



**Blue River Staff Report**  
January 2024

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### **Roads**

- There has not been significant snow so far this season. As needed crews are applying sand in targeted areas.

### **Election**

- The 2024 Regular Municipal Election is set for April 2, 2024.
- The Mayor and three Trustee seats are up for election. Mayor Babich, Trustee Fossett and Trustee Finley are up for election. Trustee Dixon will term out in April.
- Petitions were available to pick up beginning January 2, 2024 and must be returned by January 22, 2024.

### **Webinars**

- Two webinars were hosted on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and January 10<sup>th</sup> for short-term rental license holders and contractors/homeowners to learn how to use Blue River's Citizen Portal to remit taxes and apply for permits.

### **Broadband**

- We received word that our broadband project was not funded. The Broadband Office received five times the requests beyond the \$642 million available. There are additional opportunities coming and NEO Connect will be submitting applications on our behalf.
- We have been invited and have begun conversations with the FCC, Representative Neguse, Senator Bennett and Senator Hickenlooper's Offices to address issues with the FCC mapping.

## **Town Statistics**

Facebook Page Likes  
Town-1,300  
Police Department-902  
Instagram-1,250 followers  
Twitter (X)-75 followers  
Threads-116  
Residents on Email List-998  
Blue River News-1,179

**Business Licenses-245**

**Lodging Registrations-219**

## **Municipal Court January 2024**

Total tickets written for December Court: 39  
Total on the January Docket: 3  
Total January Failure to appear(s): 2  
Total January OJW(s): 0

## **Building Statistics**

**December 2023**

**Permits Issued: 12**

**YTD: 232**

**Inspections: 29**

**New Construction 2023: 3**

**Certificates of Occupancy 2023: 5  
& 1 duplex**



## End of Month Report: December 2023

### Calls for Service

Total number of a calls: 205

Top 10 calls as follows:

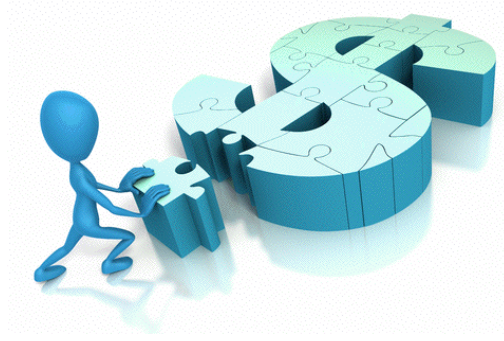
Area Patrol	85
Traffic Stops	38
Motorist Assists	22
Extra Watch Request	8
Road Hazard	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6
Medicals	4
Other Agency Backup	4
Parking Violations	3
Reckless Driving	3

**Summary:** Traditionally to total number of calls for service in December are low. However, calls for service remained in the volume of summertime months. Area patrols and motorist assistance are higher.

Arrests: DUI = 1

### Current Administrative Focus

- Staffing – all training requirements were met.
- Patrol Vehicles– continue to experience routine maintenance issues.
- Technology – All previous tech issues have been resolved.
- Future – Administration is evaluating new equipment and training to improve the department's all over service levels.



## Financial Summary Report

Prepared by: Michelle Eddy, Town Manager  
Month Ending December 31, 2023

### Revenues/Expenditures:

Revenues finished ahead of budget by 14%. Sales tax and building fees being the largest difference.. Other income including interest on investments were higher than planned. Expenditures finished above budget by 8.72%. Utilities continue to increase in expense primarily at Town Hall. Auto repairs are exceeded budget due to unforeseen repairs on the 2015 sedans. The Town finished the year in a good position.

### Reserve Accounts \*As of 12/31/2023

#### Unrestricted

Reserve accounts Alpine Bank:	\$1,403,421.58
CD's Citywide Bank:	\$211,498.41
Colorado Trust Assigned to Capital:	\$3,030,527.23
Colorado Trust Assigned to Broadband:	\$203,539.56
CSAFE:	\$100.00
Illiquid Trust Funds:	\$1,187.42
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$4,850,274.20</b>

#### Restricted

American Rescue Plan Funds:	\$188,680.33
Conservation Trust:	\$143,336.85
<b>Total Reserves Restricted</b>	<b>\$332,017.18</b>



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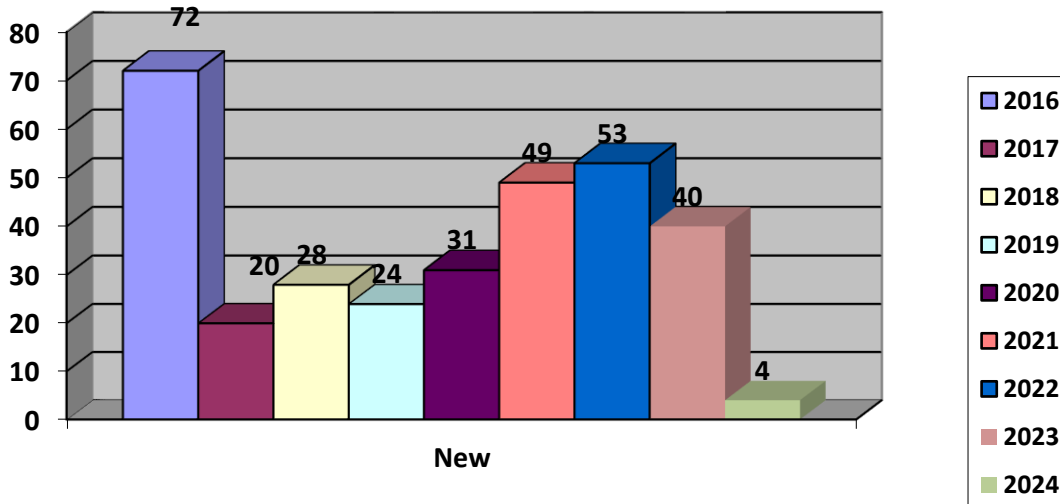
**Staff Report**  
**Short-term Rental Update**  
**January 2, 2024**  
**Submitted By: Michelle Eddy, Town Manager**

## Statistics

Issued by Year

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	40	
2024	4	

Total Active Licenses as of 1/2/2024: 219



## 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	\$996,818.50	\$303,230.72

## 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	# STR	%STR **	% Build Out	% Full-Time Res.
96 Sub	9	24%	90%	30%
97 Sub	11	27%	84%	37%
Aspen View	7	44%	80%	13%
Blue Rock Springs	13	24%	93%	46%
Bryce Estates	1	25%	57%	0%
Clyde Lode	0	0%	50%	0%
Coronet	10	32%	78%	35%
Crown	22	33%	93%	28%
DOT Condo	5	14%	100%	31%
DOT Placer	0	0%	50%	100%
Golden Crown	3	60%	63%	20%
Lakeshore	12	30%	93%	23%
Leap Year	8	38%	91%	43%
Louise Placer	4	50%	73%	13%
McCullough Gulch	1	33%	43%	67%
Misc Sec TR7-77 Land	0	0%	22%	40%
Mountain View	13	27%	96%	34%
New Eldorado Sub	4	50%	73%	38%
New Eldorado Townhomes	1	11%	100%	56%
Pennsylvania Canyon	0	0%	100	0%
Pomeroy	0	0%	0%	0%
Rivershore	0	0%	63%	0%

Royal	16	24%	94%	31%
Sherwood Forest	20	26%	90%	23%
Silverheels	1	25%	67%	29%
Spillway	3	15%	90%	25%
Spruce Valley Ranch	0	0%	68%	20%
Sunnyslope	12	40%	86%	33%
Timber Creek Estates	29	41%	89%	7%
Wilderness	14	25%	96%	33%

### General Statistics

- Total Percentage of short-term rentals 27%

### Code Violations 2015-2023

#### Total Violations:

**302**

Violations for STR's while licensed as an STR:

141 (47%)

Percentage of Repeat Offenders:

1%