 20 years ago.
- I have been contacting architects to work on the Flanders Park restroom design. The town's building official concluded that both the Museum restrooms and the two former restrooms on the north side of town hall are not of adequate size to meet ADA requirements. I will be asking the Parks and Recreation Committee for their guidance regarding developing a master plan for Flanders



Park. It appears to be a prudent action given all the activity either already moving forward or being proposed. This includes the Museum tracks/boxcars north of the museum, a restroom and the winter storage structure near the water tank for the Galloping Goose.

- Region 9 approved the request by the Bridge Shelter in Cortez as an Enterprise Zone Contribution Project. The Bridge provides shelter to the homeless. The Bridge is seeking contributions for operations. When a project is included as an Enterprise Zone project contributions are tax deductible.
- The four local governments, law enforcement and Axis Health in Montezuma County continue to meet with regards to the Community Intervention Project (CIP). We are moving to a population-based approach to develop the contributions from each government. That would put the town's contribution closer to \$25,000 down from the initial ask of \$125,000. There are several challenges yet to work. The Montezuma BOCC meet August 13 to listen to the proposal and their participation is critical to the program.
- Region 9 has published their draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The purpose of the CEDS is to create direction for retaining and creating better paying jobs, fostering stable and more diversified economies, as well as maintaining and improving the quality of life in southwest Colorado, which includes the five counties of Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan, plus the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribes. The link to the draft is attached here:

<file://tod-svr1/users/manager/Downloads/Draft%20CEDS.pdf>

Comments to Region 9 or encouraged to Region 9 by August 15. I would recommend becoming aware of the services and opportunities that Region 9 Economic Development District provides to the five counties in the southwest region. [region9edd.org](http://region9edd.org).

### **Public Works**

- The town hired a full-time temporary summer parks maintenance person to replace the employee who had resigned.
- Town crews are working with the Escalante Days softball organizers to prepare all three fields.

### **Salter Y EA**

The USFS released the approved Final Environmental Assessment, the Finding of No Significant Impact, and the Draft Decision Notice were released. Please find those documents here, under the *Analysis* tab on the project webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57671>

The Objection Period for the project is open for 45 days from yesterday, June 23, when the notice was published. See the Objection Period Letter on the project website for additional details.

The town responded to the EA with objections regarding the issues of truck traffic with concerns about noise, safety and congestion. The Objection letter is posted on the web site and included in the packet.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Farmers Market every Wednesday in Flanders Park
- Food Truck Fridays every Friday adjacent to the Kokopelli building
- August 13-15 Escalante Days in Flanders and Joe Rowell Parks
- October 2 Harvest Fest-JRP