

KEENESBURG



Newsletter

MAY 2018

May Meeting Schedule

Thursday, May 3, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting & Public Hearing
6 pm at Town Hall

Monday, May 7, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting & Public Hearing
6 pm Town Hall

Monday, May 14, 2018 Finance Meeting, 3:30 pm at Town Hall

Monday, May 21, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6 pm at Town Hall

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 Planning Commission Special Meeting, 6 pm Town Hall

SE Weld Fire District conducts siren testing on the 1st Monday of each month at 12 PM

Town Hall Closed - May 28, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day

Sewer Rate Increase

The Board approved Resolution 2018-14 Establishing Water/Sewer Rates and Tap Fees on Monday, April 2, 2018. The billings for the period beginning July 1, 2018 will reflect a 20% increase in the sewer base to \$35.41; as well as the per thousand gallons of water consumption of \$4.26. In addition, the sewer tap fees were increased 20% as well. Unfortunately the wastewater fund has been unable to support its operations, and as such this increase is necessary to assure the efficient operation of the wastewater system. There will be no increase in water rates. The Town has mailed your calculation letter based on your average water usage for the months of December, January and February. The letters were mailed to homeowners April 26th.

Shred-it

The Town would like to extend this opportunity for its citizens to shred any unwanted personal documents. The fee will be \$7.00 per box (banker's size box). All items must be dropped off at Town Hall by 4 PM, Tuesday, June 5th.

Town Clean-Up

The Town offers a spring community Clean-up day for residents within town limits this event will be held Saturday, June 9th, 8 AM- 1 PM at the Buffalo Ridge Land Fill, located at 11655 WCR 59, (303) 732-0218. It is a great time to start gathering unwanted household items, metal type items and yard waste for disposal. You will be required to show your water bill stub as proof of residency. Two dumps per household will be allowed. **All loads must be covered.** Please contact Buffalo Ridge for a list of accepted items.

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Code Enforcement

As we begin to transition into the warmer times of the year, we would like to remind everyone of some common Code Enforcement violations, and ask that everyone do their part in keeping our community beautiful as well as safe.

Listed below are some of the most common violations of the Municipal Code, along with a short explanation.

7-1-10: Weeds and Grass Control

Per the Town Code, grass and weed heights should not exceed 12" as measured from ground level. Municipal Code also requires that all noxious (aggressively invasive) weed growth must also be properly removed to prevent the overgrowth onto other properties. Not only is this aesthetically appealing, but this also reduces potential fire hazards as well as unwanted animals hiding out in the grass.

Please remember that you are also responsible for mowing/removing weeds in areas leading up to the streets, and half of the alley-way from your fence line.

8-2-70: Parking Restrictions on RV's, Campers, Trailers, Boats, etc.

Parking any of the above in the streets is prohibited; however, do not be alarmed if the Code Enforcement Officer posts a Courtesy Notice on your door or camper. This is simply a friendly reminder that you have up to 72 hours to move the unit. After the 72 hours has passed, a summons can be issued. These units should be properly stored on private property, with current licensing.

Dwelling in campers is also prohibited; however, in some cases the Town may allow a short period. Please contact Town Hall with these requests.

8-2-40: Illegal or Inoperable Vehicles

All vehicles must be fully operable (meaning it starts, stops, runs and drives as it should), and legal (current license plates and etc.). Vehicles that are inoperable or illegal may be stored within a closed structure, or garage. Covering the vehicle, or trying to conceal the expiration date is not allowed, and is still enforceable.

7-1-30: Removal of Rubbish

This applies not only to trash, but includes: discarded appliances, discarded furniture, automotive parts/tools, construction materials/tools (unless an active building permit exists), piles of scraps, etc. Such items should be properly stored in a fully enclosed structure/garage, or completely screened from public view. Please take advantage of Town Clean-Up Day as well!

7-1-110: Dead/Dying Trees

Dead or diseased trees need to be properly removed. They pose not only fire hazards, but also safety hazards should a decayed branch fall onto an adjacent property or street.

Thank you for doing your part!

Board Update

The Board of Trustees meets every month on the first and third Monday at 6:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public and we invite you to attend to have a voice in your government. We welcome attendance, and offer an opportunity for public comment about any topic that is not on the agenda. Our attendance at these meetings has been minimal for many years and we want and encourage anyone to attend, whether it is to be more informed about what is going on in your government or if it is to make suggestions, we welcome you!

Town Manager's Report

As I am sure many of you are aware, the regular municipal election took place on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. The following were elected to office:

Mayor: Kenneth L. Gfeller
Trustee: Wilbur Wafel (4 yrs)
Tim Smith (4 yrs)
Carl Fredrickson (4 yrs)
Juanda Hesse (2 yrs)
Bob Zebroski (2 yrs)
Mark Gray (2 yrs)

The board will be holding a work session on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and review the 2012 building code. In addition, the board has work sessions scheduled for board member training on liability, and the clean water act on June 4, 11, 18, and 25. The work sessions on June 4, and 18 will begin at 5:00 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled meetings.

The town has been approved for some grant funding to complete two studies regarding the expansion of town hall. There will be more information available regarding this very soon.

There are public hearings scheduled for the Planning Commission on Thursday, May 3, and the Board of Trustee's Monday May 7, 2018 both starting at 6:00 p.m. These public hearings are for the purpose of reviewing a sketch plan for property consisting of approximately 74 acres located between I-76 and CR 398 and between North 1st and CR 59. The applicant is proposing a residential development of approximately 348 homes. Please contact Town Hall for additional information.

Bookmobile Events

The High Plains Public Library will be at Schey Park this summer from 9:30 am—11:00 am for the following dates: June 7th & 21st; July 5th & 18th; and August 1st.

Public Works Report

As the weather starts to warm up, Public Works will be working at the park to get it ready for visitors. We will be installing new doors on the restrooms as the old ones need replacement. The restrooms will be open Memorial Day weekend. Please remember to contact Town Hall if you are looking to have a party or plan an event at the park so we can do our best to accommodate your needs.

Cont'd Public Works Report

Public Works will be spraying weeds over the next several months that are growing out of the curb and gutter and in the street. We will also be out in the streets patching around town, as well as doing crack seal. Please use caution when passing around the crew while we are doing routine summer maintenance.

United Power will be installing additional lights at the end of Woodward at the intersection of CR 59. As part of the town survey, safety and lighting was a big concern. Based on the evaluation of lighting, this area was the biggest concern; this will give additional lighting for the bank, the intersection, as well as the crosswalks to and from Hoff Elementary.

Water Filter Program

Public Works presented to the Board of Trustees on January 16, 2018, the water filter options for Keenesburg residents. The Town will be assisting residents with the purchase of the T33 Inline Coconut Membrane Filter. Residents will be responsible for \$4.00 of the purchase. Please contact Christina at Town Hall if you would like to order this filter. Residents will be responsible for their own installation.

Water Filter Options

There are several types of water filters and applications. This can be from an inline filter for a refrigerator to a home system. All water filters are designed to take mineral deposits out of the water. They range from large to small particles based on quality of filter. Filters have a range of life based on gallons of water through them. Cost also vary based on effectiveness. There is not a reverse osmosis option. Cost of a reverse osmosis is extremely high. Reverse osmosis is process that removes all deposits and minerals from the water. This can leave the water tasteless and less desirable. Based on the survey and test results from the meeting, it was determined that a filter process that improves taste would be best.

The town installed an in-line water filter at Town Hall to test the difference between filtered and unfiltered water. This is a small filter unit that is installed on the quarter inch water line that runs to the refrigerator. The filter does help with water taste as well as mineral deposits in the ice maker. This however does not take out the minerals that are in the water. Below are only a few options to consider.

<u>Filter</u>	<u>Flow Rate</u>	<u>Dimensions</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Life Expediency</u>
T33 Inline Coconut Grade Activated Carbon Pre/Post Membrane Filter for Taste and Odor Reduction	0.75 GPM	10"x2" - 1/4" pipe thread	\$6.99	20,000 - 30,000 gallons
Woder 10K-GenII Ultra High Capacity Direct Connect Water Filtration System - Under Sink Filter Premium Class I - Removes Chlorine, Lead, Chromium 6, Heavy Metals, Bad Tastes, Odors And Contaminants	5 GPM	3x3x15 - 3/8" pipe thread	\$99.95 Filter cost \$49.00	10,000 gallons
GE GXWH40L High Flow Whole Home Filtration System - DOES NOT COME WITH FILTER. Several filter options available	10 GPM	16.4x8.4x7.9 - 3/4" pipe thread	59.69 cost Filter \$20-\$40	24,000-30,000 gallons