



## TOWN MEETINGS

MONTHLY  
IN THE  
TOWN HALL  
BOARD ROOM

Community Development  
Committee  
8 a.m. the first Thursday

EPURA Board  
8 a.m. the third Wednesday

Public Safety Committee  
8 a.m. the third Thursday

Utilities Committee  
8 a.m. the second Thursday

Town Board  
7 p.m. the second and  
fourth Tuesday

Public Works Committee:  
8 a.m. the fourth Thursday

Estes Valley Board of  
Adjustment  
9 a.m. the first Tuesday

Estes Valley Planning  
Commission  
1:30 p.m. the third Tuesday



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## EMERGENCY HELP NEEDED

**W**hen a disaster of some sort strikes Estes Park, the community will be ready, particularly after residents complete training to become community emergency response leaders.

September training sessions will teach Estes Valley citizens how to care for themselves and their neighbors in a variety of dangerous situations. Those who participate will be called Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. Although the specific training schedule is still in the works, Community Services Manager Amanda Nagl is collecting names of people interested in completing the training.

Emergency Response Service professionals will lead a series of classes covering general disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue operations, incident command, and disaster psychology. Total classroom learning time will be 24 hours over a series of several weeks. Once the classroom work is complete, class participants will participate in an eight-hour practical disaster drill.

The entire program is part of Citizen Corp, a national organization designed to make communities stronger

by educating and training residents in areas such as public health and disaster/terrorism response. Funded through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the mission is accomplished through a network of state, local, and tribal Citizen Corp Councils.



Estes Park is a part of the Larimer County Citizen Corps Council that was introduced locally last spring through the "B Ready" Campaign. The effort, a "yellow reminder," was hosted by local residents, organizations and businesses. It was designed to remind citizens to "get prepared" for disaster by preparing an emergency survival kit for home, office and vehicle.

Beginning next year, two more training sessions will be held annually when CERT members refresh their knowledge and skills with quarterly sessions.

For more information or to register for the classes, call Amanda Nagl at 970-577-3822.

Above: Search and Rescue "team" members assist human members during emergency operations.

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## NEW LAWS COVER GALLERIES, STORES

It's common knowledge that Coloradans can now buy hard liquor and wine on Sunday. But did you know that a new law covering galleries also has been enacted?

HB 08-1105 created the Art Gallery Liquor Permit, effective July 1, that requires art galleries obtain an annual permit to serve alcohol on the gallery's premises for no more than four hours in any one day, and for no more than 15 days a year. Under the regulations, art galleries cannot charge an entrance fee or a cover charge in connection with the event when offering complimentary

alcohol beverages. Annual permits from the state and the municipality are required.

When art shows are unveiled, several galleries in town host receptions where alcohol is served. The new regulation covers those public receptions.

The law covering alcohol sales, Senate Bill 08-082, makes Sunday sales legal in retail liquor stores. However, the law continues to prohibit the sale of alcohol on Christmas day and prohibits any retail store sampling/tasting on Sundays.

No changes have been made

to Special Event Permits covering the sale of alcohol beverages to the public. Permits can be held by non-profit organizations, religious or philanthropic groups, political candidates or a municipality owning arts facilities.

No more than 10 Special Event Permits can be issued to a single entity each calendar year and are valid only for a specific date, time and location. By statute, special signage alerts the public about event permit applications before they are approved.

Permits are not needed for private, invitation-only events

## STAFF VOLUNTEER FOR FIRE DUTY

When the call comes in, five Town employees head for their vehicles. Daryl McCown, Robert Hirning, Will Birchfield, Bruce Walters, and Bo Winslow are among about 30 community volunteers who serve as firefighters and divers for search and rescue operations.

Employers generously allow the volunteers to leave their jobs when needed.

Winslow, Fairgrounds at Stanley Park Manager, a 16-year veteran of the Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department (EPVFD), is one of two Captains serving on the volunteer force. McCown is the First Assistant Chief; Hirning is Second. Walters is one of four Lieutenants on the force.

"I volunteer to give back to the community," Winslow said. "I enjoy volunteering and am proud to be a part of such a great group of fire-

fighters. Several years ago a group of us started a burn foundation that sends young burn survivors to camps in the summer. I always felt if we could help one child not get burned, it would make it worth it. I feel as though our department has met that goal and will continue to meet that goal with our fire prevention programs," Winslow added.

"You never need a thank you, Winslow also said. "You can just look at the people you help and know you have done your job. I also get a lot of satisfaction out of training our new firefighters. They are all great people, and eager to learn. It can be a dangerous job and I do my part in making sure they are safe. Seeing a new firefighter safely drive a truck to a call, go into a burning building, or participate in a difficult medical call are all things we try to prepare for."

EPVFD volunteers each donate at



Volunteer Fire Department Captain Bo Winslow examines safety outerwear used by volunteers when they respond to emergencies.

least 5½ hours for monthly training and improve skill levels during an additional 30 to 200 hours each year.

There are also calls for fire services — about 500 per year — that keep these volunteers busy.

# FREE BEETLE INSPECTIONS OFFERED

The Town of Estes Park Public Works Department has committed a significant amount of resources to the local fight against beetle infestation including the administration of free inspections and consultations, offered by a team of educated volunteers – the “Beetle Busters.”

To date, more than 100 properties in the Estes Valley have been inspected. A map depicting the compiled results of the inspector’s findings will be published in the near future.

In addition to the free inspections, the Public Works Department is offering free beetle tree disposal at the town’s new air curtain burner site. Located on Elm Street (near the transfer station), the site will accept properly prepared beetle-killed or infested trees from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Logs must be cut in sections no longer than

eight feet and stripped of branches; no needles or limbs will be accepted at the burner at this time.

The air curtain burner incinerates the trees using a much cleaner environmental method than what occurs with a traditional burn pile. In testing, the S-217 Fire Box, manufactured by Air Burners, LLC, gave an approximate 23-fold reduction in burn emissions over pile burns and a 33-fold reduction in emissions over understory burns.

Beetle Buster inspections have shown beetles attacking ponderosa pine as well as lodgepole pine in the Estes Valley.

To help curb infestation in the Valley, the Town has adopted an ordinance that combines with state and county ordinances regarding beetle mitigation.

Beetle Buster inspectors are trained to determine the health of your trees and forest. More information is available by calling 970-577-3588 or by visiting [www.estesnet.com/publicworks/Parks/Saveourtrees.aspx](http://www.estesnet.com/publicworks/Parks/Saveourtrees.aspx)



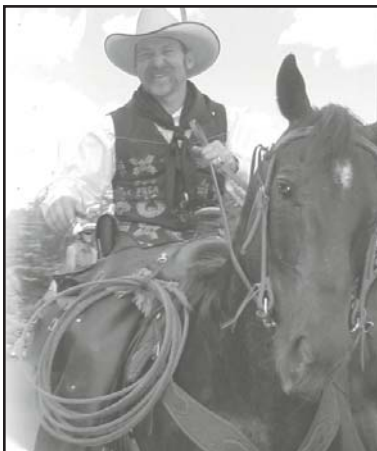
Beetle-killed logs are incinerated.



The curtain burner controls flames.

## TOWN MOURNS MAYHEW

Town employees, officials and the community mourned the passing of long-time employee and area resident Tim Mayhew at a memorial service on June 29. Mayhew died Wednesday, June 25. He was born Feb. 12, 1962 in Hillsdale, MI.



Tim Mayhew 1962-2008

He began his career with the Town of Estes Park working part-time in 1986 at the Fairgrounds at Stanley Park. Opportunities led to a full-time position, where he was employed as Maintenance Supervisor.

“As we travel through life, we will never forget the values and honor Tim brought to this existence and his work. As a person, he was one of a kind,” said co-worker Laurie Button. “All the staff, and those who knew Tim, are aware that he will always be in our hearts and therefore never far from our thoughts,” she added.

“His presence at the fair-ground will always be felt, never forgotten,” said Bo Winslow, his immediate supervisor and close friend.



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## TOWN HALL NUMBERS

**D**id you ever wonder what happens behind the scenes in the Town Finance Department? What kind of work generates interesting statistics for the office? Just for fun, take a look at some of the numbers:

**10,553** – Number of utility bills sent out every month.

**4,016** – Number of vendors included in the accounts payable list.



Accounting Manager Debbie McDougall is one of ten staff members who handles financial papers in the Finance Department.

**2,100** – Number of bank draft customers who have utility payments automatically deducted from their checking accounts.

**700** – Number of accounts payable checks processed and sent out each month.

**350** – Number of checks encoded each day, which includes utility payments as well as money received from fees charged by various town departments.

**50** – Number of states to which bills are mailed, plus Washington DC.

**10** – Number of employees managing the paperwork.

And last, but certainly not least...

**8** – Number of foreign countries to which bills are mailed (Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the Netherlands, and the US Embassy in China!).

## UPCOMING HEARINGS

**DEVELOPMENT CODE PROPOSAL**  
Changes to regulations for “granny flats” or “mother-in-law” apartments, also known as accessory dwelling units, will be discussed by the Estes Valley Planning Commission at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Town Board Room.

### WILDLIFE APPEAL

The Town Board will hear an appeal of the proposed Wapiti Crossing development on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room. Residents are challenging the Planning Commission’s approval of the project, based on grounds that the commission did not follow development code requirements for Wildlife Habitat Protection. Wapiti Crossing would be located on the corner of Hwy. 7 and Lexington Lane, and include 42 dwelling units on property zoned for that type of development.

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