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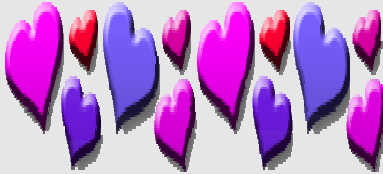
February/March BOARD MEETINGS

February 5, 2009
February 19, 2009
March 5, 2009
March 19, 2009
Parker Fire Station #2
7320 South Parker Road

PUBLIC HEARING

March 5—6:30 p.m.
Girls Hope Home
PUD Application

COMING EVENTS



The Board meeting minutes published in the Communiqué are recorded by the Town Clerk and filed for public record. Complete transcripts can be requested from the Town Clerk.

The Communiqué is published monthly discussing the two Town meetings that were held the previous month. Minutes have been edited. own information and related articles are included.

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Foxfield 2009 Budget Update

Submitted by: Trustee Judy Lenane

In these tough economic times, the Town of Foxfield is on solid financial ground. We have taken a conservative view on Town revenues and spending due to the economic downturn. We project lower revenues of about 2% this year due to the downturn. The Board approved the 2009 Budget at the December 4, 2008 Board meeting. The following information provides an overview of the budgeted revenues and expenditures budgeted.

Overview:

First, the Board created a new format for our budget this year, which better represents the Town's funds.

The 2009 budget for our General Fund has an estimated beginning balance of \$483,000 with projected revenues of \$391,805 and expenditures of \$391,805. With reserved funds (detailed later in the article), we expect to have an ending balance of available funds of approximately \$200,000.

Revenue:

Revenue is generated from six major categories: taxes, licenses and permits, franchise fees (fees paid from Xcel, Comcast and IREA), intergovernmental revenue, charges for services and miscellaneous revenue such as interest and grants. The projected revenue from Town operations is \$391,805. The majority of revenue is generated from various taxes. The largest

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percentage (75%) of taxes, \$134,728, is generated from sales tax from Foxfield Town Center.

Expenditures:

Expenditures are separated into several categories: general government which covers our Town Clerk expenses, administrative and professional services of which the bulk of funds support Town planning, engineering and legal services, payment Enhanced Sales Tax Incentive Program which is the sharing of sales tax revenue to the Metro District, Public Safety and Public Works encompassing roads and trail maintenance and snow removal. The total expenditures for 2009 are \$391,805. The largest portion of expenditures (26%) is for Public Safety, which is contracted through Arapahoe County. Public Safety encompasses law enforcement, animal control and additional officer patrols during peak traffic hours. The total amount budgeted is \$102,802. The majority of the budgeted amount is a calculated from mill levy of 4.89 mills on \$14,852,560. Road maintenance, another large annual expense, is primarily crack sealing, about \$3,500

We expect our expenditures to increase this year over the previous year due to the Town hiring a second Town Planner who will help revise the Comprehensive Plan and represent the Town in commercial development negotiations. We also have hired a company to provide code enforcement services, which had originally been a Board function. The Town has also experienced a considerable increase in the cost for the annual audit.

The Bond for paving the roads was \$3.0 million, which is paid for by a mill levy that is set annually. The mill levy established for 2009 is 16.489 down from the 18.746 mill levy in 2008.

The bonds are for 15 years and can be called after 10 years. The outstanding balance remaining on the Road Bonds is \$1,990,000. The Board has sep up an account to reserve funds for paying off the Road Paving Bonds after 10 years. Funds are added to this account from the 'general ledger' each year as available. The balance in this reserved fund is \$141,927.

The Board has set up an account to reserve funds for re-surfacing the Towns 10 miles of roadway so that funds will be available when needed. Annually the Specific Ownership tax collected from the General Obligation bond fund are reserved for this purpose. The Balance in the reserved fund is \$88,147.

Becky Catterall, Town Clerk, shared that our bond rating went up to an A+ from a BBB+, which is good news particularly in light of the economic situation. If you have any questions, please contact Mayor Headley, Becky Catterall, Town Clerk or Trustee Judy Lenane.

COYOTES

Much of the following information was taken from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

Coyotes may travel alone, in pairs, or small groups. One factor that seems to affect coyote sociability is prey size. In populations where the major prey items are small rodents, coyotes tend to be solitary. In populations where large animals, like deer, are available, large groups of coyotes are formed. Here in Foxfield, small packs have been seen as well as the solitary coyote and pairs.



They are generally nocturnal and sometimes diurnal (active both day and night). When coyotes are in close association with man with no disturbances (trapping or hunting), they are less timid and are frequently seen during the day as is the case within Foxfield.

Coyotes have excellent senses of hearing and smell and are very "clever" predators. They have been known to kill porcupines without being "quilled". They will also use teamwork to bring down prey which can include large dogs. They sometimes have been known to "play" with dogs, but can and will turn on them if they perceive a need to defend their territory.

Coyotes are opportunistic hunters. They prey on small mammals, domestic pets, livestock, and domestic fowl but will readily eat carrion and plants. A coyote will adjust its diet depending on the food that is available.

Coyotes are extremely adaptable animals and rapidly adjust to changing conditions. In the past, wildlife managers have found that coyote populations can actually expand rather than decline in response to eradication attempts.

In urban settings, they can lose their fear of people and may even threaten domestic pets. Over the years, numerous pets in Foxfield have been attacked resulting in death or expensive trips to the veterinary emergency clinic. **Prevention is the key.** Do not leave your pet outside unattended. Cats and small dogs are especially vulnerable and quickly can become part of the food chain. The problem appears to worsen during the winter months.

Should you find yourself face to face with a coyote:

- Keep your distance and **do not approach the animals.**
- **Keep your pets on a leash** when walking them.
- If a coyote approaches you or your pet, you can **throw rocks or sticks to frighten it away.**
- Use a **loud, authoritative voice to frighten the animal.**

2008

Changes to income threshold for the Colorado Property/Rent/Heat (PTC) Rebate

DR 1912
(10/23/08)

The income eligibility threshold levels for the 2008 Colorado PTC rebate have been increased by \$1,000 from the 2007 levels. Eligible applicants may apply for the 2008 rebate beginning January 1, 2009.

The new maximum income levels are:

- **For a single person: income less than \$12,000**
- **For a married couple: income less than \$15,700**

Eligible applicants can receive a rebate of up to \$600 of their property tax paid and \$192 of their heating expenses paid during the year, either directly or as part of their rent payments, by filing the **Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate Application Form 104PTC**. **To claim a PTC rebate, you must also meet all five of the following eligibility requirements each time you apply:**

- You (either husband or wife) are 65 or older by Dec. 31, or are a surviving spouse at least 58 years old, or were disabled for the entire year, regardless of age.
- You resided in Colorado during the entire year.
- You are lawfully present in the United States.
- You are not claimed as a dependent on any other person's federal income tax return.
- You must have paid property tax, rent and/or heating expenses.

The Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat (PTC) Rebate is a public benefit. Under Colorado law, individuals who are age 18 years or older and are applying for a public benefit must establish lawful presence in the United States. PTC applicants must complete and sign the "Affidavit — Restrictions on Public Benefits" (DR 4679 PTC) which is included in the 104PTC booklet. Applicants must include on the 104PTC form **a valid Colorado driver's license number or Colorado identification number, if available.**

If you have a Colorado driver's license or identification card, make sure the address you provide on the PTC application matches the address on record for your Colorado driver's license, Colorado identification card or other identification documents. If the address does not match, the application will be denied. To update your address on your Colorado driver's license or identification card, submit a "Change of Address" form (DR 2285) to any Colorado Motor Vehicle Division Driver's License office. **If you do not have a Colorado driver's license or ID card,** you may provide a photocopy of one of the following forms of identification:

- **Tribal** — Native American Tribal Document
- **Military** — U.S. Military Card or Military Dependent's ID Card
- **Coast** — U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- **Other** — Other forms of ID are accepted. Please see the information below.
- **Waiver** — In some circumstances an identification waiver may be obtained.

On the 104PTC application, any of the above listed forms of identification may be written in the boxes for driver's license/ID number if the applicant does not have a Colorado driver's license or ID. Applicants may obtain additional information regarding **Accepted Forms of Identification** and the **Waiver Process** either online at www.TaxColorado.com by clicking the "Property Tax/Rent/Heat (PTC) Rebate" button or by phone, (303) 238-7378. **PTC applications will be denied until the required identification information is submitted and/or the affidavit (DR 4679 PTC) is completed and submitted.**

Report Suspicious Activity

The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office encourages citizens to report suspicious activity. Suspicious activity can be any person, act, event, vehicle or situation that appears questionable. Trust your instincts! If it “just does not seem right to you,” that is when you should call the Sheriff’s Office.

For example:

“See it”-- If you see suspicious activity, report it. The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office relies on early and accurate information from citizens in reporting suspicious activity. You and your neighbors can be the first to spot a burglar in or around a home, or a strange car in a driveway. Lighting is still considered to be the most cost effective deterrent to crime, so keep a porch light on at night or use a motion sensor light.

“Hear it”-- Listen for suspicious activity. Unusual sounds, barking dogs, can be results of prowlers or suspicious vehicles. Everyone should get in the habit of looking outside their windows, especially if noises wake you at night.

“Report it”-- Remember, you are the eyes and ears for your community. Report suspicious activity immediately. Anything that seems slightly out of place or does not look right could be criminal activity. When calling, be sure to report the reason for your call, your observations and the location of the activity. You may remain anonymous if you wish when you make your report.

If you see suspicious activity or need to report a crime, call (303) 795-4711 or 911 for emergencies.

If you need to start a Neighborhood Watch Program or want to refresh your already existing program, email Deputy Amir Stephen at astephen@co.arapahoe.co.us or call at (720) 874-3752.

You can also email Deputy Brian McKnight at bmcknight@co.arapahoe.co.us or call at (720) 874-3750.



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MEDIA RELEASE

TEEN DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The City of Centennial, in partnership with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, is promoting driver safety and awareness among the city's youth. Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers (S.R.O.'s) and Traffic Safety Officers will distribute City of Centennial replica patrol cars to students who show a high level of interest in automobiles and motor sports. These students will be encouraged to participate in safe driving behaviors through programs like "Take it to the Track" and "Alive at 25".

Students will be given admission tickets for, and encouraged to attend, weekly "Take it to the Track" events at Bandimere Speedway. This program was developed to encourage teen drivers to make good driving choices and provides them a safe, legal, and organized environment in which to race vehicles. Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputies who participate in the "Take it to the Track" program will present a replica patrol car to each teenager who races a deputy and wins. The 2009 "Take It to the Track" program will begin in the spring.

In addition, the City of Centennial replica patrol cars will be awarded to the top student in each "Alive at 25" class that is instructed by Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office staff. "Alive at 25" classes, which are included as part of the GDL (Graduated Driver's License) program for teens who wish to obtain their permit before the age of 16, are also open to any driver under the age of 25 who wants to attend. The classes are structured to encourage student participation and discussion, using a curriculum created by the National Safety Council.

The top student in each class is determined through a combination of their participation and attitude while enrolled in the class.

For further information on the "Alive at 25" and "Take it to the Track" programs, please visit their websites at www.aliveat25.us and <http://csp.state.co.us/taketotrack.cfm.html>. For information on the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office's Teen Driver Safety Program, please contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720-874-4165.

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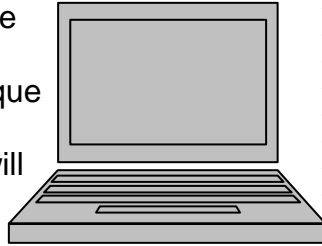
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NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE

This is the first month the Town of Foxfield will distribute the Communique via email only. A hard copy of the newsletter will be sent to those residents that have requested to receive their newsletters in the mail.



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SHERIFF'S NEWS

December, 2008 Call Out Report



Traffic Complaints/Arrests	11	Medical Assist	0
Property Damage	3	Other	6
Alarms	2	DUI/Injury Accident	7
Suspicious Person	2	Shoplifting/Theft	1
Disturbance/Complaints	1	Assault	0

There were 48 traffic tickets issued in Foxfield in the months of December

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department telephone number are:

- ** Sergeant Kevin Heaton — 720-874-3806
Email—kheaton@co.arapahoe.co.us
- ** Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department - 303-795-4711
- ** Emergency - 911

To report traffic concerns please call the traffic hotline on 720-874-4170



ATTENTION FOXFIELD RESIDENTS !!

You only have a few more days to pay the tap fee at the rate of \$14,780. On February 1 the tap fee will increase to \$20,700. If you would like more information contact Becky Catterall on 303-680-1544



Minutes - BOT Regular Meeting - January 8, 2009

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. at Parker Fire Protection District Station No. 2, Foxfield, CO, 80016.

The following Trustees were present:

Bob Easton, Susan Current, Lisa Jones, Con Frank, Melissa Watson, Judy Lenane and Mayor Doug Headley.

A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment – none

Comprehensive Plan Amendment #2 – 6:36 p.m.

Town Planner, Fred Fox, provided the Board with a copy of the land use map that was adopted on May 15, 2008. He informed the Board the small portion of the Worsham Property south of the Foxfield Village Center that was left green for open space along the drainage way which is the way it exists today. He stated this small open space area should have been colored red (commercial). Mr. Fox suggested the Board approve the change to correct the error in the Comprehensive Plan Amendment #2.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Watson to modify the Land Use map dated 5/15/08 and designate the green open space land between the Worsham property and Foxfield Village Center as commercial.

For: unanimous approval.

Mayor Headley discussed that the proposed Girl's Hope was applying for a home for eight girls at 6718 South Richfield Street. Mayor Headley stated that he had seen a PBS television show that Girl's Hope was planning a future home of 5,000 sq. ft. for twenty girls. Mayor Headley asked if the home should be approved for the initial number of residents, with additional approval should the number of residents be increased, or if the home should be approved for the final number of residents initially. Mr. Fox stated he understood that due to the number of bedrooms the number of girls allowed in the home will be limited. He stated Town Attorney, Corey Hoffmann, felt it was best handled under a rural residential PUD which will state if this organization ceases to exist the use of the property will return to a rural residential use.

Minutes of the 12/4/08 Meetings and Approval

A **motion** was made by Trustee Lenane to approve the 12/4/08 minutes as amended.
For: unanimous approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT - 7:01 p.m.

The Accounts Payable was reported as follows:

B. Catterall – Salary 12-1 to 12-15-08 = \$1,138.22
 B. Catterall – Jan Car/Rent Allowance = \$230.87
 ACWWA – Wtr RR 11/18 – 12/17/08 = \$50.48
 Judge Sidel – January Fee = \$40.00
 CIRSA – 2009 Insurance = \$5,427.00
 A.C. – Off-Duty Patrols Dec. = \$1,218.00
 CML – 2009 Dues = \$653.00
 DRCOG – 2009 Dues = \$600.00
 Civic Results – Metro Mayors 2009 Dues = \$61.78
 A.C. 2009 Law Enforcement IGA = \$83,402.11
 Total Accounts Payable = \$92,821.46
 Ttl Funds Avlble after invoice are paid = \$423,433.68

Mayor Headley discussed the Open Space expenditure and matching funds report is due to Arapahoe County by the end of January. He informed the Board the grant funds should have been spent within a year. Mayor Headley provided the Board with a letter asking Arapahoe County for an extension in using the funds.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Current to approve the Treasury Report and pay the accounts payable.

For: Unanimous approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – 7:14 p.m.

Trustee Lenane discussed the following:

Trustee Lenane informed the Board she would write an article for the January newsletter discussing the Town's funds.

Trustee Current discussed the following:

Trustee Current reported she is waiting to hear from Sheriff Heaton regarding the recent break-in that occurred in Town and the report of there being allegedly other break-ins in the neighborhood.

Trustee Jones discussed the following:

Trustee Jones informed the Board the DRCOG grant application has been submitted.

Trustee Jones reported she had spoken with Susie Ellis of IB Associates. Trustee Jones

will meet with her next week to review the assessment and verify the accuracy of the reported violations. She stated once they review the report they will choose which categories to pursue.

The Board discussed work Barb Cole is doing on revising processes in the Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Lenane asked the status of the Harper right-of-way issues. Trustee Jones stated she is going to give all correspondence the Town has had on this issue to Susie Ellis and have her address the violations.

Trustee Watson discussed the following:

Trustee Watson informed the Board the directory should be printed next week. The Board discussed how to verify the information in the resident data base.

Trustee Watson received an email from a Canadian data storage system who stated they are waiting for a sample packet of documents from the Town. Mayor Headley stated he would like to sit down with Trustee Watson next week to discuss all the systems and create a packet.

Trustee Easton discussed the following:

Trustee Easton had nothing new to report.

Trustee Frank discussed the following:

Trustee Frank provided the Board with a draft of the Accessory Structure checklist. He asked the Board to review the document and make any revisions. He will take the Board's suggestions and provide the revised document to IB Associates so they can begin handling permitting.

Mayor's Report – 7:44 p.m.

Mayor Headley stated the final Parker Road corridor study recommendation meeting will be on January 15th at 6:00 at the Shalom Center.

Mayor Headley informed the Board that the president elect will be giving stimulus money to the state of Colorado. Mayor Headley stated he attended a meeting where the State narrowed down a list of where to spend the money and the Arapahoe/Parker intersection is on the list.

Mayor Headley informed the Board that Arapahoe County Road and Bridge is now located twenty miles east of Gun Club on Quincy. Mayor Headley visited the site

to learn how to handle signage issues so the Town can begin performing that function themselves.

Mayor Headley attended a meeting at the city of Centennial where they were addressing their coyote problem. He stated that experts discussed how not all coyotes are a threat, but there can be a "bad apple" in each group and if that coyote is identified and handled it will help the community and the coyotes live together better. Mayor Headley informed the Board that Centennial held another meeting for neighboring communities to come together to address how to address this problem. Trustee Jones stated she felt the coyotes in Foxfield are a town issue and the Town should be addressed by the Town as they did the underground pests. The Board discussed how the coyote problem became more serious in the last couple of years, which was about the same time the rabbit population diminished. Trustee Current informed the Board that the Colorado Municipalities publication had an article stating there is a presentation available regarding coyotes and she will set one up for the residents.

Unfinished Business- none

Correspondence – None

New Business –None

Resolutions – 8:05 p.m.

"A Resolution Establishing a Designated Public Place for the Posting of Meeting Notices as Required by the Colorado Open Meetings Law"

A **motion** was made by Trustee Watson to approve the resolution.

For: Unanimous approval

"A Resolution Concerning Compliance with the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flag Rules"

A **motion** was made by Trustee Lenane to approve the resolution.

For: Unanimous approval

Ordinances for Voting

"A Bill for an Ordinance Setting Establishing a Curfew for Minors"

A **motion** was made by Trustee Current to approve the ordinance.

For: Unanimous approval.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Headley at 8:09 p.m.

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Articles and Letters

Public Interest stories and related Town interest articles are encouraged. If you have interesting tidbits, snippets and happenings that you would like to share we welcome your input. Letters to the Editor are also welcome and need to be to the Editor by 2nd Wednesday of the month. All articles published must have the authors name and address. They may be edited for publication due to space limitations.

Becky Catterall, Editor
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