

Blue River Staff Report March 2024

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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.
- There will also be a question on the ballot asking citizens to be allowed to publish ordinances by title only with the full ordinance on the Town website. This will save the Town approximately \$8,000 a year.
- Ballots will be mailed to all registered electors March 11, 2024.

Goose Pasture Tarn

- Outreach with the Theobalds continues.
- Draft ingress and egress plans have been submitted to CDOT and have been preliminarily approved. A draft agreement and plan has been sent to the Theobald family along with a land use agreement. We are awaiting a reply.
- The Blue River Citizen Advisory Committee has set their March meeting to begin discussing a grand re-opening of the Tarn and 60th Anniversary Celebration.
- Fish for stocking of the Tarn have been ordered and will be delivered early summer.

School Bus Stop

- With agreement from the Theobalds, work has started to move the school bus stop to Blue River Road. Snowplow crews have been clearing snow in that area in preparation of the move.
- A formal agreement between the School District, Theobalds and Town is being reviewed by the Theobalds and School District.

Broadband

• Work continues on potential broadband funding. NEO Connect is continuing work to apply for federal grants.

- A meeting was held with the Colorado Broadband Office to review the application that was denied.
- A grant is being submitted through DOLA.
- An application for congressional funding is being submitted by Breckenridge with Blue River and the County as partners.

Town Hall

New security doors have been installed in the office area and a bullet proof transaction
window has been ordered and will be installed as part of a budgeted project. The new doors
and windows will provide additional security for town hall staff office areas.

Mapping

- The map project is complete. Note that many features are considered "working/staff view" features. The link and map will be available to the public is what is on display for anyone to view. Working and staff view features include proposed trails, open space mapping that was provided from the Trails Committee.
- Mapping information came from information received from Paul Semmer via spreadsheets; databases supplied by staff; subdivision plats for the town currently available on the Town website and existing public information from USFS; Summit County and National Wetlands information.

Citizen Survey

• Per the Trustees request, the Citizen Advisory Committee developed a citizen survey based on the priorities outlined by the Board of Trustees. The survey was sent out on February 19th and will close on March 18th. To date 125 surveys have been completed. Results will be reviewed by the Citizen Advisory Committee at their March 21st meeting and a summary report provided to the Trustees at the April 11th meeting.

State Accessibility Law

- In 2022, the State of Colorado passed a law requiring all municipal, county and state websites to be in compliance with accessibility standards developed by the State Office of Technology. Deadline for compliance is July 1, 2024. The Town of Blue River's website is hosted by the State Internet Portal Authority (SIPA). With this, much of the accessibility work is in compliance, however, not 100%. Staff has worked for the last year to further bring the website into compliance, however, additional help is needed. SIPA has an agreement with Allyant to assist towns in bring websites into compliance. Staff met with representatives of Allyant and CommonLook to review what is needed and purchased the additional budgeted software to finish the work and be in compliance moving forward.
- However, the cost to have a third party bring all of our current online .pdfs into compliance is not. Options are to:
 - o Accept the quote as is
 - o Reduce the amount of documents on the website
 - o Have staff work to do the work ourselves.

Moving forward, all .pdfs will be able to be compliant with the purchased software.

Town Statistics

Facebook Page Likes
Town-1,300
Police Department-910
Instagram-1,256 followers
Twitter (X)-78 followers
Threads-140
Residents on Email List-990
Blue River News-1,1774
TextMyGov-134

Business Licenses-253

Lodging Registrations-222

Municipal Court March 2024

Total tickets written for February Court: 8 Total on the March Docket: 5 Total March Failure to appear(s): 0 Total March OJW(s): 0

Building Statistics

February 2024

Permits Issued: 5 YTD: 13

Inspections: 36

New Construction 2024: 0

Certificates of Occupancy 2024:0



End of Month Report: January 2024

Calls for Service

Total number of a calls: 232

Top 10 calls as follows:

Area Patrol	144						
Traffic Stops	16						
Parking Violations							
Animal Complaints	9						
Other Agency Backups							
Motorist Assists							
Medicals	4						
Residential Alarms	3						
Harassment							
Suspicious Person	2						

Summary: With adverse driving conditions on Hwy 9, officers turned their focus to residential patrols. An increase in parking complaints occurred due to the need to remove snow from public roadways.

Arrests: DUI 1, 2 misdemeanor

Current Administrative Focus

- Training Administration is currently working on in-service training agenda and possible dates for training. The department is applying for POST training grant funds for the State's fiscal year 2024-25.
- Vehicle Maintenance All vehicles are currently in-service with no reported maintenance.
- Recruitment With an expected vacancy in April, the department is actively recruiting to fill the opening.

Report prepared by: Chief, David Close



Financial Summary Report

Prepared by: Michelle Eddy, Town Manager

Month Ending February 29, 2024

Revenues/Expenditures:

Revenues are on track with budget. Sales tax is ahead of budget. Lodging tax is slightly behind but is reflective of only January collections that are collected in February. Expenses are on track with budget.

Reserve Accounts *As of 2/29/2024

Unrestricted		
Reserve accounts Alpine Bank:	\$1,416,023.41	
CD's Citywide Bank:	\$211,498.41	
Colorado Trust Assigned to Capital:	\$3,058,155.19	
Colorado Trust Assigned to Broadband:	\$205,395.17	
CSAFE:	\$100.00	
Illiquid Trust Funds:	\$1,187.42	
Total Unrestricted	\$4,892,359.60	
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	\$190,333.90	
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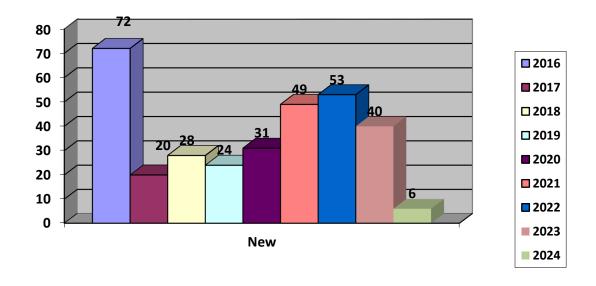


Town of Blue River

Staff Report Short-term Rental Update February 29, 2024 Submitted By: Michelle Eddy, Town Manager

Statistics

Total Active Licenses as of 2/29/2024: 220



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
2024	\$251,826.28	\$23,723.49

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	# STR	%STR **	% Build	% Full-
			Out	Time Res.
96 Sub	9	24%	90%	30%
97 Sub	11	27%	84%	37%
Aspen View	7	44%	80%	13%
Blue Rock	13	24%	93%	46%
Springs				
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	1	33%	43%	67%
Gulch				
Misc Sec TR7-77	0	0%	22%	40%
Land				
Mountain View	13	27%	96%	34%
New Eldorado	4	50%	73%	38%
Sub				
New Eldorado	1	11%	100%	56%
Townhomes				
Pennsylvania	0	0%	100	0%
Canyon				
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	0	0%	68%	20%
Ranch				
Sunnyslope	12	40%	86%	33%
Timber Creek	29	41%	89%	7%
Estates				

Wilderness 14 25% 96% 33%

General Statistics

• Total Percentage of short-term rentals 27%

Code Violations 2024

Total: 8

• Advertising Violations: 7

• Dog Violation: 1

Board of Trustees 1964-present day

The Town recently researched the history of the terms of elective office for the Board of Trustees and produced the attached spreadsheet.

The spreadsheet indicates each person since 1964 who served in elected or appointed position on the Board of Trustees and the length of their terms.

Legend

Full color cell Served time. Cells are colored the same for consecutive years and terms served

Cell with //// Partial appointed or elected term

Notes are provided to note appointments; resignations. In addition, if a seat was resigned and then appointed to another seat, it is noted in the Terms/Notes column

1960-1969

1700-1707														
Name	First Year Elected/Appointed	Years Served	Seat	Terms/Notes	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Robin Theobald	1964	1964-1976	Mayor											
Lois Theobald	1964		Trustee											
John Healy	1964		Trustee											
Richard Ferguson	1964		Trustee											
Frank Mansheim	1964		Trustee											
Virginia Mansheim	1964		Trustee											
Janet Ferguson	1964		Trustee											

1970-1979														
Name	First Year Elected/Appointed	Years Served	Seat	Terms/Notes	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Robert Theobald		1964-1976	Mayor	Resigned March 1976										
Robert Theobald	1978	1978-1982	Mayor											
Lois Theobald	1964		Trustee	Resigned March 1976										
John Healy	1968		Trustee	Resigned March 1976										
Myron McGinly	1968		Trustee											
Frank Mansheim	1968		Trustee											
Virgina Mansheim	1968		Trustee											
Francis Healy	1968		Trustee											
Ruth Johnson	1972		Trustee											
Scott Gould	1972		Trustee											
Robert Jones	1974		Trustee											
Harry Hoff	1974		Trustee											
				Elected Trustee 1974;										
				Appointed Mayor March										
Alton Brown	1974	1974-1976	Trustee	1976										
Alton Brown	1976	1976-1976	Mayor	Resigned October 1976										
Charles Jones	1972	1972-1974	Trustee	Resigned 1974										
Janice Estell	1974		Trustee	Removed 1976										
Tom Farnham	1975		Trustee	appointed March 1975										
Win Lockwood	1975	1975-1976	Trustee											
Win Lockwood	1976		Mayor	appointed Mayor Oct 1976										
Anthony Weiss	1976		Trustee	appointed March 1976										
				appointed March 1976;										
Hal Ward	1976		Trustee	resigned 1977										
Jody Kreameleyer	1976		Trustee	Removed 1977										
Ed Jorgenson	1976		Trustee	Appointed April 1976										
Steve Kleinman	1976	1976-1977	Trustee	Appointed 1976										
Tom Pflanz	1976		Trustee	Appointed Nov 1976										
Gary Lindstrom	1977		Trustee	Appointed 1977										
Lamar Hundley	1977		Trustee	Appointed 1977										
Ed Gormley	1977	1977	Trustee	Appointed 1977										
Carl Hagan	1977	1977	Trustee	Appointed 1977										
				Appointed 1978; not										
Pam Miller	1978	1978	Trustee	elected in July										
NE Buchholz		1978-1982	Trustee	1										
Nancy Fritz		1978-1982	Trustee				İ							
John Healy		1978-1982	Trustee				İ							
Lucille Roberts		1978-1982	Trustee											
Bernard Titony	1978		Trustee				Ì							
Greg Keith		1979-1980	Trustee	Appointed1979			i							
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1980-1989														
Name	First Year Elected/Appointed	Years Served	Seat	Terms/Notes	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Susan Pflanz		1980-1984	Trustee											
Susan Pflanz	1984	1984-1986	Mayor	2 year term										
NE Buchholz	1978	1978-1982	Trustee											
Nancy Fritz	1978	1978-1982	Trustee											
John Healy	1978	1978-1982	Trustee											1
Lucille Roberts	1978	1978-1982	Trustee											
Bernard Titony	1978	1978-1982	Trustee											
Robert Theobald	1978	1978-1982	Mayor											1
Virgil Ledbetter	1980	1980-1984; 1984-1986	Trustee											
Virgil Ledbetter	1985	1985-1986; 1986	Mayor	Appointed; Elected 1986; Resigned 1986										
Carl Hagan	1980	1981-1982	Trustee											
Carl Hagan	1982	1982-1984	Mayor											
Patricia Theobald	1982	1982-1984	Trustee	Appointed	Î									i
Henderson	1982	1982-1986	Trustee											
Neyland	1982	1982-1986	Trustee		Î									i I
Sherwin Powell	1984	1984-1986	Trustee											
David Thorson	1984	1984-1986	Trustee											
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Michael Cavanaugh	1984	1984-1986	Trustee	2 year term; resigned 1985										1
Bill Phelps	1984	1984-1985	Trustee	2 year term	Î									i I
Larry Nelson	1985		Trustee											
Colleen Richmond	1985	1985-1986	Trustee	Appointed; Resigned 1985										
Raymond Miller	1985	1985; 1986-1990	Trustee	Appointed										
Tom Pflanz	1986	1986-1990	Trustee											
William Schardt	1985	1985; 1986-1988	Trustee	Appointed 1985; elected 1986 2 year										
Jan deLuise	1986	1986-1986	Trustee											
Jan deLuise	1986	1986-1988; 1988-1988	Mayor	Appointed;Elected; Resigned										
Brent Stone		1986-1988; 1988-1992	Trustee	Appointed; Elected										
Tony Lord		1986-1988	Trustee	Appointed										
Linda Rhea		1986-1988	Trustee	Appointed										
Mary Michaelson		1988-1992	Trustee											
John Tamaska		1987-1988	Trustee	Appointed										
John Tamaska		1988;1990	Mayor	Appointed										
Frank Roberts		1988-1990-1992	Trustee	Appointed										
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1990-1999	**Note in the 1990's there were a	series of terms elected as 2	2 year terms**											
Name	First Year Elected/Appointed	Years Served	Seat	Terms/Notes	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Brent Stone	1990	1990-1991	Trustee	2 year; resigned 1991										i
Mary Michaelson	1990	1992; 1992-1994	Trustee	2 year; resigned 1992										
		1992; 1992-1994; 1994-												
John Tamaska	1990	1995	Mayor	2 year										I
William Schardt		1990-1991	Trustee	2 year; resigned 1991										I
Linda Rhea	1990	1992; 1992	Trustee	2 year; resigned 1992										l
		1992; 1992-1994; 1994-												ı
Frank Roberts	1990	1996	Trustee	2 year										
Frank Roberts	1996	1996-1998	Mayor	1995 Appointed										
		1992; 1992-1994; 1994-												i
Larry Nelson		1996	Trustee	2 year										l
Larry Nelson		1996-1998	Mayor	Appointed 1996										ı
Mike Good	1991	1992; 1992-1994	Trustee	Appointed										1
Mark Thomas	1992	1992; 1992-1994	Trustee	Appointed; elected										
Richard Griffith		1992-1994; 1994-1995	Trustee	Appointed; elected										l
Susan Pflanz	1992	1992-1994; 1994-1996	Trustee	Appointed; elected										Į.
Kevin Brown	1994	1994-1996; 1998-1998	Trustee	Appointed; resigned 1998										
John Holms	1995	1995-1996; 1996-2000	Trustee	Appointed										
James Estelle	1995	1995-1996; 1996-1999	Trustee	Appointed										
Robin Theobald	1996	1996;	Trustee	Appointed										
Darcy Lystlund	1996	1996-2000	Trustee						•					
Phyllis Dupuis	1998	1998-2002	Trustee						•					
Cleve Keller	1998	1998-2000	Trustee	Appointed			, and the second		•		,			
Howard Smith	1999	1999-2000	Trustee	Appointed										

2000-2009

Name	First Year Elected/Appointed	Years Served	Seat	Terms/Notes	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Robin Theobald	2000	2000-2002	Trustee	Resigned 2002										
Larry Nelson	2000	2000-2002;appointed 2006- 2008;2008-2012;2012-2016		Resigned 2002; reappointed 2006; Elected 2008 & 2012										
Darcy Lystlund	2000	2000-2002	Trustee	Elected 2000; resigned as Trustee 2002										
Darcy Lystlund	2002	2002-2004; 2004-2006	Mayor	Appointed Mayor 2002; Elected term 2004; resigned 2006										
Lindsey Backas	2000	2000-2004; 2004-2006	Trustee	Resigned Trustee 2006										
Lindsey Backas	2006	2006-2008; 2008-2016	Mayor	Appointed Mayor 2006										
Howard Smith	2000	2000-2004; 2004-2008	Trustee											
Rob Waterman	2002	2002-2004; 2004-2008; 2008-2010;2010-2014	Trustee	Appointed Trustee 2002; 2 year term 2010										
Cleve Keller	2002	2002-2006	Trustee											
Phyllis Dupuis	2002	2002-2006	Trustee											
Mark Thomas	2002	2002-2006	Trustee											
Richard Holcroft	2006	2006-2010	Trustee											
Rob Theobald	2008	2008-2016	Trustee											
Jon Warnick	2008	2008-2012	Trustee			, and the second				•				

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Name	First Year Elected/Appointed	Years Served	Seat	Terms/Notes	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Lindsey Backas	2008	2008-2012; 2012-2016	Mayor											
Larry Nelson	2008	2008-2012; 2012-2016	Trustee											
Rob Theobald	2008	2008-2012; 2012-2016	Trustee											
John Warnick	2008	2008-2012	Trustee											
				2 year term in 2008;										
Rob Waterman	2008	2010-2014	Trustee	elected 4 year 2010										1
Julie Jones	2010	2010-2014	Trustee											
Tom Hill	2010	2010-2014	Trustee											
Richard Holcraft	2010	2010-2014	Trustee											
Ken Robertson	2014	2014-2022	Trustee											
Dan Cleary	2014	2014-2022	Trustee											
Terry Feret	2014	2014-2016	Trustee	Resigned April 2016										
Mitchell Weiss	2016	2016-2016	Mayor	Resigned December 2016										
Tyler Brook	2016	2016-2020	Trustee											
Joel Dixon	2016	2016-2024	Trustee											
Laurel Wehrman	2016	2018-2018	Trustee	Appointed April 2016										
Toby Babich	2016	2016-2016	Trustee	Resigned Trustee Seat December 2016										
Toby Babich	2017	2017-2018; 2018-2020; 2020-2024	Mayor	Appointed Mayor December 2017; Two-year term 2018; 1st Four-year Term 2020										
Ted Pilling	2017	2017-2018;2018-2026	Trustee	2017 Appointed; 2018/2022 2 Full terms										
Mark Fossett	2018	2018-2020; 2020-2024	Trustee	2018 elected to 2 year term; 2020 elected to 1st full term										

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Name	First Year Elected/Appointed	Years Served	Seat	Terms/Notes	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Ken Robertson	2014	2014-2022	Trustee	2 Full										
Dan Cleary	2014	2014-2022	Trustee	2 Full										
Joel Dixon	2016	2016-2020; 2020-2024	Trustee	2 Full										
Toby Babich	2017	2017-2018; 2018-2020; 2020-2024	Mayor	Appointed Mayor December 2017; Two-year term 2018; 1st Four-year Term 2020										
Ted Pilling	2017	2017-2018;2018-2026	Trustee	2017 Appointed; 2018/2022 2 Full terms										
Mark Fossett		2018-2020; 2020-2024	Trustee	2018 Appointed; 2020 elected to 1st full term										
Kelly Finley		2020-2024	Trustee											
Noah Hopkins	2022	2022-2026	Trustee											
Ted Slaughter	2022	2022-2026	Trustee											
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