



The Town Bugle

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Town Prepares for April 4 Election

Residents must be registered to vote by Monday, March 6 to participate in Trustee election

Three Estes Park residents will be chosen to serve on the Estes Park Board of Trustees during municipal elections on April 4.

At press time, the Town Clerk's office was certifying signed nominating petitions submitted by five potential candidates for office. Those wishing to seek election to the board had until March 3 to submit petitions with 10 qualified signatures to secure their spot on the ballot.

The three candidates receiving the most votes will serve four-year terms and will replace Trustees Sue Doylen and Lori Jeffrey-Clark who are term-limited.

Richard Homeier who was elected in a 2005 recall election has submitted a petition to run for re-election.

To vote in the April 4 election, eligible residents must be registered to vote no later than March 6.

The Town maintains one precinct, thus every registered voter residing inside Town Limits casts ballots in rooms 202-203 at Town Hall. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Election Day, April 4th.

Those unavailable for in-person voting are encouraged to vote via absentee ballot.

Absentee ballot applications may be requested as late as Friday, March 31. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk by 7 p.m. on Election

Day, April 4.

Election questions should be directed to Town Clerk Jackie Williamson at 577-3702. ■

Important Election Dates

March 6..... Deadline to register to vote

March 9..... Candidate Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters; 7 p.m. in the Town Board Room at Town Hall, 170 MacGregor Avenue

April 4..... Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Rooms 202 and 203 at Town Hall

April 4..... 7 p.m. deadline to submit absentee ballots

Sue Doylen

Sue Doylen began her service with the Town as a Planning Commissioner in 1992 and was appointed as a Trustee in 1993 to fill an unexpired term. She was re-elected in 1994, 1998, and 2002. Doylen has been mayor pro-tem since 1996, and served as a chairman or member of the Board of Adjustment, Special Events, Community Development, Public Works, and Public Safety committees. She also chaired the Estes Park Housing Authority from 2000 - 2004, and worked closely with staff in the development and codification of the Estes Valley Development Code. ■

Lori Jeffrey-Clark

Lori Jeffrey-Clark was elected as a Trustee in 1998. She has served as chairman of the Utilities Committee and as a member of the Public Safety, Public Works and Board of Adjustment committees. Her other local civic activities include the Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board, Community Service Coalition, Early Childhood Success Task Force, Knoll-Willows Advisory Board, Youth Board, and PaCK. On the national level, Jeffrey-Clark is a representative to the National League of Cities Small Cities Council and serves on the Small Cities Steering Committee. ■

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Town employee Mike Mangelsen inspects a trench with Jason Henning of Kearney and Sons Excavating and Cornerstone Engineering's Kerry Prochaska, general contractor for the project at Stanley Park. Undergrounding the electrical service at the fairgrounds is one of the upgrades currently underway at the facility. Mangelsen is project manager for the Stanley Park renovations.

Stanley Park Phase 1 to be Complete in May

Drainage improvements and utility upgrades included in the initial stage of the project

Moving 15,000 tons of dirt and building a drainage pond that can hold 800,000 gallons of storm drainage. That's the beginning formula for a renovated fairgrounds at Stanley Park, where throughout the winter, contractors have been moving dirt and burying culverts and utilities as part of the \$1 million project.

"The fairgrounds really have had no attention in 20 years," said Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director Tom Pickering. "We're using community reinvestment funds to renovate" the 42-acre site, he added.

The backbone of that work started with upgraded systems for utilities, including electric, water and sewer lines.

A major portion of the first phase of work has incorporated the creation of a half-acre retention pond on the north

side of the property. Increased runoff from the south and west boundaries is being funneled into the pond. Water runoff, perennially a problem for the fairgrounds, has worsened in recent years as a result of new development that includes more asphalt and concrete.

"Any time there's development that includes hard surface, there is less water that soaks into the ground, and more that runs off," said Town employee and Project Manager Mike Mangelsen.

Another primary improvement is burying, upgrading, and adding more electrical service to the site. "It will provide more reliability and greater capacity," Mangelsen said.

Eventually all electricity at the fairgrounds will come from underground sources.

Before the summer events season begins, new base and topsoil in the

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The Town of Estes Park



Mayor
John Baudek

Town Trustees
Sue Doylen,
Mayor Pro Tem
Richard Homeier
Lori Jeffrey-Clark
Chuck Levine
Wayne Newsom
Bill Pinkham

Town Vision

The Town of Estes Park will continue to be one of the premier mountain resort communities in the United States. This vision includes:

- Being a caring organization sensitive to the needs of our citizens, visitors, and employees.
- Having an employee team that takes pride in being recognized as a model of innovation and performance.
- Providing services which are responsive and reliable.

Town Mission

The mission of the Town of Estes Park is to plan and provide reliable, high-value services for our citizens, visitors, and employees. We take great pride ensuring and enhancing the quality of life in our community by being good stewards of public resources and our natural setting.

Contact Us

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CIA Participants Serve the Community in Many Different Ways

Citizens visit Town facilities, shops and learn about many facets of municipal government

At the March 14 Town Board meeting, 20 Estes Park citizens and five new Town employees will graduate from the fourth class of the Citizens Information Academy (CIA).

The CIA is designed to provide an educational opportunity to help the public become familiar with how local government works, and to encourage participation in local government.

Over five Thursday afternoons, the class learns about the Town's vision, mission, and goals, Town finance and budgeting, Police and Fire Departments, planning and zoning, municipal court, water rights, the new Convention and Visitors Bureau, and much more.

Participants tour Town shops, the new visitors center, the fairgrounds, and other facilities; discuss fiscal management as espoused in *The Price of Gov-*

ernment; and talk about hot topics with Town Trustees.

To date the CIA program has had 59 graduates. They have served with an impressive 24 local offices and committees, some with the Town and others within the community.

Graduates are represented on the Town Board, Estes Valley Planning Commission, EPURA Board, Estes Park Medical Foundation, Rocky Mountain Nature Association, Library Foundation, Rotary, and Quota, to name just a few.

CIA graduates volunteer with the Museum, Senior Center, CVB, National Park, Red Cross, Police and several other organizations.

In general, the CIA graduates are more



Members of this year's Citizen Information Academy learn about the workings of municipal government as they listen to a presentation by Town staff.

interested in what the Town government does than they were before the class, they follow Town issues more closely in the media, they can explain the Town to critics, and they encourage others to participate in the CIA. "It was a great introduction to the Town and very worthwhile" is a typical comment made by a CIA graduate. ■

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three-acre primary arena will be in place, as will a new warm-up arena.

The arena upgrades provide greater safety during equestrian events and are the first steps in meeting the needs of such long-time users such as the Colorado Arabian Club and Hunter-Jumper Association.

Pickering said one of the goals for the improvements is to reinvigorate Estes Park's fairgrounds activities with new or expanded horse shows. "We have about eight weeks of horse events each summer. That used to be 12," he said.

This year's work, scheduled for completion in early May, is only the first of several phases to be completed on the facilities and property deeded to the Town by F.O. Stanley in the early 1900s.

Modifications in future years will include new barn structures with movable animal stalls and expanded parking. ■

A Special Invitation



ESTES PARK
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*The Mayor and the Board of Trustees
Invite you to Attend
the Dedication & Open House
of the
Estes Park Visitors Center
500 Big Thompson Avenue
Estes Park, Colorado*

Friday, April 7th, 2006

*Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at 4:30 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 5 p.m.
Open House & Light Hors d'oeuvres 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*

Calendar of Community Events

March - April

Rocky Mountain National Park Lyceum lectures. Saturdays. 7 p.m. 586-1206.

Estes Park Music Festival Sunday Concerts Stanley Hotel. 2 p.m. 577-9519.

March

- 6 **Voter Registration Deadline.** Call the Town Clerk's office at 577-3703.
- 9 **Candidate Forum** League of Women Voters. Town Board Room at Town Hall. 7 p.m.
- 13 **Village Band Concert** Estes Park High School Auditorium. 586-9203. 7 p.m.
- 16 **Hwy 34/36 Tile Mural Creation Session** Paint a colorful tile to be included in the pedestrian underpass. Art Center. 6 - 7:30 p.m.

- 18 **Aunt Clara Brown** lecture. Estes Park Museum. Tickets required. 11:30 a.m. 586-6256.
- 20 **Village Jazz Band Concert.** Estes Park High School Auditorium. 7 p.m.
- 24 **Oral History & Cultural Interpretation** lecture. Estes Park Museum. 7 p.m. 586-6256.

April

- 1 **Fools in Love,** wedding extravaganza. Bond Park & The View Restaurant. 586-6151
- 8 **Isabella Bird** presentation. Estes Park Museum 2 p.m. 586-6256.
- 14 **Charles Partridge Adams Exhibit** opening reception 5 to 7 p.m. Estes Park Museum. Exhibit continues through Sept. 24. 586-6256.
- 21 **The Art of Charles Partridge Adams** lecture. 7 p.m. Estes Park Museum. 586-6256.

- 27 **Quota Club's Taste of Estes.** Estes Park Conference Center. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. 586-5800.
- 28 **Ledger Books of the Plains Indians** lecture. Estes Park Museum. 7 p.m. 586-6256.
- 28, 29 **Rotary's Estes Park Sings Hollywood.** Estes Park High School. 7:30 p.m. 577-9900.
- 30 **Oratorio Society Spring Concert.** Community Church of the Rockies. 3:30 p.m. 577-9900.

May

- 6 **Estes Park Duck Race.**
- 13, 14 **JazzFest and Artwalk.** 577-9900.

Committee and Town Board Meetings are held regularly at Town Hall. Citizens are encouraged to attend. Go to www.estesnet.com/TownClerk for dates and times. For more information, contact the Town Clerk at 577-3703.

Check our complete listing of community events and more at www.estesnet.com



Take a Historical Moment

Elkhorn Avenue

When was Elkhorn Avenue first paved? Before Elkhorn became the traffic center of town, it was subjected to traffic of a different sort, that of the thundering hooves of horses. Horses were a much more common mode of transportation around Estes Park than automobiles for the town's early years, and they tended to make a mess of the town's main thoroughfare.

One of the first acts of the Estes Park Woman's Club was to purchase a sprinkling cart to water Elkhorn Avenue in 1913, which helped with both the dust from the horses and the flies that

followed them.

Elkhorn Avenue received its first hard surface in 1926 with a layer of pulverized granite, but the dirt and dust continued to be a problem in the summer months. The road was improved and oiled in 1929, and then again in 1932 it was replaced with three layers of crushed materials: rock, then gravel, then sand, each layer oiled.



These horses are returning to their stables. Since they knew the way back home, in Estes Park's early days, people just let the horses run freely along Elkhorn Avenue. This photo is circa 1920.

Throughout the years, Elkhorn has been improved many times, most recently in the aftermath of the Lawn Lake Flood and following the construction of the Streetscape Project in the mid-1980s.



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Q: When was the last major paving work done on Elkhorn Avenue?

A: a) 1976 b) Mid-1980s c) Late-1990s d) 2002

See the Historical Moment above for the answer!

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