

Town of Elk Mountain Update 9/2012

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MUNICIPAL BOARDS:

Park Board: A large crowd attended the Annual Labor Day Picnic and Parade September 3rd hosted by the Park Board. Dusty and Janeen Jones were the winners of the Horseshoe competition and kids and adults enjoyed the games. The Park Board deserves a big Thank You for all the work they put into making it a great time for everyone. After receiving the CCSD#2 Recreation Grant they are busy getting things in place for the new ice rink and purchasing new equipment for the communities use.

Board Vacancies: There are vacancies on the Carbon County Visitors Council and the Carbon County Economic Development Board. These are Boards that can help effect the future of our community and county. If you are interested please contact the Town Office.

CONSENSUS FUNDING: The fencing project at the sewer lagoon has been completed. Trees have been removed from the edge of the lagoons and Carbon County Weed and Pest have sprayed to kill the roots. John is doing repairs to the pumps. CCCOG has received and approved the Town's application for \$126,600.00 for a new garbage truck through the FY 2012-13 Consensus Funding. These applications will be sent on to State Land and Investment Board for funding. This is the first year that rolling stock was considered in the grant applications.

RATE INCREASES FOR TRASH AND LANDFILL: The Town held a hearing for comments, questions and concerns on the sanitation fee increases. The procedure for considering a rate increase has to be done with an ordinance so the Council will be reworking an ordinance to make changes necessary.

DOG LICENSE: Dog Licenses are now over due, please stop by the Town Office to get your dog tags. The ordinance states, "Anyone owning, keeping, or having possession of any dog within the corporate limits, will pay to the town a license fee of three dollar (\$3.00), per year, for each neutered male and spayed female dog, and ten dollars (\$10.00), per year, for each unaltered dog. Every owner shall be required to provide each dog with a collar to which the license tag must be affixed and worn. Every owner shall be required to license each dog within forty-five (45) days of owning such dog and license each puppy over five (5) months of age. All dogs over the age of five months must be vaccinated for rabies and a copy of the vaccination certificate must be presented with the license application". The Code Enforcement Officer will be contacted if dogs are running at large and warnings will be issued for the 1st and 2nd offenses with a 3rd and subsequent offense carrying a possible \$30.00 fine. Dogs will be ticketed if they do not have a current 2012-13 tag. Section 5-3-5 License Required, states the 1st offense \$30.00, 2nd Offense \$45.00 and 3rd and subsequent offenses \$60.00.

COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT: After a good response to the IOOF surveys the Town has done a structural analysis of the IOOF and the Town Shop. The analysis on the IOOF came back as not structurally sound and not financially viable to save. The Comparable Market Study came back with a value of the shop and land at an estimated \$190,000.00. The WLC engineering firm has donated a building cost and site planning estimate. This figure and additional research has prompted the decision to apply for a planning grant through the Wyoming business council. This will help to accurately plan and calculate building costs. It will also ensure the facility is something the grants will pay for and the town can afford to maintain. When plans and numbers are in place the Council will hold public meetings for the communities input.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT: In October of 2007 the Town did a Community Assessment with the Wyoming Rural Development Council. It is now time for our 5 year follow up study. On October 9-10th the Wyoming Resource Team made up of professionals in the areas of economic and community development, health, housing, workforce development, education, land use planning, grant writing, telecommunications, financing, energy management services and strategic planning will be doing listening sessions. The Team will come to town and conduct a day and a half of questioning and gathering information. At a community supper on the final day they will compile results and categorize responses and share the information gathered; then in 4-6 weeks will provide the community with a report. The entire community and surrounding area residents are invited and encouraged to participate. The questions that will be asked during the listening sessions are; (1) What are the major problems/challenges in your community? (2) What are the major strengths/assets of

your community? (3) What project would you like to see implemented in the next 2, 5, 10 or 20 years in your community? The final report will include recommendations from each team member based on the needs of the community. The report will be suggestions to accomplish your needs and with each recommendation you will receive sources of income and contacts. All of the communities in the state have taken part in this community assessment process.



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