



## 2017 WAS A GOOD YEAR FOR FRASER!

Despite poor late season 2016/2017 snow and a poor start to the 2017/2018 snow season, our local economy has been strong. Fraser businesses seem to be doing well and we have several new businesses in the community. The lack of available workforce housing has been our greatest hurdle to economic growth.

Our Finance Manager for the past 18 years, Nat Havens celebrated his retirement earlier this year. We welcomed new employees who have brought fresh energy and ideas to the organization. These include Beth Williams, Finance Manager; Antoinette McVeigh, Town Clerk; Allie Heon, Business Development Specialist, Rytis Raila, Utilities Administrator; Michael Brack, Assistant to the Town Manager; and Equipment Operators Evan Hale, Nick Rardin and Brad Rome.

The Fraser Town Board established the following set of overall policies and strategic values to guide our operations:

**Sustainability** – All decisions and services will strive to reflect Fraser's commitment to social, economic and environmental sustainability.

**Quality of Life** – Fraser will always maintain a unique mountain town environment and lifestyle.

**Affordability** – People who work in Fraser and its surrounding attractions will be able to live in Fraser.

**Quality of Services** – Residents and visitors will enjoy high-quality services from the Town of Fraser.

**Visually Beautiful** – Fraser will reflect the beauty that surrounds it.

**Safety** – The safety of our residents and visitors will be a priority of the Town of Fraser.

**Economic Development** – Fraser will encourage entrepreneurship, establishment and expansion of local business and development of local economic leadership.

With those policies in mind, the Town Board included the following noteworthy additions within the 2018 Budget:

- Development and operation of The Drop, a new recycling and pay as you throw trash drop off facility.
- Completion of the street light conversion project (converting light fixtures to energy efficient LED).

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesdays

Workshop at 6 PM

Meeting at 7 PM\*

## Planning Commission

Chair: Jean Wolter

Commissioners:

Mayor Philip Vandernail

Margaret Bowles

Sam Brewer

Parnell Quinn

Steve Sumrall

Cody Clayton Taylor

Planning Commission meets the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday at 6:30 PM\*

\*See meeting agendas at  
[www.frasercolorado.com](http://www.frasercolorado.com)

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

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### Looking Ahead to 2018 in Fraser – Continued from page one:

- New improvements within Cozens Ranch Open Space as to be defined by the Fraser River Corridor Master Plan. The Plan is expected to be completed by March 2018.
- Investment in community housing initiatives to help mitigate workforce housing challenges in the community.
- Additional staffing to improve the quality of service delivery.
- Expansion of the Art in Public Places Program, the Mural Program and development of a center for creative arts.
- The US 40 Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project which will provide corridor improvements in the form of new medians and pedestrian crossings in downtown Fraser. Sixty percent of this project will be funded via grants from the State of Colorado.
- Expansion of our gardens and streetscape program.
- Expansion of the Business Enhancement Grant Program and other economic development initiatives.

### TOWN TRUSTEES ELECTION SET FOR APRIL 3, 2018

Town Board Members Andy Miller, Katie Soles and Cody Clayton Taylor are up for re-election in the spring of 2018.

This is an opportunity for those of you who have been interested in public service to throw your hat into the ring. Contact Town Clerk Antoinette McVeigh to learn more about the process at 970-726-5491, ext. 201 or send an email to [amcveigh@town.fraser.co.us](mailto:amcveigh@town.fraser.co.us)



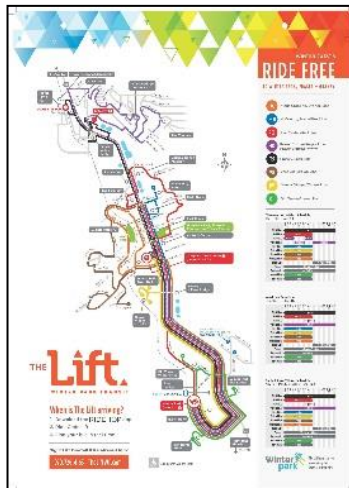
### NEWS FROM THE LIFT

Four new LIFT stops have been added in the Rendezvous neighborhood. ADA Paratransit service is available to eligible riders who are unable to reach their nearest designated, signed stop by calling 970-726-4163.



Download the RideHop App to see your bus in real time.

Both the app and the bus are free to Fraser Valley residents. The Lift transit maps are at most businesses in Fraser and Winter Park. Maps are also available on-line at [www.frasercolorado.com](http://www.frasercolorado.com); select Government, then Transit and click on the link for Winter Park and Fraser Bus Schedule.



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**SHORT TERM RENTALS** - AirBnB, Vacation Rentals by Owner and others, including individuals, who rent their property for less than 30 days will be required to register beginning this month. The Board of Trustees agreed it would be in the interest of our Town's citizens to institute a registration program for short term rentals. As the program is developed, more details will follow. Contact Town Clerk Antoinette McVeigh with any questions or concerns – 970-726-5491 ext 201 or [amcveigh@town.fraser.co.us](mailto:amcveigh@town.fraser.co.us).

### WELCOME TO NEW BUSINESSES IN FRASER

Owners Matt Swenson and Sarka Ruzickova opened their **Polestar Pilates Studio** in Fraser at 535 Zerex St., Unit 206 (in the Shopping Center at Hwy 40 and CR 72, upstairs and near Murdoch's). Sarka is both an owner and an instructor. Visit on line at [www.polestarstudio.com/winterpark](http://www.polestarstudio.com/winterpark) for class schedules, to sign up for classes and for more information about the studio: phone 970-531-8527 or email [winterpark@polestarstudio.com](mailto:winterpark@polestarstudio.com)



**Stuffed**, Fraser's German-inspired food truck, owned by Amber Donaldson and Jessica Kennedy, serves Bierocks, which are delicious yeasted-dough pocket sandwiches filled with traditional ingredients (seasoned ground beef, cabbage and onions), and baked until golden brown. Of course, they expand the concept by serving their own creative versions, including breakfast and lunch stuffers. Donaldson and Kennedy are also happy to cater your events! Contact them at 308-991-1259 or visit their facebook page @ Stuffed Trailer. You'll find their trailer parked in the Ski Broker parking lot in Fraser at 601 S. Zerex Street. They plan to be open year-round. Visit them to get Stuffed!

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



**IN SEARCH OF GREAT PHOTOS OF FRASER!** - Please submit high quality photos in .jpg format for use by the Town in various applications such as our website, reports and grant applications. Send these to Susan Stone at [ssone@town.fraser.co.us](mailto:ssone@town.fraser.co.us) - Thank you!

### FRASER TOWN HALL IS A FOOD BANK COLLECTION POINT

We deliver donated food from the Town Hall to the local food banks, which are located throughout Grand County to address the needs of our residents and guests. For a complete list of food banks, contact the Mountain Family Center at 970-557-3186.



### GREAT NEWS FOR UTILITY CUSTOMERS!

Water and wastewater rates will remain the same in 2018 as they were in 2017 due to strong customer growth (over 100 new home starts in 2017)!

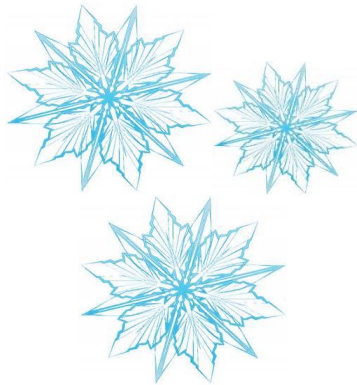
**SNOW MANAGEMENT** - Vehicles are allowed to park on *some* downtown streets and right-of-ways during certain hours from November thru April (these streets are clearly designated). However, snow management requires streets which are clear of parked vehicles.

Please be aware of these parking restrictions to avoid parking tickets. For more detailed information regarding snow management, go to [www.frasercolorado.com](http://www.frasercolorado.com) and follow this path – Government/Departments/Public Works to view the Snow Management Operation Plan. If you prefer, there are free brochures on this topic available at Fraser Town Hall. Stay safe on the roads and allow plow operators plenty of room to do their job.



### FESTIVE SNOW PLOWS ARE BACK!

We thank the talented students in Shelly Madsens's Fraser Valley Elementary art classes for making us smile with their beautiful artwork. This year, members of the Public Arts Committee (PAC) also contributed their artistic talents to the plow decor! The one in the above article is by Eric Vandernail, the one below is by Ken Ball.

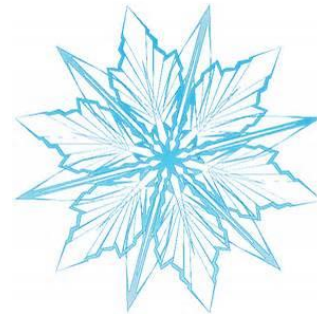


Fraser Elementary School Art Students' creations are here and on page five:





Fraser Valley Elementary School Art Students busy creating beautiful plow art! Again, our heartfelt thanks to both groups!



**TOWN SEEKS BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH CITIZENS**

This newsletter provides a summary of events that took place during the past three months and a look to future goings on. It is still included with your quarterly utility billing. In addition to the newsletter, a Bi-Weekly Update providing more up-to-date information is also available. To receive the Bi-Weekly update via email - contact Michael Brack, Assistant to the Town Manager, at 970-726-5491, ext. 212 or at [mbrack@town.fraser.co.us](mailto:mbrack@town.fraser.co.us) View it on the Town website homepage via Newsletter or Ice Box News.

View the newsletter on our website, [www.frasercolorado.com](http://www.frasercolorado.com), or opt to receive it 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 [sstone@town.fraser.co.us](mailto:sstone@town.fraser.co.us) to add your email address.



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Facebook – [www.facebook.com/OfficialFraserCO](http://www.facebook.com/OfficialFraserCO)  
Twitter – [www.twitter.com/Fraser\\_Colorado](http://www.twitter.com/Fraser_Colorado)  
Instagram – [www.instagram/OfficialFraserCO](http://www.instagram/OfficialFraserCO)



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**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 such an issue**. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Want email utility billing? Yes or No (circle one)

(Clip and return this information with your utility payment)

WE WISH YOU AND YOURS A  
SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON



AND A  
PROSPEROUS and HEALTHY  
NEW YEAR