



The Town Bugle

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New Deputy Town Administrator to join staff

Halburnt selected from impressive field of candidates

Following a two-month search and interview process, Jacqueline Halburnt will join the Town of Estes Park at the end of February as the new Deputy Town Administrator.



JACQUELINE HALBURNT

Ms. Halburnt comes to Estes Park from the Town of Avon in Eagle County where she has been employed for approximately 11 years. Halburnt has been the Assistant Town Manger of Avon since 2003 providing administrative oversight of the town's daily operations.

Prior to that appointment, she was Avon's Director of Human Resources and Public Information. Before joining the Avon governmental staff, Halburnt worked in the apparel industry and served eight years active duty in the Ohio Air National Guard.

Halburnt holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and a Masters of Arts degree in Applied Behavioral Sciences.

In her new role with the Town, Halburnt will initially oversee human resources, public information, risk management and special projects. The Deputy Town Administrator works directly for the Town Administrator and will serve as Acting Town Administrator in his absence.

Ms. Halburnt was selected for the position from an outstanding field of 75 candidates. She and five other final-

ists for the position were interviewed in January by two teams of interview panelists that included Mayor John Baudek, Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Pinkham and Town department directors.

Applicants for the position responded from 15 diverse states across the country including North Carolina, Florida and Alaska. More than a third of the applicant pool reported having governmental experience. More than half of those who applied held masters degrees.

There has not been an assistant administrator position since September 2004 when Randy Repola gave up that job to become Estes Park's Town Administrator. ■

Brrr ... Snow makes for a plowing season to remember

It takes 22 people from eight different departments, but the Town of Estes Park isn't deviating from a snow removal policy that calls for plowing all residential streets within the town limits.



The Town's snow plow drivers have faced more than their share of snowdrifts this winter.

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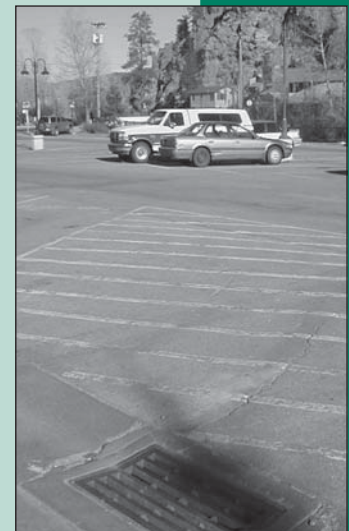
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Say goodbye to all of those potholes! The post office parking lot is set to receive a facelift this spring, with work expected to be complete by Memorial Day. Find out more about the reconstruction project on Page 3.

Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment created under Estes Valley Development Code

How is so much development being approved in Estes Park?

In 1996, the Town of Estes Park and Larimer County both adopted the Estes Valley Comprehensive Plan, which was the result of more than 40 public meetings held throughout the Valley.

Many of the goals and policies from the Comprehensive Plan were codified in 2000 with the Estes Valley Development Code, the zoning code for the entire Valley. This means that all property in the Valley develops under the same rules, regardless if it's in Town or not. This is the only such code in the state.

At the same time the Estes Valley Development Code was adopted, the entire Valley was rezoned to reduce the potential density by about 30 percent, mostly through the addition of new density limits in areas that had been zoned for tourist use in the unincorporated areas of the Valley.

The Estes Valley Development Code established the Estes Valley Planning Commission and Estes Valley Board of Adjustment. The Planning Commission reviews development plans and subdivision proposals, and the Board of Adjustment reviews variance requests for such things as property line setback requirements. Subdivisions and rezonings require approval by either the Town Board or County Commission.

Last year, there were seven development plans and nine subdivisions approved in the Valley, and there were 26 variances approved along with a dozen small plats that adjusted property lines but didn't create new lots. Of the seven development plans approved, only three were for new development; one was for the hospital addition, one was for the



Secretary Julie Roederer of the Community Development Department readies the Town Board Room for a Planning Commission meeting.

Fairgrounds at Stanley Park, one was for antennas on a downtown building (did you notice?), and one was for a hotel conversion to employee housing.

Many projects are phased over several years, so what you see built today may have been approved two, three, or more years ago.

The Community Development Department maintains an extensive web site that includes all current proposals, as well as those that have been recently reviewed. Also included on the web site are the Estes Valley Plan and the Estes Valley Development Code. The Planning Commission meets in the Town Board room the third Tuesday of every month, and encourages public participation and comment. The Board of Adjustment meets the first Tuesday of every month. Stop by and learn who serves on the boards and what they do. They are in Room 210 of Town Hall.

Please visit the website at www.estesnet.com/ComDev. ■

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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.

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Potholes soon to be a thing of the past at post office lot

Overhead utility lines and drainage improvements are also included in project

By the time the bulk of vacationers arrive in town, all those bumps, potholes and other annoying features of the post office parking lot will be a thing of the past.

While Town project manager Greg Sievers and the engineering staff have been contemplating the lot reconstruction project for some time, work to create final design drawings has begun and the goal is to have the project completed by Memorial Day.

Current overhead utility lines will be buried as part of the project. In addition, significant improvements to the water run-off and drainage will be made as all the current asphalt in the lot is removed and replaced.

“It’s been more than two decades since we’ve done any renovations to the parking lot, other than some minor asphalt patching,” said project manager Sievers.

The improvements are more than aesthetic in nature, Sievers added, saying the improvements are expected



It’s been more than two decades since significant renovation work has been done to the post office parking lot. In addition to repaving, this spring’s improvements will address the subsoil in the area, water run-off and drainage.

to remove the poor subsoils below the asphalt.

To maximize resources, engineering on the post office lot project has been combined with another Public Works project, the fourth phase of the Fall River Trail west of the core downtown area. Cost of the design and management of both projects will cost the Town \$64,777. Actual construction of the parking lot is anticipated to be approximately \$300,000, although the final costs which include the removal and replacement of all the asphalt will not be known until the March 8th

Public Works Committee meeting, which is open to the public.

Sievers anticipates that construction will be phased as much as possible to allow access to businesses and part of the parking lot through-traffic. However, the parking lot will be closed to all traffic for short periods during several critical stages. Those closures will be closely coordinated with business owners and well-advertised in the local newspaper as well as on the radio. At the time of final paving it is anticipated that all access to the lot will be closed for two days. ■

Town crews plow 55 miles of Town-maintained streets

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With a 25 percent increase in miles of road to maintain in recent years, work continues on the 55.5 miles of city streets.

The team of employees from Street, Parks, Water, Events, Light and Power, Police, Fleet, and Public Works Administration departments use 17 pieces of equipment that include dump trucks, pick-ups, front-end loaders, small tractors and a skid loader to complete their work.

While most of the Town’s arterials are state highways plowed by the Colorado Department of Transportation

(CDOT), Town employees clean the remaining streets in Town limits, focusing first on the major arterials for which CDOT is not responsible. Priority streets are: those that provide access to hospitals and schools; the downtown streets; MacGregor Avenue; Big Horn Drive; Peak View Drive; and any street that needs maintenance because of a dictated police, ambulance or fire emergency.

The snow removal team starts plowing at 4 a.m. if there are two or more inches of snow on the ground. If less than two inches have accumulated, work begins at 5 a.m. Work generally continues until noon on all the streets for which the town is responsible.

When needed, additional passes on streets are made after that. Unless required by the police, fire department, or ambulance for an emergency, plows are not dispatched to residential streets outside normal work hours.

The Town buys its sand mix, which is 20 percent salt, from CDOT. Since December 20, 2006, the Town has been under sand restrictions from the state and has thus been carefully monitoring sand use. Once collected by street sweepers, the sand is recycled and used for applications such as shouldering and road base.

For more information about plowing, call the Public Works Department at 577-3588. ■

Calendar of Community Events

February

- 17: **Imagine This!** arts festival. Estes Park High School. 11am-4pm. 970-586-9203
- 17-18: **Rails in the Rockies** model train show. Conference Center. 9am-5pm Saturday; 9am-4pm Sunday. 577-9900; 800-44-ESTES

March

- 1: **Jazz Night Concert.** Jazz Big Band and the Estes Park High School Band. EPHS Auditorium. 7 pm. 970-586-9203
- 2: **Monteverde** exhibit opening. Estes Park Museum. 5pm. 970-586-6256
- 3-4: **Estes Park Dog Weight Pull.** Visitors Center parking lot. 970-586-6104
- 4: **Music Festival concert.** Stanley Hotel. 2pm. 970-586-9519
- 5: **Concert.** Village Band and Estes Park High School Band EPHS Auditorium. 7 p.m. 970-586-9203

- 16: **Dr. Justina Ford** presentation. Estes Park Museum. 7 p.m. 970-586-6256
- 30: **Other Civil War** lecture. Estes Park Museum. 7 p.m. 970-586-6256
- 31: **Fools in Love** wedding extravaganza. 970-586-6151

April

- 6: **Aerial Perspectives** exhibit opens. Art Center. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri. - Mon. 970-586-5882
- 7: **Colorado's Strangest** lecture. Estes Park Museum. 2 p.m. 970-586-6256
- 20: **Finding Your Ancestors** lecture. Estes Park Museum. 7 p.m. 970-586-6256
- 26: **Taste of Estes.** Conference Center. 5:30-8:30 p.m. 970-586-5800
- 27: **The First Hundred Years** fire department exhibit opening. Estes Park Museum. 5-7 p.m. 970-586-6256
- 28: **Red Feather Woman** presentation. Estes Park Museum. 7 p.m. 970-586-6256

May

- 5: **Estes Park Duck Race.** Riverside Plaza. 1 p.m. 970-586-9519
- 19: **BeAware & Prepare Wildfire Fair.** Fairgrounds at Stanley Park. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 970-577-0900
- 19-20: **Jazz Fest & Art Walk.** Performance Park. 12:30-5 p.m. 970-577-9900; 800-44-ESTES
- 25: **Distant Bugles** lecture. Estes Park Museum. 7 p.m. 970-586-6256
- 26-27: **Antiques & Collectibles** show. Fairgrounds at Stanley Park. 970-586-6104
- 26-28 **Art Market.** Bond Park. 970-586-5882

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. The Town Trustees and Mayor are available to speak at clubs and meetings. For more information, contact Town Clerk Jackie Williamson at 577-3702.

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



Take a Historical Moment

Year-round daily mail delivery arrives by wagon in 1905

Estes Park's first post office was built in 1885 at the corner of Elkhorn and Moraine Avenues, near what is now the Indian Village. John Cleave served as Estes Park's first postmaster from that first year until his resignation from the post in 1905. He was succeeded by C.H. Bond.



Mail is delivered by wagon to Estes Park's first post office in 1902.

It was in 1905 that the growing town of Estes Park began receiving daily, year-round mail service from Lyons.

Due to construction of the Estes Park Hotel, the post office was relocated to a structure on Elkhorn Avenue in 1907. A new wood



This photo of Estes Park's second post office was taken circa 1914-20.

and stone building was built at the site in 1914 and later enlarged in 1924.

It was in 1941 that the post office moved to its current location on West Riverside Drive, where local residents continue to gather to chat on a daily basis. ■



In 1969 cars line the curb in front of the current post office building.



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Q: How many miles of roadway do Town crews plow during a snowstorm?

A: a) 17 b) 37 c) 55 d) 102

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