



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:
 - Accept the quote as is
 - Reduce the amount of documents on the website
 - 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	14
Animal Complaints	9
Other Agency Backups	9
Motorist Assists	8
Medicals	4
Residential Alarms	3
Harassment	2
Suspicious Person	2

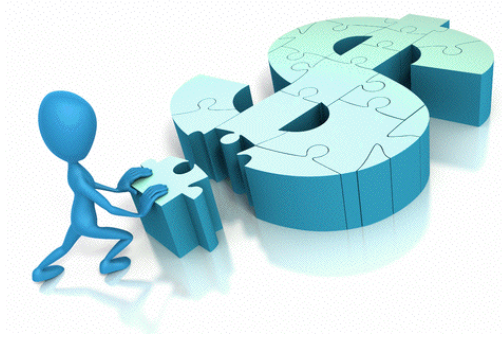
Summary: With adverse driving conditions on Hwy 9, officers turned their focus to residential patrols. An increase in parking complaints occurred due to the need to remove snow from public roadways.

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

Restricted

American Rescue Plan Funds:	\$190,333.90
Conservation Trust:	\$146,023.41
Total Reserves Restricted	\$336,357.31

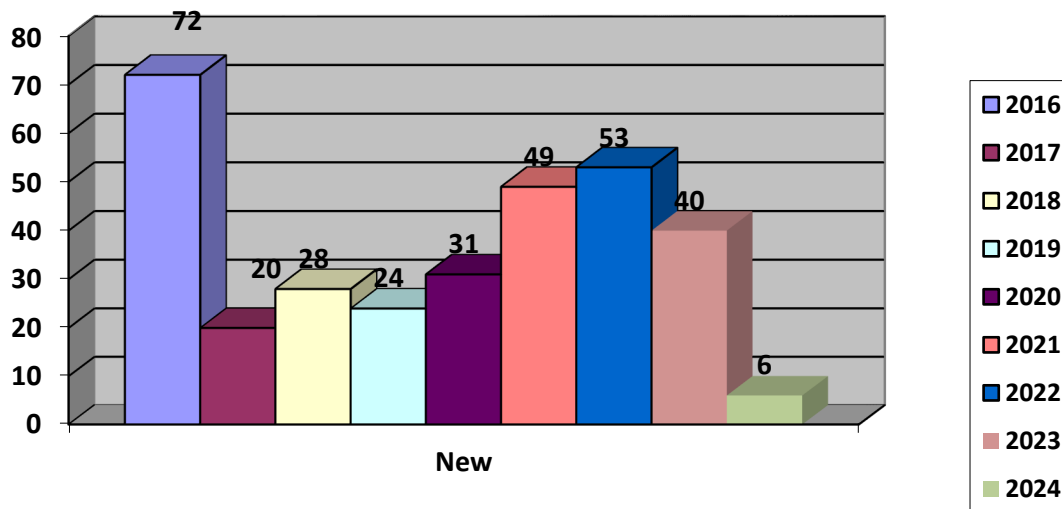


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Staff Report
Short-term Rental Update
February 29, 2024
Submitted By: Michelle Eddy, Town Manager

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 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%
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General Statistics

- Total Percentage of short-term rentals 27%

Code Violations 2024

Total: 8

- Advertising Violations: 7
- Dog Violation: 1

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	Blue	Blue								
Larry Nelson	2000	2000-2002;appointed 2006-2008;2008-2012;2012-2016	Trustee	Resigned 2002; reappointed 2006; Elected 2008 & 2012	Blue	Blue					Grey	Grey	Light Blue	Light Blue
Darcy Lystlund	2000	2000-2002	Trustee	Elected 2000; resigned as Trustee 2002	Dark Blue	Dark Blue								
Darcy Lystlund	2002	2002-2004; 2004-2006	Mayor	Appointed Mayor 2002; Elected term 2004; resigned 2006			Dark Purple	Dark Purple	Orange	Orange				
Lindsey Backas	2000	2000-2004; 2004-2006	Trustee	Resigned Trustee 2006	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Orange	Orange				
Lindsey Backas	2006	2006-2008; 2008-2016	Mayor	Appointed Mayor 2006					Orange	Orange	Brown	Brown	Light Blue	Light Blue
Howard Smith	2000	2000-2004; 2004-2008	Trustee		Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Purple	Dark Purple	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange		
Rob Waterman	2002	2002-2004; 2004-2008; 2008-2010;2010-2014	Trustee	Appointed Trustee 2002; 2 year term 2010			Dark Purple	Dark Purple	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Dark Grey	Dark Grey
Cleve Keller	2002	2002-2006	Trustee				Pink	Pink	Pink	Pink				
Phyllis Dupuis	2002	2002-2006	Trustee		Red	Red	Pink	Pink	Pink	Pink				
Mark Thomas	2002	2002-2006	Trustee				Pink	Pink	Pink	Pink				
Richard Holcroft	2006	2006-2010	Trustee								Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple
Rob Theobald	2008	2008-2016	Trustee										Light Blue	Light Blue
Jon Warnick	2008	2008-2012	Trustee										Light Blue	Light Blue

