



## Blue River Staff Report July 2023

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## **Communications & Happenings**

- **Weed Fest/Weed & Seed**
  - The Summit Community Weed Pull Event was held Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at Theobald Memorial Park. There were three staff members and five community members that worked for three hours pulling weeds for the event.
  - The annual Weed & Seed Program is currently running until September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Community Events Calendar**
  - The Community Events Calendar is on the home page of the town website: <https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov>.
- **Upper Blue Planning Commission-From Representative Dan Cleary**
  - The UBPC reviewed PLN21-102: A preliminary plat to subdivide Lot 9 of Anaconda and Daisy Subdivision zoned R-2. The project was approved. The CWPC meeting was once again cancelled.
- **Colorado Municipal League (CML)**
  - Town Manager Michelle Eddy, Town Attorney Bob Widner and Breckenridge Council Member Carol Sade were all elected to the CML Executive Board at the Annual Conference in Aurora. Manager Eddy has also been appointed to the housing committee for the Executive Board. Manager Eddy and Councilwoman Sade are representing small communities and Attorney Widner large communities for Centennial.
- **Police Department Vehicles**
  - With the purchase of a new/used patrol vehicle, the Town will be selling two of the 2015 sedans due to increase maintenance cost and lack of need for the vehicles. Usable equipment will be transferred to the remaining vehicles. L.A.W.S has agreed to purchase the two sedans.
- **Broadband**
  - An Invitation to Negotiate has been sent out to potential internet service providers. There was a pre-bid meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Proposals are due by August 1<sup>st</sup> with a goal of approving a proposal at the August meeting. NEO will be submitting a grant on behalf of the Town for funding.

- **Wildfire Mitigation Projects**
  - The Blue River West project is complete and considered a success. Over 109 acres were treated. Work on the Blue River East project is continuing, and a final project scope should be finalized soon. Before and after photos taken by Bill Wolf with the Colorado State Forest Service are attached.
  - Additional work is planned at the Spruce Creek Trail head this fall. Trucks will be running mid-week the end of August and September.
  - Plans are moving forward on the Blue River East project. It has not yet been determined if trucks will be hauling due to cost restraints to raise two Xcel poles.
- **Sherwood Road Maintenance Project**
  - Staff met with 0014 Sherwood and were able to come to an agreement for where ditching and culverts will be installed. The engineers have completed the drainage report which is uploaded to the website. Staff is awaiting additional information and questions from the Siddons family concerning impacts.
- **Spruce Creek Road**
  - There are no new updates. Muller Engineering is continuing work based on Trustees direction.
- **Digital Trail Map**
  - Muller Engineering is continuing work on the digital map which should be available for review by the beginning of September.
- **Roads**
  - Summer road work is complete. Crews added 1,500 tons of road base in key areas around town. The focus was on roads with the most traffic and needs. Crews are identifying areas for next summer. An Earth Bind product was applied to Spruce Creek Road in addition to mag-chloride. The hope is the product will maintain the road and require less maintenance. If successful, it will be looked at adding the product to additional areas next year. The cost is four times that of mag-chloride. Crews added crowning and ditching to roads in most need in order to move water off the roads and improve maintenance. A culvert that was damaged on Sherwood was replaced. Crews will be back in the fall for any touch ups and culvert work along with work planned on Sherwood/Starlit.

## **Town Statistics**

Facebook Page Likes  
Town-1,300  
Police Department-899  
Instagram-1,208 followers  
Twitter-125 followers  
Residents on Email List-991  
Blue River News-1,164  
TextMyGov-14

**Business Licenses-260**

**Lodging Registrations-212**

## **Municipal Court July 2023**

Total tickets written for June Court: 10  
Total on the July Docket: 1  
Total July Failure to appear(s): 0  
Total July OJW(s): 0

## **Building Statistics**

**June 2023**

**Permits Issued: 25**

**YTD: 77**

**Inspections: 40**

**New Construction 2023: 0**

**Certificates of Occupancy 2023: 2**



## End of Month Report: June 2023

### **Calls for Service**

Total number of a calls: 250 Top  
10 calls as follows:

Traffic Stop	136
Area Patrol	33
Motorist Assists	10
Information Law	9
Suspicious Person/Veh.	6
Pedestrian Contact	5
Wildlife	4
Road Hazard	4
Code Enforcement	4
Abandoned Vehicle	3

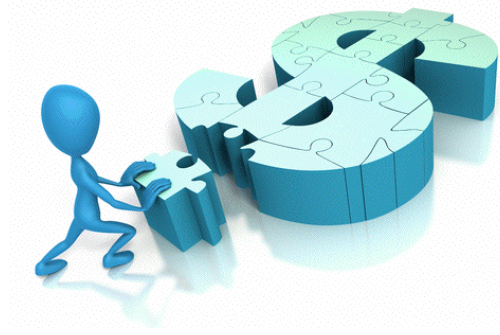
**Summary:** Law enforcement contacts and activity has steadily increased since January. Wildlife calls and Code Enforcement are correlated and have increased with bears activity.

Arrests: DUI = 1, misdemeanor = 1, and a felony warrant = 1.

### **Current Administrative Focus**

- Vehicle Capability – One patrol vehicle is being upgraded with a holding area to detain arrestees.
- New Patrol Vehicle– The department has acquired a patrol vehicle from Silverthorne PD. The vehicle is currently being prepared for service and should be operational in July.
- Grant Funding – The department successfully applied for and received additional funding to support DUI enforcement.

Report prepared by: Chief,  
David Close



## Financial Summary Report

Prepared by: Michelle Eddy, Town Manager  
Month Ending June 30, 2023

### Revenues/Expenditures:

Revenues are tracking ahead of budget by 5.75%. Sales and lodging tax are slightly ahead of budget. Building and other income are ahead of budget. Court is currently tracking behind budget. Expenditures are below budget by 1.02%. Utilities continue to increase in expense primarily at Town Hall. Auto repairs are exceeding budget due to unforeseen repairs on the 2015 sedans. The Town is sitting in a good position and staying on track with planned revenues and expenditures.

### Reserve Accounts \*As of 6/30/2023

#### Unrestricted

Reserve accounts Alpine Bank:	\$1,367,062.07
First Bank Money Market Checking:	\$4,967.43
First Bank Time Savings:	\$95,000.00
CD's Citywide Bank:	\$211,498.41
Colorado Trust:	\$923,534.72
CSAFE:	\$100.00
Illiquid Trust Funds:	\$1,187.42

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**Total Unrestricted** **\$2,603,350.05**

#### Restricted

American Rescue Plan Funds:	\$231,485.23
Conservation Trust:	\$133,952.99

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**Total Reserves Restricted** **\$365,438.22**



# Town of Blue River

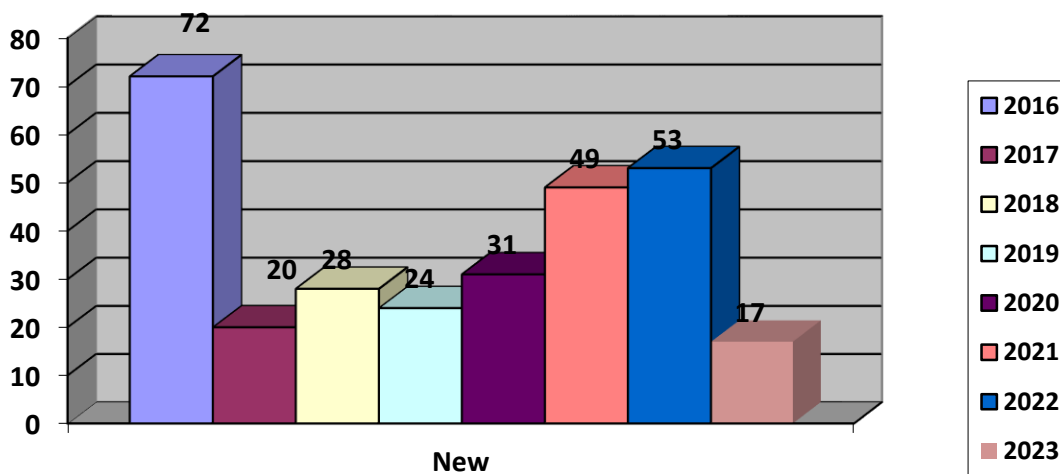
**Staff Report**  
**Short-term Rental Update**  
**April 30, 2023**  
**Submitted By: Michelle Eddy, Town Manager**

## 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	17	

**Total Active Licenses as of 6/30/2023: 212**



**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
- 2023-4

**Annual Revenue**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Sales Tax</b>	<b>Lodging Tax</b>
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	\$586,795.62	\$157,633.49



## 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	10	22%	84%	41%
Aspen View	16	7	44%	80%	19%
Blue Rock Springs	50	13	24%	93%	44%
Bryce Estates	4	1	25%	57%	25%
Clyde Lode	1	0	0%	50%	0%
Coronet	31	10	32%	78%	32%
Crown	66	22	32%	92%	35%
DOT Condo	37	6	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	13	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	19	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	26	38%	89%	10%
Wilderness	55	15	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

<b>Total Violations:</b>	<b>285</b>
Violations for STR’s while licensed as an STR:	125 (44%)
Percentage of Repeat Offenders:	1%

**Before Photos**









**After Photos**













