



A LOOK BACK AT 2018!

On behalf of Mayor Vandernail and the Board of Trustees, I'm pleased to report that 2018 was a positive year for Fraser. Among the many accomplishments, highlights include the following:



- • The Town of Fraser website (www.frasercolorado.com) was updated in the interest of providing dynamic and helpful information that is readily accessible to the community. Additionally, we've added Express Bill Pay which provides a convenient way for customers to make payments online.
- • The Lift, our public transit system, continues to improve service and this year we implemented expanded routes into Rendezvous and Grand Park. The Town of Granby began making financial contributions to the system, further enhancing services beyond the Fraser Valley.
- • Our Planning Department and Planning Commission worked hard to complete two major initiatives, a complete overhaul of the Land Use Code and the Fraser River Corridor Master Plan. The entire Fraser Municipal Code can be found on our website. Hopefully you've had the opportunity to enjoy the new trail and landscape improvements around the Lions Ponds (recommended by the Master Plan).
- • The Town of Fraser continues to be a leader in sustainability initiatives. In addition to adoption of the disposable bag fee, effective in April of 2019, the Drop, our pay-as-you-throw trash and recycling drop off facility located on CR 72, opened in July of 2018. We anticipate expanded services at the Drop in 2019 which would be paid for with disposable bag fee revenues.
- • Our Public Arts Committee continues to make a mark on Fraser with their creativity and passion for public arts. In addition to expanding the mural program, three new sculptures were installed in the community. With the support of the Winter Park Resort, they worked with local and regional artists to repurpose the Zephyr Chairs as public art and public seating at bus stops and other locations throughout both Fraser and Winter Park.
- • The Public Arts Committee and Town Board also made significant strides toward development of a new Fraser Center for

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Town Board

Mayor: Philip Vandernail

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Eileen Waldow

Trustees: Ryan Barwick

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Katie Soles

Town Board meets on 1st and 3rd

Wednesdays

Workshop at 6 PM

Meeting at 7 PM*

Public Arts Committee

Ken Ball

Francie deVos

Krista Klancke

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Eric Vandernail

Laura Veenstra

Debbe Knutson

PAC Committee meets on the 3rd

Friday at 9:00 a.m.

*See meeting agendas at

www.frasercolorado.com

*When you see these folks,
please tell them "THANK YOU!"
for their service!*

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Creative Arts. This would be located in downtown Fraser and paid for via contributions from patrons of the arts and revenues from sales at the facility.

- • Also in downtown Fraser, the renovation of the Creek Eatery and Saloon and development of the Fraser Valley Distilling Company were significant advancements for the area and accomplished with support from the Town of Fraser. We also expect construction to start before year end on two new commercial buildings in the Village at Grand Park.
- • One of our most popular projects in 2018 was the replacement of the concrete valley pan on Wapiti eliminating the uncomfortable “dip” (which had a wide variety of other names!).
- • Like 2017, 2018 was a record year for new residential home construction in Fraser.
- • The Town of Fraser ends 2018 in a solid financial position (and debt free) which postures us well for all the pending capital projects and programs in 2019 and beyond.

It's a pleasure to welcome all of our new readers and residents to Fraser.

A LOOK FORWARD TO 2019

2019 is projected to be another busy year in Fraser. Mayor Vandernail and the Board of Trustees adopted a 2019 Budget that maintains a high level of service in the programs and services currently provided, and also adds new programs and projects that include the following:

- • A new deed restriction program intended to facilitate development and retention of workforce housing. This is a significant problem affecting all businesses in Fraser and a priority for the Town Board.
- • The Budget provides for expansion of the Art in Public Places Program, look forward to more creative expression throughout Fraser!
- • Significant new improvements around the Fraser Lions Ponds are also in the works as proposed by the Fraser River Corridor Master Plan.
- • Our Police Department will be relocating into a new office in 2019. The office is still located at Winter Park Station.
- • The US 40 Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project will commence construction in the spring of 2019 and the CR 8 Bridge Replacement Project is anticipated to commence in the fall.

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- • We are also working to complete other capital projects throughout the community including two waterline replacement projects and pavement maintenance work.
- • The largest project in 2019 is a new tertiary treatment facility at our wastewater treatment plant designed to maintain the high quality of our effluent which is released into the Fraser River.
- • Our water and wastewater customers will be pleased to know that the Town Board was able to retain current service rates into next year due to significant customer growth. However, they are currently evaluating the consumption rate charges with the goal of encouraging water conservation.



More information about the 2019 Budget, these projects and programs, and other matters can be found on our website (www.frasercolorado.com).

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and passionate group of public officials and staff here in Fraser. I'm excited to welcome all of our new employees. Thanks to all of them for their work in 2018!

Jeff Durbin

Town Manager

FRASER'S DROP RECYCLING AND TRASH FACILITY HOURS ARE CHANGING

The days of operation will remain the same – Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, but the hours are changing effective January 2, 2019. New hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



GREAT NEWS FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS!

Water and wastewater rates will remain the same in 2019 as they were in 2018 and 2017 due to strong customer growth (87 new starts in 2018 – 18 condos and 69 single family or single family attached permits were issued!)

DISPOSABLE BAG FEE COMING TO FRASER EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019 - And it's not an April Fool's Joke!

Due to increasing numbers of disposable bags in our immediate environment and to encourage the use of reusable bags, the Fraser Town Board adopted a \$0.20 per bag fee at its October 3, 2018 regular Board Meeting. The required date of implementation for Fraser retail and food stores to charge the bag fee is April 1, 2019.

Go to the Fraser website, www.frasercolorado.com Government, Municipal Code, Chapter 7, Article 8 to see Disposable Bag Fee definitions and other details.

Let's save the \$0.20 by bringing our own bags!





FRASER TOWN HALL IS A FOOD BANK COLLECTION POINT - We deliver donated food from the Town Hall to the local food banks (located throughout Grand County) to address the needs of residents and guests. For a complete list of food banks, call Mountain Family Center at 970-557-3186.

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS - Every Tuesday between 11 a.m. and 12 noon is your opportunity to discuss Fraser topics with Mayor Philip Vandernail. He is interested in gaining citizen input by establishing a dialog with Fraser constituents outside of formal Board meetings. Please drop by the Fraser Town Hall and meet with the Mayor!



TOWN SEEKS BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH CITIZENS

This newsletter is one of several methods (along with our website and social media) of communicating with residents and business owners in Fraser, providing a summary of events that took place during the past three months and a look ahead to future goings on. It is still included with your quarterly utility billing. In addition to the newsletter, an email-only Bi-Weekly Update provides more current information. View it on the Town website homepage via the Newsletter page. To receive the Bi-Weekly update via email - contact Michael Brack, Assistant Town Manager, at 970-726-5491, ext. 212 or at mbrack@town.fraser.co.us



View this newsletter in color on our website, www.frasercolorado.com, or opt to receive the newsletter via email (**go paperless**)! Also, please let your tenants or friends who don't receive the newsletter know that it is available to them by email for the asking. Contact Susan Stone at ssone@town.fraser.co.us to add your email address.

For our communications to be more dynamic and so we can gain input immediately rather than quarterly or bi-weekly, follow Fraser on social media:

Facebook – www.facebook.com/OfficialFraserCO
Twitter – www.twitter.com/Fraser_Colorado
Instagram – www.instagram/OfficialFraserCo



We are moving towards paperless utility billing. Contact Finance Manager Beth Williams at bwilliams@town.fraser.co.us or 970-726-5491, ext. 207 for assistance with Xpress Bill Pay. There are no payment fees and it saves trees (paper), postage and staff time.

With your email contact information, we can reach out to you with surveys and allow you to have your opinion heard when you are unable to attend public hearings. Please share your email address with us so you can receive the newsletter via email as well as other communications of interest. We never share your personal information, it is kept confidential.



HELP US HELP YOU!

Additionally, disaster often strikes when we least expect it or are away from our property. Pipes can freeze because thermostats are set too low or because the thermostat battery dies, rendering it inoperable, or because pipes are in uninsulated/unheated areas. If this happens when you are out of town, it is helpful for the Town to have your **current** contact information **so we can notify you of any such issues**. The information we request is kept strictly confidential.

Property Owner Name: _____ Utility Billing Acct. No. _____
Mailing Address _____ Email address _____
Property Owner Phone Contacts: home _____ cell _____
Physical Address _____ *Clip and return with your utility payment or or contact Utilities Admin. Rytis Raila at 970-726-5491, ext. 206 or email raila@town.fraser.co.us*