



TOWN OF FREDERICK

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SUBJECT: Update on Happenings in Frederick

Dear Friends,

Residents of Frederick,

Wow, where did our summer go? School is in session and soon fall will arrive. Miners Day is a few weeks away and the Miners Commission and others are busy working on plans for the expanded two day event on September 17 and 18 (see the Town web site and articles in this and other media for more information). A new parade route, expanded balloon festival, more and varied activities in the park are but a few items....and some great music and entertainment through the day culminating with our fireworks display! Mark your calendar.

We recently had a resignation on the Town Board. Gerry Pfirsch served faithfully for two years and recently took a job in another state. In late July he resigned from the Board and residents are encouraged to think about applying for the open seat to be appointed by the board of trustees on September 14 at our regular meeting. There are a few candidates already but we would like to have all interested consider serving the community as an elected representative. There is information and an application on the Town web site, www.frederickco.gov or at Town Hall from our Town Clerk. The term of office is until the next municipal election in April of 2012. This is not an easy job and requires attendance at weekly meetings of the Board, ability to discuss, digest, and determine direction for the Town and to be able to articulate and speak as a member of Town Board with your neighbors and friends about Town issues. Please contact me if you are interested in discussing the position.

The Town Board has been meeting in a more informal setting for a time of retreat and reflection on our accomplishments and emerging issues. This will be developed into our Town Board business plan, a five year plan that is developed each year by the Board that helps add to focus the Board on important issues. I must say I am impressed with the variety of activities and issues that the Board and staff have addressed on behalf of residents during the past year and the planning and exciting projects that are ongoing and in the pipe line. This all during a tough economic time and the Town working with limited resources. I wish there was a way to identify the more than 120 plus accomplishments the Board and staff identified that have happened in the

last year as well as the nearly 100 issues that are emerging for the coming year or longer. Each of these is significant and has a direct relationship to each of our residents in one way or the other.

The Town Board recently learned from a staff briefing that the Town is controlling spending this year very well in our budget and the Board is pleased to see that we continue to see positive signs in our sales tax and property tax collection, though we lag a bit from previous years. Due to the spending constraints by the Board and staff we are able to provide services to our residents and living well within our means. But, that does mean some things or responses take longer or there is more time between meeting some needs. Please know that the Town staff is working hard to meet yours and the Boards expectations within the boundary we have given them in the budget. At the same time we are beginning work on the 2011 budget and the Board anticipates the proposal from our town administrator in the coming month or two.

An application for the second phase of improvements at Frederick Recreation area is being prepared. This will be submitted to the grant program of Great Outdoor Colorado for consideration. I hope many of you have taken advantage of the latest improvements at the park and appreciate the efforts of so many in its development.

The POST (Parks, Open Space and Trail) Master Plan continues to receive attention from the Board and the community. We recently had an extensive survey that our consultants are reviewing. The entire plan will be discussed and another Public gathering for citizen input is scheduled for August 31, 6-8 p.m. at Town Hall. This Master Plan will help guide our community development of parks, park planning and maintenance and development of trails and open space for years to come. The Board received an update in early August and look forward to the public gathering on the 31st.

Another plan beginning to take shape is the adopted Downtown Development plan. This includes beginning the process to assure that zoning and land use in the Downtown area is correct and will help to entice and enhance Downtown development in the years to come. Planning staff and the Board are working on several issues related to this as well as some proposed changes to parking and aesthetic issues that will be further developed in the weeks and months ahead.

Mark your calendar for October 15-16-17 when the Arts Commission Annual Art Show will take place at the Bella Rosa Golf Course clubhouse. This annual event is growing in stature and should be a great chance to view local artistic and regional talent. What a wonderful gift some folks have for the visual arts and they will be on display during the October weekend for all residents to enjoy.

I also want to encourage you to consider coming out to Bella Rosa for a round of golf. This 9-hole municipal course is a great little course and is for all skill sets. To the entire staff at Bella Rosa my thanks for your welcoming all folks for golf or a delicious meal in the restaurant. Even if you don't play golf come out for a snack or meal.

Did you know the Town now has online bill pay? You can sign up at Town Hall or online at the Town's web site. This has been a long time coming and thanks to all who have made this possible for residents.

Congratulations to one of our local primary employers, Meadowlark Optics on their recent award of a major contract for their product. Tom Bauer, President and their staff are to be commended for their efforts and continuing to grow their company in Frederick. These types of announcements of businesses in our Town and region help to stimulate growth and excitement as well as potential jobs for the community.

And, what great news from a couple of new service providers beginning to lay plans for their project at Highway 52 and Silver Birch Blvd. The joint announcement this last week by Longmont United Hospital and Poudre Valley Health to develop jointly the site for a medical campus is a long term commitment that will serve residents for many years to come.

Finally, building activity is beginning to look better for the Town. We have had four commercial real estate projects come forward including a major project in the Glacier Park business area and the new High School at Colorado and Tipple. We have seen an increase in residential building permits as well and this is good news.

Always more I want to share and not enough time or space. Until next time thanks for making Frederick special and for calling us home.

Eric Doering
Mayor