

## Pinkham Elected Mayor

It's been 10 years since the Town saw nearly as large a turnout for a municipal election as it did on April 1 when a total of 1,567 ballots were cast. In 1998 the total was 1,713. It also was an election with only 29 more registered voters than in 2006, the last municipal election year.



Bill Pinkham

Bill Pinkham was elected Mayor in the election last week. Named as Trustees were John Ericson, Chuck Levine and Jerry Miller.

Another similarity between the 2008 and 1998 elections came because both were marked by citizen-referred legislation. This year, residents were asked whether they wanted to vote on the sale of any property owned by the Town within the Stanley Historic District. Voters overwhelmingly directed Town government to let them have a say, as 74 percent approved the measure. In 1998 the issue be-

fore the voters, which was defeated, asked whether voters wanted to limit Estes Park's growth to one percent per year.

This year's 4,313 registered voters may represent a turn-around in declining voter registration over the past eight years. In 2006 registered voters totaled 4,284; in 2004 there were 4,367 registered voters and in 2000 the total was 4,628.

### Vote Totals

Absentee-Early Vote:	569
Poll Votes	998
% Registered Voters	
Casting Ballots	36%

### Mayoral Election:

Bill Pinkham	792
Sue Doyle	398
Larry Pesses	343

### Trustee Election

Chuck Levine	892
John Ericson	777
Jerry Miller	681
Patrick Cipolla	672
Art Blume	512
Paul Fishman	493

### Ballot Question

Yes	1,144
No	408



## Meet The Staff

### Russ Franklin

When he's not planning or overseeing landscaping for the Town, Parks Foreman Russ Franklin can be found with a passel of children practicing for an upcoming swim meet.

A master swimmer himself, Russ coaches the Estes Park Middle School and Otters Swim Clubs. He challenges the young people to help them "appreciate the wonderful world of competitive swimming, to have fun while competing against yourself, and to better your times by improving your techniques."

From August to October, Russ coaches the Middle School Bobcats. From October to July he works with the Otters.

Russ coaches with Debbie Holmes and, as Franklin says, they stress the importance of swimming all strokes well and competing in different events to strengthen the swimmers' total capabilities.



Chuck Levine



John Ericson



Jerry Miller

# Shuttle Routes Announced

Following two seasons of success, modifications to the free Shopper Shuttle system which begins operating June 28, have been established. Changes effect scheduling and route modifications.

Shuttles will operate daily through Labor Day. After Sept. 1, the shuttles will continue making rounds on Saturdays and Sundays through September, except during the Scottish Irish Highland Festival weekend when special routes and schedules will be used.

The Elkhorn Avenue route will be the same as in past years. The Stanley Hotel was added as a stop on the Big Thompson Avenue route. Shut-

tles will begin each day with routes leaving from the Estes Park Visitors Center at 10 a.m. The last Brown - Southwest "campground" shuttle leaves the Visitors Center at 8 p.m. while the other two routes will depart the Visitors Center at 8:30 p.m.

Stops at the YMCA of the Rockies-Estes Park Center and Marys Lake Lodge were added to the Brown route. Based on low ridership last year, three stops along Highway 7 were eliminated from the schedule.

The Town-sponsored shuttles remain connected to Rocky Mountain National Park's express Hiker Shuttle that transports riders to the Park & Ride lot on Bear Lake Road.

# LMD Signatures Adding Up

Petitioning for the establishment of the Estes Park Local Marketing District (LMD) is on a roll.

Signatures from owners of at least 50 percent of the commercial real property in the proposed LMD are required, and staff member Tom Pickering reports that a majority of those have been collected

Boundaries of the LMD would mirror those of the Estes Valley Recreation and Park District in Larimer County, including Glen Haven, Drake and the unincorporated areas around Estes Park and along Colorado Highway 7 to Boulder County.

Without affecting residents or property taxes, the LMD would use proceeds from a proposed two percent lodging tax, collected from overnight visitors, to support advertising, marketing and tourism promotion. These significant operations currently have no dedicated financial support and are funded by a hefty sum from the Town's General Fund, subject to annual Town Board approval.

So, what happens after the necessary petitions are gathered? Two public hearings will allow the public to voice opinions on the formation

of the LMD. To proceed with the LMD formation, the Town Board and Larimer County Commissioners must then sign an Intergovernmental Agreement before a vote of all residents on the next election day, which likely will be Nov. 4. If approved by voters, the 2009 lodging tax collections would fund 2010 LMD operations, estimated at \$1.2 million.

Applications for seven LMD board members from throughout the District will be solicited through newspaper advertisements, with appointments made in early 2009 by the Town Board, Larimer County Commissioners and three appointed representatives of petitioners.

Individuals collecting signatures are Lynette Lott of the Estes Area Lodging Association, Ken Larson of the Estes Park Chamber of Commerce and Bill Pinkham of the Town of Estes Park.

The LMD board would be required to draft an operating plan proposal for approval by the Town Board and County Commissioners. Upon approval, the LMD board will assume all responsibilities for directing services to the newly formed district.



ESTES PARK  
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Mayor  
William C. (Bill) Pinkham

Mayor Pro Tem  
Chuck Levine

Town Trustees  
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Dorla Eisenlauer  
John Ericson  
Richard Homeier  
Jerry Miller

Town Administrator  
Jacquie Halburnt

Deputy Town Administrator  
Lowell Richardson

Regular Monthly  
Town Meeting Schedule  
All listed meetings are conducted  
in the Town Hall Board Room

**Community Development**  
8 a.m. 1st Thursday

**Public Works Committee:**  
8 a.m. 2nd Thursday

**Public Safety Committee:**  
8 a.m. 3rd Thursday

**Public Utilities**  
8 a.m. 4th Thursday

**Town Board of Trustees:**  
7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Tuesday

**Utilities Committee:**  
8 a.m. 3rd Thursday

**Estes Valley  
Board of Adjustment:**  
9 a.m. 1st Tuesday

**Estes Valley  
Planning Commission:**  
1:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday

**EPURA Board**  
8 a.m. 3rd Wednesday

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# Technology Advances Public Safety Mission

The Estes Park Police Department is putting technology to work and is acquiring it primarily through grant dollars. It is the most effective way to do more with less and it is paying off.

In the last few years, the Police Department has gone wireless. Ad-



Equipping patrol cars with advanced technological devices has provided improved public safety capabilities in Estes Park.

ditionally, officers are now able to complete reports from their vehicles by using laptops. They can issue citations electronically, which reduces the amount of time needed to issue a ticket while improving accuracy of subsequent reports.

Estes Park's transition to technology is now being used to demonstrate how successful public safety programs are established and managed. Department representatives from Fort Collins, Greeley, Aurora, Jefferson County and others have had first-hand introductions to the programs as they work to duplicate the system.

In the summer months, Community Service Officers carry pocket citation devices and portable printers on their belts that enable them to monitor parking, retrieve information and issue citations.

The migration to the electronic system for records management is the first step towards a paperless system of case management and storage. It

has also allowed for a certain level of officer independence by bringing information to the officers' fingertips immediately while providing wireless connection to other officers in the county.

The Communications Center, the technology hub of the department, is the home of 911 and dispatch services for Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services in the Estes Valley.

The division's new program, CARE, is a free call reassurance program that automatically contacts elderly or disabled individuals within the Estes Valley to check on their well being on a daily or weekly basis. It also alerts family, friends or emergency service personnel if a proper response is not received.

In 2007, the dispatch center handled 80,332 calls including 4,495 calls to 911. The center dispatched routed emergency service units to 20,849 incidents. Center employees also monitor several individual security cameras in the community.

# Safety Fair for Kids, Adults in May

Teaching children basic bicycle safety has grown into an annual spring rite that features educational events for all ages from virtually every public safety organization in the area.

The event now known as the Estes Park Safety Fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 17 in Barn W at the Fairgrounds at Stanley Park. The 16-year-old event includes programs from units within the Police Department: Communications and how to appropriately use 911, Patrol, Investigations, Restorative Justice, Community Emergency Response Team, Emergency Response Team, Regional Bomb Squad, Search & Rescue, School Resource Officer, and others.

Over time, other organizations have also been invited to participate including the Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department, Estes Park Medical Center, Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Rocky Mountain National Park Services, Larimer County Search & Rescue, K9 Units, and the Division of Wildlife.

This year, there will also be a professional skateboard expo attached to the event.

The Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department again will provide exhibits and demonstrations.

Preventative wildfire educational sessions also will be featured at the fair.



Safety agencies from throughout Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park are preparing for the May 17 Safety Fair.

# Just Facts

- 1,920** The number of parking stalls in downtown Estes Park.
- 560,468** The number of square feet consumed by parking lot surfaces in the town.
- 130** The number of trash receptacles downtown.
- 10** The number of sculptures found downtown.

- 31,000** The number of full trash bags collected from downtown trash cans and disposed of each year.
- 20** The number of foot bridges in Estes Park.
- 30,000** The number of annual summer flowers planted in downtown flower beds.

- 393** The number of trucks, cars and other motorized equipment owned and operated by the town.
- 56** The number of park benches in Estes Park.
- 10.36** The number of park acres of land maintained by the Town Parks Department.



## Take a Historical Moment The Road to Estes Park

Enos Mills declared it “the epoch-making event in the history of the Park” and it happened 105 years ago. Freelan O. Stanley, hotelier and inventor, traveled with his wife Flora to Estes Park from Lyons in just one hour and fifty minutes.

Local lore depicts Stanley in downtown Estes Park, phoning the skeptical owner of the North Fork Hotel back in Lyons to do away with all doubts of his success. His steam train on wheels, the Stanley Steamer, boasted high clearance and plentiful power to maneuver the steep, rocky grades of the roads to

Estes Park in June of 1903. Until road improvements were sufficient, steam cars were the only autos seen in Estes Park, traversing the roads alongside horse-drawn carriages that took more than twice the time to travel the same path.

Today, vehicles make nearly 2 million trips each year into Estes Park on U.S. Highway 36, the modern-day equivalent to the North Saint Vrain Highway that Stanley traveled. Along with U.S. Highway 34 and Colorado Highway 7, millions of visitors and residents access the flourishing community of Estes

Park and the beauty of the surrounding mountains.

Estes Park will celebrate its automobile heritage through community events including the May 17 and 18 Parade of Years, the July 4 Coolest Car Show and the August 16 Auto Extravaganza.



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