



Blue River Staff Report
March 2023

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Communications & Happenings

- **Broadband**
 - Staff is meeting bi-weekly with NEO. Conversations are taking place with Summit County and Breckenridge. Residents were sent out a link to report current level of internet service. While Comcast is available, this isn't fiber and doesn't address all of the challenges. In addition, there is a lack of competition. The consultants are beginning to draft cost along with the plan.
- **Wildfire Mitigation**
 - State of Colorado Forest Service is planning the next phase of fire mitigation in the Blue River area for 2024. The phase has been named "Blue River East" and a map is included with this packet. Work is being evaluated to determine where and how access to the area may be obtained. Once more details are available, information will be provided in the Town newsletters and a public forum will be held for questions/answers and project scope. While covering a large area, most of the work will be hand cut and not with machines.
- **Defensible Space Grants**
 - Applications are being accepted for 2023 defensible space grants. Information is available on the website. In addition, Citizen Advisory Committee is having discussions on additional incentives for wildfire defensible space projects.
- **Weed Fest/Weed & Seed**
 - Weed & Seed will take place July 1-September 30th. The Town is participating along with the County and other municipalities in a countywide weed pull day; aka Weed Fest. The date is set for Saturday, July 8th 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. More details to come soon.
- **Community Events Calendar**
 - The Community Events Calendar is on the home page of the town website: <https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov>.
- **Committee Satisfaction Survey**
 - At the request of Mayor Babich a survey was sent out to current and past advisory committee members. The goal of the survey is to evaluate overall satisfaction with direction and organization. Results will be available at the April 25th meeting.

Town Statistics

Facebook Page Likes
Town-1,298
Police Department-891
Instagram-1,140 followers
Twitter-71 followers
Residents on Email List-975
Blue River News-1,138

Business Licenses-260

Lodging Registrations-206

Municipal Court March 2023

Total tickets written for February Court: 2
Total on the March Docket: 3
Total March Failure to appear(s): 1
Total March OJW(s): 0

Building Statistics

January 2023

Permits Issued: 12

YTD: 21

Inspections: 6

New Construction 2023: 0

Certificates of Occupancy: 0



End of Month Report: February 2023

Calls for Service

Total number of a calls: 84 Top
10 calls as follows:

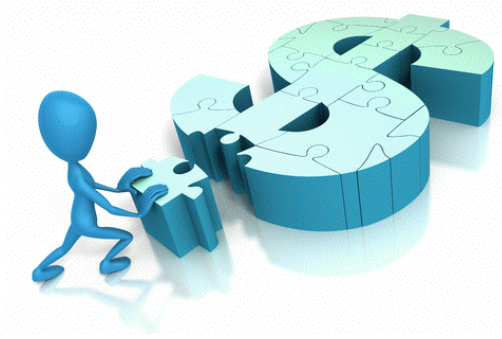
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| Area Patrol | 54 |
| 911 Hangup | 4 |
| Parking Violation | 4 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 3 |
| Road Hazards | 2 |
| Trespass | 2 |
| Motorist Assists | 2 |
| Theft | 1 |
| Medical | 1 |
| School Bus Violation | 1 |

Summary: Officers continue to focus their patrol efforts in neighborhoods while traffic conditions along Hwy. 9 remain dangerous. In the first two months, we have completed 7 motor vehicle accident reports. This is a slightly higher number of reported accidents than this time last year. The intersections of Spruce Creek Road and Blue River Road are where the majority of accidents occur.

Current Administrative Focus

- Training – Several officers have obtained certifications as instructors in fundamental law enforcement disciplines. This will continue until the agency is self-reliant for all recertification mandates.
- Records Management – Staff are reviewing and evaluating current records management systems.

Report prepared by: Chief,
David Close



Financial Summary Report

Prepared by: Michelle Eddy, Town Manager
Month Ending February 28, 2023

Revenues/Expenditures:

Revenues are tracking in line with budget overall. Sales tax and building fees are slightly ahead of budget.. Expenditures are tracking slightly over budget by 1.07%. This is a timing issue as many bills are due at the first of the year.

Reserve Accounts*As of 2/28/2023

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| Unrestricted | |
| Reserve accounts Alpine Bank: | \$1,342,981.45 |
| Reserve account First Bank: | \$100,001.00 |
| CD's Citywide Bank: | \$211,498.41 |
| Colorado Trust: | \$907,991.41 |
| CSAFE: | \$100.00 |
| Petty Cash | \$1,148.16 |
| Illiquid Trust Funds: | \$1,187.42 |
| Total Unrestricted | \$2,564,907.85 |
| Restricted | |
| American Rescue Plan Funds: | \$229,727.36 |
| Conservation Trust: | \$125,395.04 |
| Total Reserves Restricted | \$355,122.40 |

Open Building Permits February 2023

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| Issued | |
| • New Construction Permits: | 11 |
| • Addition/Garage/Remodel Permits: | 33 |
| Under Review or Approved waiting additional information | |
| • New Construction: | 2 |
| • Addition/Garage: | 3 |
| Total Project under construction or pending: | 49 |
| Projects provided extensions: | 4* |



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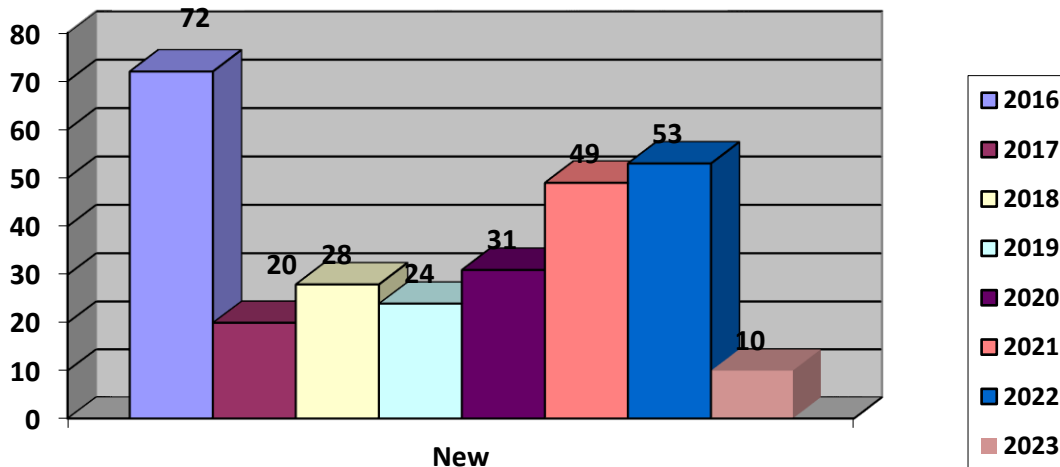
Staff Report
Short-term Rental Update
March 8, 2023
Submitted By: Michelle Eddy, Town Manager

Statistics

Issued by Year

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| 2016 | 72 | *Previous number included previous years prior to Town taking over program |
| 2017 | 20 | |
| 2018 | 28 | |
| 2019 | 24 | |
| 2020 | 31 | |
| 2021 | 49 | |
| 2022 | 53 | |
| 2023 | 11 | |

Total Active Licenses as of 3/8/2023: 206



New (never rented before) Licenses by year:

- 2017-20
- 2018-25
- 2019-20
- 2020-25
- 2021-43
- 2022-35
- 2023-8

License turnover (STR one owner to the next):

- 2017-0
- 2018-3
- 2019-4
- 2020-6
- 2021-6
- 2022-18
- 2023-3

Annual Revenue

| Year | Sales Tax | Lodging Tax |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 2016 | \$264,757.05 | \$123,742.00 |
| 2017 | \$237,468.92 | \$126,585.55 |
| 2018 | \$286,968.54 | \$155,511.07 |
| 2019 | \$425,616.72 | \$166,883.33 |
| 2020 | \$842,141.13 | \$176,339.81 |
| 2021 | \$844,558.23 | \$228,743.34 |
| 2022 | \$1,002,256.27 | \$327,762.62 |
| 2023 | \$219,982.76 | \$30,107.37 |

Percentage of STRs by Subdivision

*****Please note the percentage of STRS is based on total homes built within each subdivision and NOT buildable lots.***

| Subdivision | Built Lot | # STR | %STR ** | % Build Out | % Full-Time Res. |
|------------------------|-----------|-------|---------|-------------|------------------|
| 96 Sub | 37 | 9 | 24% | 90% | 30% |
| 97 Sub | 41 | 9 | 22% | 84% | 41% |
| Aspen View | 16 | 7 | 44% | 80% | 19% |
| Blue Rock Springs | 50 | 11 | 22% | 93% | 44% |
| Bryce Estates | 4 | 1 | 25% | 57% | 25% |
| Clyde Lode | 1 | 0 | 0% | 50% | 0% |
| Coronet | 31 | 10 | 32% | 78% | 32% |
| Crown | 66 | 21 | 32% | 92% | 35% |
| DOT Condo | 37 | 5 | 14% | 100% | 27% |
| DOT Placer | 2 | 0 | 0% | 50% | 100% |
| Golden Crown | 5 | 3 | 60% | 63% | 20% |
| Lakeshore | 40 | 11 | 28% | 93% | 30% |
| Leap Year | 21 | 8 | 38% | 91% | 52% |
| Louise Placer | 8 | 3 | 38% | 73% | 13% |
| McCullough Gulch | 3 | 1 | 33% | 43% | 33% |
| Misc Sec TR7-77 Land | 5 | 0 | 0% | 22% | 40% |
| Mountain View | 44 | 12 | 27% | 96% | 36% |
| New Eldorado Sub | 8 | 4 | 50% | 73% | 63% |
| New Eldorado Townhomes | 9 | 1 | 11% | 100% | 67% |
| Pennsylvania Canyon | 2 | 0 | 0% | 100 | 0% |
| Pomeroy | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Rivershore | 5 | 0 | 0% | 63% | 20% |
| Royal | 67 | 15 | 22% | 94% | 39% |
| Sherwood Forest | 78 | 18 | 23% | 90% | 24% |
| Silverheels | 4 | 1 | 25% | 67% | 25% |
| Spillway | 19 | 2 | 11% | 90% | 26% |
| Spruce Valley Ranch | 44 | 0 | 0% | 68% | 11% |
| Sunnyslope | 30 | 12 | 40% | 86% | 47% |
| Timber Creek Estates | 71 | 27 | 38% | 89% | 10% |
| Wilderness | 55 | 14 | 25% | 96% | 38% |

General Statistics

- Total Percentage of short-term rentals 26%
- “Local” Breckenridge, Dillon, Frisco or Silverthorne addresses with STR License: 24 or 12%

Code Violations 2015-2023

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| Total Violations: | 277 |
| Violations for STR’s while licensed as an STR: | 117 (42%) |
| Percentage of Repeat Offenders: | >1% |