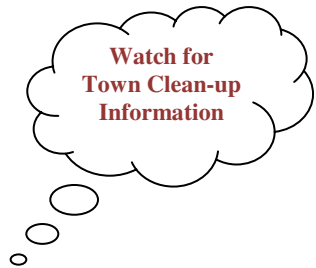


Town of Elk Mountain Update

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Elk Mountain Welcomes Spring!!!

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: The Regular Council Meeting scheduled for April 9th has been changed to April 16th because of spring break. Please note this on your calendar.

MUNICIPAL BOARDS: Paul Kissinger has been appointed to the Park and Recreation Board. Dr. Morris Booth and Dorothy Booth have been appointed to the High Country Joint Powers Board after the resignation of Joyce Menke. Reed Brannon has been appointed to the Carbon County Juvenile Services Board. The Town is looking for interested community and surrounding area residents to serve on the Cemetery Board. Please call or stop by the Town Office and put your name in.

WATER PROJECT: The Tank and Transmission Project for the new town water system is coming to completion.

CONSENSUS FUNDING: The Town received consensus funding from a SLIB Grant to do some repairs on the sewer lagoon. The project will start as the weather gets better and continue through the summer.

WYDOT BROS PROJECT: Jake Lonn, Resident Engineer, Wyoming Department of Transportation contacted the Mayor explaining that the focus of the department has been on getting the slide on WYO 70 out to bid. His hope is to focus more resources to the bridge project over the Medicine Bow River as the construction start on WYO 70. Environmental services have been working on this project during this time period. They are following the NEPA process to the letter to ensure there are no hang ups later on. Lonn states that, "We have established that the rehabilitation of the existing structure will not maintain the historical value of the bridge and therefore is not feasible. We have determined that there are no public entities interested in taking ownership of the bridge. We will continue working on whether a private party is interested in the bridge itself and then work through the details of the transfer. Then we will have to complete an alternate analysis on our options for the NEPA process. Following this investigation we will hopefully have a public meeting to present these options to the community. Following this step I believe the process will move along more quickly as we fulfill the environmental process. We would encourage any participation from the community through the process. I look forward to working with you and the community on this project in the near future. I will also look into any opportunities for enhancement funding on this project."

TOWN WEBSITE: Robert Meyer with Snowy Range Technology has been working on the Town's website and it is now up and running at www.townofelkmountain.com. Please view the site give Bob and the Town Office your feedback.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Park Board has organized the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Town Park on April 7th at 10:30 am. You are asked to volunteer or give donations to make this a great day for the kids. Please contact Nina @ 321-0294 or Paul @ 371-6447 for more information. Donations can be left at the Town Hall during normal business hours.

UTILITY BILLING: Linda and Erin are working the kinks out of the new utility billing program. We hope it hasn't been too bad of a transition for the residents. We will be receiving training on the Mosaic System that reads and downloads the information to the Black Mountain Software in early May.

ICE RINK: As spring approaches and ice skating will be something to look forward to next winter the Town would like to thank anyone that helped set-up, maintain, and especially those who enjoyed using the rink. Special thanks to Morris and Dorothy Booth for dismantling the rink last weekend.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE: The amended animal ordinance is on its 3rd reading, the final will be at the Regular Town Council meeting April 16th. There is a copy of the ordinance posted in the Post Office or the Town Hall. After passage the town will set up how we will be selling and distributing the new licenses for your animals.

PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Director Larsen has started on the mosquito abatement plan for this spring and summer. John has placed larvacide briquettes where there will be standing water around town. These briquettes destroy the larvae and have a duration of 150 days. Once receiving his pesticide license he will be able to use the new mosquito fogger to fog the Town with a non-toxic spray. The fogging application is to supplement our aerial spraying not to replace it. He has attended a class in permit writing required by the EPA for the use of the chemicals in mosquito control. He has also been attending training to acquire the hours needed for his water certification.

NATURAL GAS SERVICE: It has been brought before the Town that residents would like to see the possibility of bringing natural gas service into Elk Mountain. The Council has been meeting with Wyoming Rural Development and various gas companies in the state to see if this is a viable resource for the community. The Town would like your input on this project.

GARDEN MARKET & CRAFT FAIR: The Park Board is sponsoring the Garden Market and Craft Fair, Saturday, June 16th 10am to 4pm. For more information contact Evette @ 348-7455 or Sheri @ 348-7473 and watch for more flyers.

IOOF SURVEY: Enclosed is a survey the Town would like you to fill out and return on ideas and possibilities of uses for the former IOOF Lodge.

CHURCH UPDATE: Mayor Irene received a donated furnace for the Elk Mountain Community Church. He has been busy retrofitting it and installing duct work. Hopefully with a better heating system the church will be more usable for the community.

