



FROM THE TOWN MANAGER’S DESK – As we enter another New Year, I’d like to share our top ten highlights of 2016 for Fraser:



10. **Community Broadband Study.** In collaboration with the Town of Winter Park, we are working to identify opportunities to improve broadband services in the community.
9. **Community Sustainability Goals.** The Fraser Town Board established the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 20% below 2014 levels by 2025. This is a community-wide goal, and based on our analysis, it is achievable!
8. **Waste Diversion Study.** Fraser initiated a county-wide study to determine opportunities to reduce the amount of materials headed to landfills, reduce customer costs, and improve service.
7. **Winter Trail Grooming.** Our winter trail grooming program has doubled in size for the 2016-2017 season! A new groomed route will leave Safeway and conclude at Rendezvous along the west side of the Fraser River.
6. **Housing and Development Study.** While only a study, the document provides tools and recommendations that we are pursuing toward mitigating the housing challenges in the Fraser Valley.
5. **Public Arts Committee.** This new public body was established to promote public art in Fraser as part of our local economy, to enhance the character of our community, and to help identify new creative ways of incorporating art in our operations (such as the snow plow blades that were painted by elementary school students – see page 4).
4. **Economic Development Advisory Committee.** This is another public body established with the goal of enhancing the vitality of our local economy.
3. **Community Builders Downtown Plan.** This planning initiative examined our downtown area and provided design ideas and recommendations. As a result of this work, we are currently working on a \$750,000 grant for pedestrian crossing improvements.
2. **2016 was a good year for Fraser businesses.** Based on our sales tax revenues, the amount of water we produced and wastewater we treated, and traffic counts, it was a good year for businesses in Fraser.
1. **The Lift.** Fraser and Winter Park are now providing year-round transit, which also includes late night service.

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Town Board

- Mayor: Philip Vandernail
- Mayor Pro Tem:
Eileen Waldow
- Trustees: Herb Meyring
Andy Miller
Parnell Quinn
Katie Soles
Cody Clayton Taylor

Town Board meets 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays
Workshop at 6 PM
Meeting at 7 PM*

Planning Commission

- Chair: Jean Wolter
- Commissioners:
Mayor Philip Vandernail
Sam Brewer
Parnell Quinn
Steve Sumrall
Cody Clayton Taylor
Debbie Young

Planning Commission meets the 4th
Wednesday at 6:30 PM*

*See meeting agendas at
www.frasercolorado.com

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

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017!



Here are our top ten hopes and aspirations for Fraser in 2017:

10. **Property Maintenance Code Overhaul.** In recent years, our property maintenance code enforcement efforts have increased annually. In 2017 we'll be looking at the code and a long overdue revision to it.
9. **Paying off Fraser Debt.** We look forward to writing our last debt service payment for the streets project, and further reducing our property tax levy for 2018.
8. **Broadband Improvements.** We're hopeful that either through our local efforts or perhaps as a new Mountain Parks Electric Cooperative service, we'll see significant improvements to our broadband infrastructure and service.
7. **New Town staff members.** We have several new employees that started in late 2016 and early 2017 and we look forward to their contributions to the organization and community.
6. **Trail Smart Sizing Project.** The Headwaters Trail Alliance will begin implementation of almost a million dollars in trail improvements in the Fraser Valley in 2017.
5. **Trash and Recycling Pay-As-You-Throw Drop Off Facility.** Fraser will be working on developing a new public facility for locals, guests, and visitors that will provide for trash and recycling services.
4. **Cozens Ranch Open Space Fraser River Corridor Master Plan.** We've completed over one million dollars in park and open space improvements along the Fraser River Trail, around the Lions Ponds, and throughout Cozens Ranch Open Space in the last ten years. This initiative is the first step in developing an action plan for further enhancements.
3. **Crosswalk Improvements.** As noted above, we're optimistic that we'll obtain grant funding for long awaited pedestrian crossings, safety and traffic calming improvements along the highway corridor.
2. **New Housing Projects.** In addition to a strong housing market (building permits issued for single family homes: 53 in Grand Park and 25 in Rendezvous), we hope to see development of attainable housing for local residents.
1. **New, revitalized, expanded, and retained Fraser businesses.** Fraser is open for business!

We wish everyone a safe and fruitful 2017! *Jeff Durbin*



SOLSTICE WINTER BISTRO opened in mid-December in the Fraser Marketplace near Safeway. Created by the folks at Wild Horse Catering, Solstice offers an intimate place to share chef-inspired small plates complimented by curated cocktails, wines and beer. Hours are from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays from December to April! Call 970-363-7023 or visit www.solsticebistro.com



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MEET THE PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON – Jean Wolter

I've been a resident of the Fraser Valley since 1989 and moved to downtown Fraser in 2007. At that time we didn't expect to stay, but we fell in love with the downtown community with its paved roads! Luckily, our landlord sold us the house we're in now, so we're accidental, but happy residents of Fraser.

I'm a Colorado native – grew up in Wheat Ridge, skiing in Winter Park as a kid. I graduated from CU – go Buffs! After a post-college corporate stint in Arizona, I came to Winter Park for the recreational opportunities – skiing and mountain biking are my passions. I met my husband Jamie at the Berthoud Pass ski area, where he was working at the time. We married and made a couple of half-hearted attempts to leave, but our love of the valley, our friends and the community have kept us here.

It is important for me to give back to the community and the Planning Commission interested me because of the growth we're experiencing and my background in real estate. I've served on the Commission since 2010. I feel it is important to stress that the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the Town Board. Our job is to assess land use and zoning projects for the Town Board to take action. More citizen participation is something I'd love to see because we listen and take public comments into consideration. We also have an obligation to uphold the rights of the property owner.

During my tenure, I've learned a lot about planning and the public process with incredible support from the Town staff and the Town Planner. The position is rewarding because of the above challenges, but also because it is never boring! There is always something to learn. I hope to see you at a meeting!



PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM UPDATE



You may have noticed the new coatings on our public transit busses. Here is a glimpse at what all of our busses and bus stop signs will look like soon...

Our Public Works staff placed these signs at designated bus stops throughout Fraser. Don't forget to download the RIDEHOP app onto your smart devices to learn the whereabouts of your bus in real time.

More information on our transit system can be found at
www.theLiftWP.com



SNOW MANAGEMENT



Some of our snow plows were treated to a makeover by Fraser Valley Elementary School art students under the direction of art teacher Shelly Madsen. If these colorful plows serve to slow you down, then their artwork has done more than make you smile! Stay safe this winter; allow plow drivers plenty of room to do their job and keep your vehicles parked off streets and right-of-ways. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation!

For more detailed information regarding snow management, go to www.frasercolorado.com and follow this path – Government/Departments/Public Works to view the Snow Management Operation Plan. If you prefer, free brochures on this topic are available at Fraser Town Hall.



KFFR 88.3 FM is East Grand County's new, local, noncommercial community FM radio station. Their studios are located at the Fraser Valley Center (above Elevation Pizza), where they are building a state of the art digital broadcast facility to serve the communities of the Fraser Valley and the Headwaters of the

Colorado River. KFFR 88.3 FM will be largely volunteer-driven, with local people creating their own programs, supplemented with news and public affairs programs from around Colorado and beyond. After the tower is constructed, the signal will be heard from Berthoud Pass to Hot Sulphur Springs, all the way up into Rocky Mountain National Park. Get involved by clicking on the Contact button at www.kffr.org or drop a note to KFFR 88.3 FM, PO Box 2292, Winter Park CO 80482 They look forward to a great 2017 and seeing you on the radio!

TOWN SEEKS BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH CITIZENS

Our primary method of communicating with residents and business owners in Fraser is this newsletter, which is mailed with the water and sewer utility statements. Please pass the following contact info along to anyone you know who might benefit from this information, i.e. tenants or friends who don't receive the newsletter.

View the newsletter on our website, www.frasercolorado.com, or ask to receive the newsletter via email. Contact ssstone@town.fraser.co.us to add your email address.



HELP US HELP YOU!

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 if a water issue arises on your property**. The information we request is kept strictly confidential. Submit this info with your payment.

Property Owner Name: _____ Utility Billing Acct. No. _____
Mailing Address _____ Email address _____
Property Owner Phone Contacts: home _____ cell _____
Physical Address _____