

Town of Elk Mountain Fall 2013 Update

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Parade Marshall Paul Wick



PARK BOARD NEWS: The Park Board has completed the volleyball court this summer with the help of Carbon County Road and Bridge, Bill Nation and Sherm Johnson. The Park Board members along with their spouses and volunteers have worked hard to keep the park looking great and doing repairs to the cabin. The Annual Labor Day Picnic had a great turnout. Area and local donations helped to put on the picnic. A big Thanks to The Butcher Block in Laramie for preparing and sharing the cost of the pulled pork. Residents young and old enjoyed the parade, picnic, games and horseshoe tournament. This year's winners of the horseshoe tournament were Dusty and Janeen Jones. The Park bathrooms will be shutting down in October for the season. The Park Board members are Barb Pijanowski, Paul Kissinger, Ellen Meyer, Sherri Johnson, Crystal Clark, Dawn Kenneda and Marion McCartney. If you run into them let them know what a great job they did this year!!

SENIOR CENTER BOARD: The Senior's are working on the Town telephone book for their Annual Fund Raiser.

HIGH COUNTRY JOINT POWERS BOARD: Mayor Irene is filling in as one of the Town's representative until Joe Grillo returns.

COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT: The Town has put out the Request for Bids for the Feasibility Planning Study. We received one bid from Dale Buckingham Architect & Associates and DOWL HKM. The Town is now in negotiations with these firms to narrow down the scope of work requested.

MEDICINE BOW RIVER BRIDGE: The Carbon County Commission voted and approved moving forward with our request for a prefabricated faux truss railing type bridge without a sidewalk. It was also approved to detach the pony truss portion of the old bridge and install these at the Mill Creek Cemetery on Cty Rd 109. The State is waiting on the hydraulics report to move forward with design. Bid letting is scheduled for October 2014.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Progress is being made on the retrofit at the fire hall. The new "dog house" entry has been added to the south side double doors, the on demand hot water heater is installed, work still needs done on closing off the vents in the bay area and sealing up the east bay door. Chief Sherwood and Cm. Meyer are installing the insulation over the gear room, bathrooms, office and training room. With all these upgrades and improvement to the building we hope to see the energy costs go down.

PHASE 2 WATER PROJECT: PMPC has secured easements and agreements with the landowners for the project. Their hope is to get the line ran under the river yet this year during low water.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Public Works Director John Larsen submitted his letter of resignation September 9th at the Town Council Meeting. The Mayor thanks John for his service to the community. The Town is now looking for a replacement. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this position stop by the Town Hall to pick up an application and job description. The new garbage truck has arrived and is working great. The Town also purchased a surplus pickup from WyDot to replace the old Public Works truck. The Town's trash trailer is still available to residents to use for items that can't go in the dumpsters like metal, furniture, mattress, used oil and paint, batteries, and E-waste. We ask that you stop in and pay for any items the Town will be charged for i.e. televisions, tires and any appliances with Freon.

DOG LICENSING: The August 31st deadline for licensing your dogs has passed. Please stop by the Town Hall to pick up your dog tag. Bring a copy of rabies vaccination, proof of spaying or neutering and a photo of your dog unless we already have one on file. The office has been questioned on why residents need to license their dogs. It is an ordinance of the Town which states unlicensed dogs are prohibited. The tag helps officials recognize a dog that is at large, a dog at risk or if the animal becomes lost. With skunks and other wild animals in Town there is the possibility of pets coming in contact with rabies. Rabies shots can be protection for your animal and humans that's may come in contact with an infected dog. Dogs that are not on a leash when out with their owners must be under properly trained voice, whistle, or body command and within 20 feet of the owner at all times. Dogs must remain off private property.



Labor Day 2013

Telecommunications update Verizon problems/ Mountain West

Greetings,

After hearing of many of our residents having intermittent poor service with the Verizon wireless I decided to pursue answers on behalf of our residents. I began with customer service which produced a long story of AT&T halting use of their towers without notice, with no cure planned thus far. The Wyoming utilities commission suggested a call to the FCC since they have no oversight of the wireless communication in the state. She did however contact Verizon's representative for the western states and he contacted me while on his vacation. He put me in contact with Tom Sweeny, the assistant director of network performance. The whole AT&T story applies to other parts of the state, but not us. He studied our calls being made and they all go through a tower 7 miles north of town. They have cleaned and replaced connectors since our conversations, and as you can tell they have had no improvement. He explained our signal is being hampered by interference and they were working to diagnose it. I have requested updates but only get them when I call. I started this over 3 weeks ago.

As suggested I called and lodged a complaint with the FCC. (888)225-5322 They suggest that the more people that make a complaint the more leverage they have against Verizon to encourage action. I request that you take the time to do this. I sited possible safety issues since many people rely on their Verizon wireless as their only phone. I have waited for over a week for Nicole in the California executive office (949) 286-6102 to contact me about my FCC complaint as the Verizon representative promised me.

On a positive note I was told by James Coberly with Mountain West that they have partnered with the school district to cost share bringing their service to town including TV, phone and high speed internet. These services may be bundled and will require a dish on your house. It will be available to anyone in the valley with sight of the tower they look to install on the hill above town.

Thank you, -Mayor Irene

Ally Smock was the winner of the "Name the Street" Contest. Her winning submission was Chokecherry Street. She received a certificate and a \$25.00 Gift Card to Wal-Mart from the Mayor.



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