



# THE CLEAR CREEK CONNECTION

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**Looking Ahead:** Sept. 2023

**Sept. 4th:** Labor Day Closure

**Sept. 13th:** Open Space Meeting

**Sept. 14th:** Community Town Hall (Budget & CCHAT)

**Sept. 19th:** BOCC Meeting

**Sept. 20th:** Planning Commission Meeting, Public Eye on Alvarado Open Space Event

## Clear Creek County Announces process for Sheriff search

Clear Creek County is excited to announce its plans for the search of a new County Sheriff after former Clear Creek County Sheriff Rick Albers announced his retirement last month. He was with Clear Creek County for more than 43 years, serving as Sheriff for the last eight.

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking an interim Sheriff to serve as the chief law enforcement officer of the unincorporated areas of Clear Creek County. The Sheriff is responsible for maintaining the peace and enforcing the criminal laws of the state.

Interested candidates must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Clear Creek County at the time of appointment. This person also needs to be legally qualified to run a law enforcement agency in the state of Colorado per Colorado State Statute.

In addition, the Commissioners are searching for a person who is willing to collaborate with the Board and other County officials in order to continue to improve the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office. This person must have an extensive background in law enforcement.

The Board of County Commissioners will make selections for interviews based on candidates' submitted letters of intent, qualifications, and résumés.

It is the Board of County Commissioners' intent to make a selection of the new Sheriff in November 2023.

Once appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, the new Sheriff will serve until the next General Election taking place in November 2024. The person appointed would need to run for Sheriff in that election to continue to serve out the remainder of the current term.

If you have any questions, contact Human Resources at (303) 679-2332. [Click here to see the job posting.](#)

 **Job Openings**





- Mechanic
- Equipment Operator (Road/Bridge)
- Caseworker
- Seasonal Laborer (Transfer Station)
- Capital Projects Manager
- Bus Operator
- Transit Supervisor
- County Sheriff
- TREK Teen Council Coordinator

## Public Health provides update on COVID-19 as kids head back to school

By Dr. Tim Ryan, Public and Environmental Health Director

Dear Clear Creek County,

As we head toward the first week of a new school year, the health of our CCC Community remains our top priority. Returning to indoor environments among other people inherently presents a risk for transmission of any disease. Although the pandemic may seem behind us, COVID-19 is not gone entirely from Clear Creek, or anywhere your summer travels took you.



Remember, there are important actions we can all take to help keep ourselves, our colleagues, our students, and our community healthy.

If you or your child tests positive for COVID-19, isolate by staying home for five days. Day zero is the day you start having symptoms or the day you test positive. CC Public Health has tests available for free.

### You may end isolation on day five if:

You have no symptoms, or your symptoms are improving; and

- You are fever-free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medications

After you have ended the isolation and you are feeling better, wear a high-quality mask (e.g., KN95, N95) through day 10. If your symptoms are not improving and/or you have a fever, isolate until day 10.

### Here are a few helpful resources:

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)- What to Do if You Were Exposed to COVID-19
- How Sick Is Too Sick? (English), ¿Qué tan enfermo es demasiado enfermo? (Español)

We also recommend keeping in mind the core prevention strategies: keeping distance, wearing masks, and washing hands -- for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

If you have questions about COVID-19 protocols and prevention strategies, please contact CCC Public Health at 303-670-7528.

Thank you for your continued effort to keep the CCC Community healthy.

## Clear Creek County commissioners issue proclamation for Overdose Awareness Day



International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died from overdose, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind.

During the Aug. 15th Board of County Commissioner Meeting, Commissioner Marlin requested this agenda item and the Board's consideration of resolution #23-46, recognizing August 31, 2023, in Clear Creek County Colorado, as International Overdose Awareness Day. This is a cause that is important to all of the Clear Creek County Commissioners.

"International Overdose Awareness Day is a time to remember our fathers, mothers, daughters, sons, friends and neighbors who have succumbed to drug overdose," County Commissioner George Marlin said. "We share the grief of the families of good folks who are no longer with us, and the gratitude of those whose lives have been saved. We call on everyone to get familiar with life-saving interventions from gestures of kindness, to providing connections to resources, and carrying NARCAN. Every person in our community has the power to save a life."

According to the Center for Disease Control, 1,887 people died from an overdose in 2021 alone. Nationally, the number of overdose deaths involving opioids, including prescription opioids, heroin, and synthetic opioids (like fentanyl), in 2021 was 10 times the number in 1999. Overdoses involving opioids killed more than 80,000 people in 2021, and nearly 88 percent of those deaths involved synthetic opioids.

In Clear Creek County, people can pick up FREE Naloxone (NARCAN) and Fentanyl test strips at Public Health located at 1969 Miner Street on the second floor. This is for anyone to take--no questions asked. [Click here for more.](#)

**SAMHSA National Helpline: Confidential free help to find substance use treatment/information: 1-800-662-4357.**

## Protecting Paws during the dog days of summer

By Einar Jensen, Risk Reduction Coordinator, Evergreen Fire/Rescue



We're officially in the Dog Days of Summer since Sirius, the dog star, has risen in the night sky of the Northern Hemisphere. These days are typically the hottest, and we need to consider the impact of heat on walking surfaces as well as the air.

It's easy for us humans to forget or ignore the temperature of sidewalks, trails, and roads because we're wearing shoes, but our canine comrades usually aren't.

When the air temperature hits 86 degrees Fahrenheit, researchers have found the temperature of asphalt to be 135 degrees. Comfortable weather for us may be less than ideal for our dogs.

If you're not sure about the ground temperature, place the palm of your hand or your bare foot on the surface (asphalt, concrete, or even dirt) for 10 seconds. If the temperature is too hot for your skin, it's too hot for your dog's paws. Dogs also are vulnerable to heat stress much like we are. Any temperature over 104 signals heat

stress among canines. They may be lethargic, have sunken and dry eyes, a dry nose, dry or sticky gums, uncontrolled panting, or dark urine. They need shade, water, and rest just like us. When in doubt, contact your veterinarian.

For other safety tips and more of our commitment to our community, visit [www.evergreenfirerescue.com](http://www.evergreenfirerescue.com).

## Clear Creek County to host County Budget, CCHAT Town Halls

# BUDGET AND CCHAT TOWN HALL

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY IS HOSTING A COMMUNITY TOWN HALL ABOUT THE COUNTY BUDGET AND THE NEW CLEAR CREEK HEALTH ASSISTANCE TEAM.



SEPT. 14

AT 5:30 IN THE BOCC ROOM

LINK TO ZOOM OPTION



Clear Creek County is inviting YOU to attend our upcoming Community Town Halls to get informed about what is going on at the County.

First, on Thursday, Sept. 14th at 5:30 p.m., there will be a Town Hall that will cover the Clear Creek Health Assistance Team or CCHAT (the county's new co-responder program), and the Clear Creek County Budget. This meeting will take place in the Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners meeting room (405 Argentine Street, Georgetown). Both Clear Creek EMS, and the County Finance Department will be there to present, answer questions, and hear your concerns. The Finance Department will also showcase a new tool you can access on the Clear Creek County website where you can see where you tax dollars go and what they fund.

"Clear Creek County wants to hear from its residents about what they want when it comes to services. This is a great opportunity to not only learn, but get your voice heard," County Manager Brian Bosshardt said.

There is a Zoom option for those who would like to attend virtually. This will also be streamed on the Clear Creek County Facebook page, with the meeting posted on YouTube after it concludes.

For those who live in Evergreen, the Finance team and CCHAT will be speaking at the next EMERGE meeting as well.

In addition, there will also be another Town Hall in Idaho Springs with the same topics taking place in the Health and Wellness Center Conference Room (1969 Miner Street, 2nd floor) on Sept. 28th at 6:00 p.m.

This is a vital time in Clear Creek County when it comes to the the county budget and mental health services, and we hope you will attend to stay informed about what is going on in your community.

Click here for meeting links.

## From the Office of Emergency Management: Apply for medical device backup power for free!

The Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing (HCPF) recognizes the importance of reliable and safe power backup in the event of an emergency power outage. This application program is designed to distribute battery-based, power backup systems to eligible Coloradans.

In order to apply for this program you must:

- be enrolled in Health First Colorado, Colorado's Medicaid program
- utilize life sustaining equipment that requires electricity to operate

In an application, you will be asked about your life-sustaining device(s) that require electrical power to operate. This includes equipment prescribed by a doctor for mobility and/or home-use. Devices used for therapy generally do not qualify.

Examples of life-sustaining equipment include:

- CPAP / BiPAP Machine
- Chair Lift
- Dialysis Machine
- IV Infusion Pump
- Medication Refrigeration
- Oxygen Concentrator
- Power Wheelchair
- Ventilator



Please review the list of qualifying devices before completing the application.

If you live in a licensed residential setting such as a group home, supported living program, or alternative care

facility, you won't be eligible because these facilities are already required to have backup power supplies for residents. Each application will be reviewed by staff from the Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering and the Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing. Applications will be approved based on medical need and availability of Backup Power Supplies.

Click [here](#) to apply. If you need assistance completing the application or if you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact us at (303) 315-1284.

### Environmental Health Installs new air quality monitors

The recent adoption of the Clear Creek County Health Improvement Plan included air pollution as a prioritized issue of concern that will require ongoing monitoring. Overall, the Clear Creek County community experiences clean air and meets air quality standards. However, during the months of November through April, and particularly on the weekends, there is an increase in pollution as a result of the traffic on I-70. In addition, the percentage of adults in Clear Creek County who are diagnosed with asthma is almost double that of the state of Colorado, which may be partially attributable to air quality.



Clean air is prioritized by 11 local public health agencies in Colorado, and by many local agencies located near the County. Colorado's 2024 Public Health and Environment Improvement Plan identifies climate action and air quality as one of their six priorities and discusses the adverse impacts of long-term exposure to ozone and other types of air pollution, especially in light of COVID-19 and respiratory diseases such as asthma.

Data gathered using air quality monitors in the County found that the daily highest eight-hour average ozone concentrations exceeded the air quality standard in 2018 for 13 days, compared to only six days in Arapahoe County, and seven days in Denver. There are three monitors in the County that have been collecting data for several years, and two additional regulatory grade monitors have been added by CDOT as a part of the Floyd Hill Project. The two additional monitors will be in place for the duration of the project.

"The additional regulatory grade monitors will allow Clear Creek County to establish a true baseline of air quality, which is important, particularly as lanes are added to I-70," Public and Environmental Health Director Dr. Tim Ryan said.

## August is National Breastfeeding Month: Public Health is here to help

### Thinking about breastfeeding?

Congratulations! With a new baby on the way, you have a lot to think about. Consider this – **breast milk gives babies powerful health benefits that formula can't match. The longer a baby breastfeeds, the greater the health benefits!**

All major medical organizations recommend breastfeeding as the best way to feed your baby. Only breastfeeding (no formula, food or other liquids) for the first six months and continuing to breastfeed for at least a year and beyond is recommended.

**Breastfeeding improves the health of you and your baby by reducing the risks of:**

Breast and ovarian cancers, heart disease and diabetes for you.

#### AND

Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID/SIDS), respiratory tract and ear infections, diarrhea and other stomach problems, obesity, asthma, eczema, allergies and some childhood cancers for your baby.

### Trust Your Body

**Your body is made to feed your baby.** Your breasts start to change during pregnancy as they prepare to make milk to feed your baby after birth.

**Your milk changes as your baby grows.** The amount of milk your body makes depends on the amount baby takes. As your baby's needs change and their stomach grows, your milk will change too.

**You do not need a perfect or special diet to breastfeed.** Your body will make the perfect food for your baby no matter what you eat. It is good to continue taking your prenatal vitamins.



### Make a Plan

Breastfeeding is natural but usually takes some work.

- Plan to focus on breastfeeding in the early days and weeks after delivery.
- At the hospital, limit the number of visitors and keep baby in your room – this helps you to get to know your baby and practice breastfeeding.
- Set up a quiet space to feed your baby and express breast milk, if needed.
- If you are returning to work or school, talk to them about your plans. Find a space to express milk during your work/school day.

Colorado law requires all employers to provide a private space (not a restroom) and time to express milk during a workday until your baby is 2 years old.

Clear Creek County Public Health wants you to know they are there for you before and after the birth of your child, or as you begin your journey into parenthood.

That's why Clear Creek County has a Women, Infant and Children's (WIC) food and nutrition program, which offers free diapers to those in need, free car seats, car seat education/checks, in addition to breastfeeding counseling.

According to research, breastmilk contains antibodies which help protect against common childhood illnesses. Breastmilk also provides all the energy and nutrients that infants need in the first months of life. All mothers should be supported in choosing safe feeding options for their baby, whether it's breast, bottle or formula feeding, so remember, fed is best. If you need help with breastfeeding, call the Public Health Information Message Line at 303-670-7528 to reach a nurse or breastfeeding specialist.

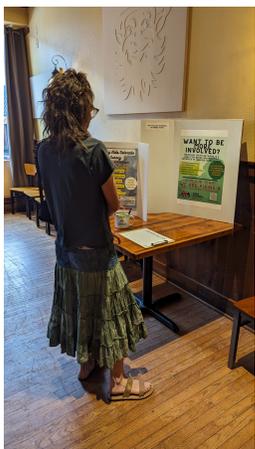
If you have questions about qualifying for the WIC program, please call (970) 409-6907.

You can click [here](#) to make an appointment with a nurse, or call (303) 670-7528 and leave a message.

"We believe that good health begins before birth, and follows mother and child throughout their lives with the prevention, education, screening and the promotion of good health behaviors," Public Health Nurse Emily Kuper said.

Clear Creek County is also a part of the Nurse-Family Partnership Program (NFP), with Summit County Public Health as the fiscal agent and program coordinator for this program which is committed to lasting improvements in the health and well-being of low-income, first-time parents and their children. The Regional contact Jerrie Lynne can be reached by phone at (970) 668-9711.

## Mountain Youth Network Hosts Annual Network Showcase



Mountain Youth Network celebrated its Annual Network Showcase on August 22nd at Tommyknocker Brewery. Here, MYN's staff celebrated and showcased the past fiscal year's achievements alongside dedicated coalition members. Members of all sectors including the school district, local government, healthcare professionals, emergency responders, parents, and other Clear Creek community members connected and discussed youth-focused efforts over appetizers. The over 30 attendees also got a chance to review MYN's work presented on poster boards with programming data and other information, such as how to get more involved in MYN's Coalition through a variety of work groups that drive the organization's work. These work groups include an Outdoor Leadership Committee, Racial Equity Assessment Work group, TREK Teen Council (youth advisory group), among others.

Some of the data presented reflected the TREK Outdoors programs including 935 user days of programming, 133 unique participants, and 73 programs offered in total this past year alone.

Skating trips reached a total of 284 skaters and over 50 volunteer hours at Curbside Skatepark for student volunteers.

The posters also included a link for MYN's current job opening for a TREK Teen Council Coordinator, and gave attendees the opportunity to provide feedback. One request from the community was for MYN to provide more Positive Youth Development (PYD) trainings for the community, which is something that is being currently planned, with the goal to provide a PYD training towards the end of the fall/beginning of winter (stay tuned for more details).

Mountain Youth Network is also gearing up for the free outdoor leadership courses that will be offered this spring. The organization looks forward to welcoming new coalition members and youth, continuing the prevention work and opportunities for pro-social involvement, and overall continue to elevate youth in Clear Creek County!

## Floyd Hill Project: CDOT provides update on blasting and scaling



# I-70 Floyd Hill

Stay Informed

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**Sign up for text messaging service:**  
Text floydhill to 21000





**Visit the project website:**  
[codot.gov/projects/i70floydhill](http://codot.gov/projects/i70floydhill)





**Leave a voicemail:**  
720-994-2368 (CDOT)  
**Send an email:**  
[cdot\\_floydhillproject@state.co.us](mailto:cdot_floydhillproject@state.co.us)



**Check COtrip.org for real-time lane closures and traffic impacts.**





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As part of The Colorado Department of Transportation’s I-70 Floyd Hill Project, crews are performing rock scaling and blasting to widen eastbound I-70 to allow space for an extended on-ramp from the US 6 interchange to the top of Floyd Hill, which will help improve operations and safety on this stretch of roadway. This work requires periodic daytime traffic holds on I-70 and US 40 to protect the safety of motorists.

“We are making significant progress and are very thankful for the patience of Clear Creek County residents and motorists as we complete rock scaling and blasting operations,” said Kurt Kionka, CDOT I-70 Floyd Hill Project Director.

We encourage you to plug into the project by signing up for emails and text alerts so you can plan your trip and know before you go.”

From July 31 through Aug. 21, crews focused their attention on rock scaling, which prepared the area for rock blasting. Now, crews are performing rock blasting operations, and residents and motorists can expect up to two rock blasts per week. These could occur Mondays through Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and/or Fridays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. While blasting will occur in the East Section of the Project between Homestead Road and the US 6 interchange through early 2024, you can anticipate rock scaling and blasting to happen throughout the five-year Project, which spans I-70 from west of Evergreen to eastern Idaho Springs.

You can receive weekly lookaheads and day-of traffic impact information by texting floydhill (lowercase, no spaces) to 21000. You can visit the project website at [codot.gov/projects/i70floydhill](http://codot.gov/projects/i70floydhill) to learn more and sign up for weekly email alerts, or call the project hotline at 720-994-2368 to hear a recorded message about traffic impacts.

### Clear Creek Health Assistance Team (CCHAT) looking for poeple to join Resource Committee



## GET INVOLVED!

THE CLEAR CREEK HEALTH ASSISTANCE TEAM IS NOW SEARCHING FOR RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TO APPLY, EMAIL A LETTER OF INTENT TO [CCHAT@CLEARCREEKEMS.COM](mailto:CCHAT@CLEARCREEKEMS.COM)

QUESTIONS? EMAIL [CCHAT@CLEARCREEKEMS.COM](mailto:CCHAT@CLEARCREEKEMS.COM)

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COMMUNITY MEMBER APPLICANTS WITH PERSONAL, MEDICAL, OR LIVED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY. MEMBERSHIP WILL BE ACTIVE FOR 1 YEAR.

Clear Creek EMS is looking for community members that are willing to serve on the Clear Creek Health Assistance Team (CCHAT) Resource Committee.

For background, the CCHAT is a new branch of Clear Creek EMS in which a community paramedic and a Licensed Crisis Clinician will respond to nonviolent 911 calls to help those experiencing a crisis. Clear Creek EMS’ oversight of the CCHAT will provide the ability to bridge the gap between the myriad of programs throughout the county with the individuals who would benefit the most. The types of calls that CCHAT handles are disturbances, indecent exposure, intoxicated persons, Safe2Tell, suicidal persons, psychiatric calls, trespassing, unwanted parties, and welfare checks.

The goal is to reduce arrests and contact with law enforcement when a community member is experiencing a nonviolent crisis, reduce ER visits, connect at-risk community members with services, and reduce costs.

This committee will discuss current operations and barriers to care for the CCHAT team. It will also work to maximize positive outcomes and find solutions to provide the most help to residents and visitors of Clear Creek County. This committee will provide an opportunity to hear both professional and community perspectives regarding access to services relating to CCHAT activities.

If you are interested in applying to be on the committee, email a letter of intent to [cchat@clearcreekems.com](mailto:cchat@clearcreekems.com).

## Clear Creek County, state working to help close Colorado's digital divide

The Colorado Digital Equity Team is developing the state's Digital Equity Plan, which when completed, will help inform how the state funds programs to get Coloradans the access and training they need. Digital equity occurs when all Coloradans have the technology and knowledge needed to access employment, education, health and essential services. Digital equity programs provide reliable internet, affordable devices and digital skills training to those most in need.

The State needs your feedback to help close the digital divide in your community. Your participation will help it uncover what programs and services are being offered, where these programs and services are being offered, and to whom these programs and services are being offered.

Organizations, businesses, and local governments who should fill out the Digital Equity Ecosystem

Mapping survey include:

- Libraries
  - Health clinics
  - Internet service providers
  - Higher education institutions
  - Community colleges
  - K-12 schools
  - Social service agencies
  - Food resource providers
  - Municipal government agencies
  - County government agencies
  - Organizations that support veterans
  - Organizations that support people who have disabilities
  - Organizations that support immigrants and refugees
  - Homeless shelters
  - Organizations that support older adults
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- Workforce centers
  - Re-entry organizations and parole and probation offices
  - Chambers of commerce
  - Regional councils of government
  - Family service centers
  - Labor unions
  - State and federal legislators
  - Any other business, government, or organization that serves or works with people who may be impacted by their lack of access to broadband, not having the device they need to accomplish their goals, or do not know how to use a device in a meaningful way.

This survey has multiple sections; however, most participants will only need to complete one or two of them. There is also an opportunity to upload an annual report or other information at the end of the survey. This is not a particularly easy survey, but the importance of gathering information about the wonderful work that is already happening in Colorado cannot be overstated.

Ensure the work you do is reflected in Colorado's Digital Access Plan, and that your business, organization, or government's voice is included in ongoing digital equity conversations in communities across Colorado.

Complete the survey [HERE](#). If you have already completed the survey, please share this information widely. There are many counties in Colorado that have no representation whatsoever, as well as sectors that have not yet participated. Thank you for helping Colorado to create a Digital Access Plan that works for all Coloradans! This survey ends on Sept. 15, 2023.

## Road & Bridge working with Colorado School of Mines for capstone class

Clear Creek County has agreed to be a sponsor through the Colorado School of Mines Capstone Design Program. In this program, a senior student design team will commit to evaluating existing conditions for Little Bear Creek Road (County Road 151) and develop feasible design solutions to improve road safety.

Little Bear Creek Road is a narrow, gravel, mountain road maintained by the County. The road is approximately 6.2 miles in length and rises almost 1,000 feet in elevation heading south from Soda Creek Road (County Road 140) in Idaho Springs to State Highway 103. Approximately one-third of Little Bear Creek Road is

comprised of a dozen switchbacks with hairpin turns and has been the site of several car departures in recent years including multiple fatalities.

If Little Bear Creek Road is selected by a team of senior student engineers at the School of Mines, the County Engineer and Capital Projects Manager will meet with the students periodically over the course of two semesters: Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 to provide input and review design development. The final design will be one of approximately 100 design projects presented at the Mines Capstone Design Showcase at the end of the spring semester.

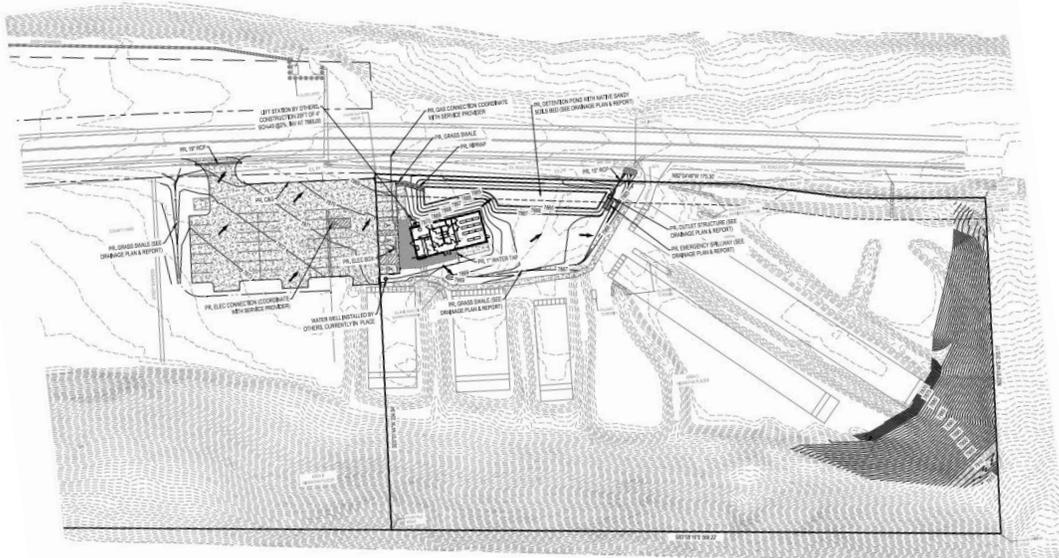
Clear Creek County will engage private property owners and the USFS before any decisions about road design are finalized.

If the project is selected, design reviews will start in Nov. 2023 followed by said Design Showcase that will be open to the public.

[Click here](#) for current, future, and past project information.



## Clear Creek County provides update on Sport Shooting Park Project



The Clear Creek County Sport Shooting Park project made important progress this month with two steps. The first was the Aug. 15th BOCC approval of a contract with Himmelman Construction, LLC for \$1,408,379. The company will break ground in Sept. of this year and are expected to complete the project by June 2024. The operations building will contain a classroom, restrooms, small retail area and an office. The new county Capital Projects Manager, Stacey Canada, will oversee the construction project along with consulting engineers EV Studio. Staff is thrilled to have Stacey on board for this phase!

The Shooting Park is expected to open in the summer of 2024 and the county is looking for an operator for the facility. If you are interested, [click here](#), or call Jon Butcher at 303-679-2308.



## Your Tax Dollar\$ at Work

### Jones Pass Road



Jones Pass, CO. Photo: Reid Neureiter

Jones Pass Road (County Road 202) is a County maintained road located off of U.S. Highway 40 approximately seven miles west of Empire. The Road is due to be resurfaced in accordance with the Road & Bridge Department (Road & Bridge) maintenance plan. This project will rehabilitate approximately 1.8 miles of existing pavement that serves the Henderson Mine and access to several recreational areas from U.S. Highway 40.

A geotechnical investigation performed by RockSol Consulting Group, Inc. (September 2020) details the existing distressed pavement condition and recommends pavement rehabilitation to extend the service life an additional 20 years.

Jones Pass Road provides access to Henderson Mine, a major economic driver for the region. Additionally, Jones Pass Road is frequented by recreational users for access to trails including Jones Pass Trailhead and Butler Gulch Trailhead.

The Jones Pass Road construction project is approximately \$1.5 million and was awarded to APC Construction Company. The project is funded through the Road & Bridge Capital Improvement Fund.

## Employee Spotlight

Welcome to the County! EMS Hires CCHAT Licensed Crisis Clinician and Chief Information Officer (IT)

What is your title?

**Buseck:** I am the licensed crisis clinician for the Clear Creek Health Assistance Team (CCHAT). I am a board-certified, Licensed Professional Counselor with licensure in Colorado and Wyoming.

**Pugh:** I am the Chief Information Officer. Technology has served at the forefront of my entire professional career. With substantial experience at renowned entities like LexisNexis and Jitterbit, I've been entrusted with crafting mission-critical IT solutions that cater to the demands of thousands of customers. My career has covered the spectrum of organizational sizes, from nimble startups to expansive multinational corporations.

Why did you want to apply for the job?

**Buseck:** I applied for the licensed crisis clinician position with CCHAT because I am passionate about assisting underserved populations by providing support and improving access to resources and services.

**Pugh:** Embarking on this journey as Chief Information Officer marks an exhilarating new chapter in my career. I saw this opportunity as a way to merge my 25 years of technology expertise with the dynamic and evolving IT needs of Clear Creek County. It's a chance to make a tangible impact and bring positive change to this community.

What do you hope to do here at Clear Creek County?

**Buseck:** CCHAT hopes to facilitate positive outcomes for the citizens of Clear Creek County by providing support, access to resources, and follow-up. Additionally, CCHAT will develop positive relationships with all community members and stakeholders by identifying solutions and resource gaps, and through promoting collaborative problem-solving processes.

**Pugh:** At Clear Creek County, my mission is clear: to undertake a thorough modernization of all aspects of IT. I am dedicated to crafting state-of-the-art solutions that not only optimize efficiency across departments but also raise the technological landscape of the county to new heights.

What's the best part about being in Clear Creek County?

**Buseck:** The most fulfilling part of being involved with the CCHAT team is the opportunity to help and support people in need. And I love the mountains and the close-knit communities that can only be found here!

**Pugh:** What truly captivates me about Clear Creek County is its people. The spirit of collaboration and shared dedication to progress is truly inspiring.

What do you like to do in your free time?

**Buseck:** In my free time, I enjoy camping and spending time with my four children. I am also an avid fan of the Denver Broncos, interior design, plants, and enjoy working with my dogs.

**Pugh:** I enjoy engaging in anything outdoors: camping, kayaking, skiing, BBQing – you name it.



What do you want the people of Clear Creek County to know about you/your job?

**Buseck:** I want the citizens of Clear Creek to know that I am dedicated to helping others and have worked in the mental health field since the 90s. I am passionate about this work and am very excited to be a part of CCHAT. I believe that my partner, Clark Church, and I will be a valuable resource to the community and want to extend an invitation to all to contact us at any time with needs, questions, or concerns.

**Pugh:** I want the people of Clear Creek County to understand that I strongly believe that the best solutions are created through collaboration. Your insights and opinions are invaluable to me, so I encourage you to share comments or feedback with me at any time - good or bad.



## Employee Anniversaries!

Introduction by Carol Ann Fortune

This section is a dedicated space to celebrate our outstanding staff members' achievements, milestones, and contributions to our community. Here, we honor their dedication, share their success stories, and commemorate their work anniversaries. Each individual is chosen for their role in weaving the fabric of our county's progress. Join us in recognizing the shining stars who embody the spirit of service and teamwork, fostering a stronger, more connected Clear Creek County for all!

### **Nanette Reimer, 28 years with the County Attorney's Office!**



This month we are honoring Nanette Reimer, who has been with Clear Creek County for 28 years! Reimer is a Clear Creek County native, and started working here in 1995.

Reimer is the Executive Assistant/Senior Paralegal for the Clear Creek County Attorney's Office. According to County Attorney Peter Lichtman, Reimer is dedicated to her work.

"She is an extremely hard worker," he said. "She cares immensely about Clear Creek County, and often takes initiative to accomplish tasks to improve processes. She routinely assists all County Divisions and Departments with projects, and also follows up after the fact to ensure completion and accuracy," he said.

In addition, Reimer often makes appearances at Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioner meetings as she presents licenses and more.

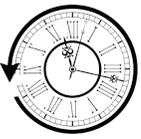
"She single handedly put together and manages Clear Creek County's Marijuana and Liquor licensing processes. She manages the County Attorney's Office," Lichtman added. "She also volunteers as an advocate with the Clear Creek County Advocates."

Lichtman says he is overall just grateful for Reimer as a coworker and a person.

"I am thankful for her knowledge, initiative, input, feedback, work-ethic, humor, conversation, caring attitude, and accountability. I'm also thankful that she puts up holiday decorations and even waters all the plants in the office. I am very fortunate to work with her," Lichtman said.

Thank you, Nannette for all for all of your hard work for the people and staff of Clear Creek County. We appreciate you!

*If you know of any employees you would like to shout-out to, or celebrating an anniversary, email [mbiler@clearcreekcounty.us](mailto:mbiler@clearcreekcounty.us).*

**From the Archives:****By Alexis Ehr Gott****REDUCTION WORKS REDUCED TO ASHES**

“Another Fire!” screamed a headline in the *Colorado Miner* on August 10, 1871. “The Baker Mill in Ruins!! Loss, \$25,000.

“We are again called upon to chronicle another fire, by which our mining industry is seriously affected. It would seem that notwithstanding the indomitable energy of our people; notwithstanding our wants from aid from every source; the devouring element has turned against us, and with destructive force sweeps from us the very means by which we hope to bring our resources into an enumerative state.

“The Baker mill, situated in Bakerville, was discovered to be on fire on Sunday last, about 3 o’clock p.m., in the immediate vicinity of the drying furnace, and although every possible effort was made to save the structure, it was soon a heap of ruins. In close proximity to the engine room 500 cords of wood were piled up, which was saved, thereby rendering the boarding house and other buildings secure. The machinery we are informed, is not materially injured, and therefore the loss to the Baker Company is confined to the Mill buildings. The loss is estimated at \$25,000 fully covered by insurance.

“Prof. Dibbin is the heaviest loser. He had 14 tons of Stevens ore in the mill awaiting treatment, the bulk of which will be a total loss.

“It is generally reported that the mill will be immediately rebuilt, on an improved and more economic plan, which we hope to be true, as there are numerous lodes in the vicinity that require works of the character of those burned, to aid in their development.”



*Photos of the Baker Mill by photographer William Gunnison Chamberlain, c. 1870. Courtesy Denver Public Library, call nos. X-19315 and X-19313.*

Constructed by the Baker Silver Mining Company without regard for cost, the Baker Mill was completed in the summer of 1869. Described as “probably the finest in the county” it was built on the Terrace plan and covered an area of 900 square feet. The silver ore was treated by chlorodizing and amalgamation, crushed by a Blake crusher and atomized by pulverizers. Other equipment included six large amalgamating barrels, six dolly tubs, and three Bruckner chlorodizing cylinders. Two engines were capable of generating 90 horse power.

Although there was talk of the mill being rebuilt, it never happened.

**Helpful Links and Resources:**

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>, <https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/1398/Mental-HealthSubstance-Abuse>

**From Page 3:** <https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=806>, <https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/1479/Clear-Creek-Health-Assistance-Team-CCHAT>

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**From Page 8:** <https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/1196/Engineering>, <https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/bids.aspx?bidID=279>

**The Clear Creek County Health and Wellness Center is here for you!**

Vaccine Walk-In Wednesday Clinic: COVID Vaccines, Flu, Tdap, Hepatitis A, and more. All Childhood Immunizations 0-18 years old. No appointment needed! You can pre-register by calling **303-670-7528**.

Hours: Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wellness Clinics: By appointment only. You can set up an appointment by calling **303-670-7528**. The Clinic can check oxygen levels, temperature, blood pressure, and more!

Lead Testing: Walk-in Wednesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m., or by appointments on other days. You can set up an appointment by calling **303-670-7528**.

Women, Infant, Children (WIC): This program is for mothers and infants. It takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, contact WIC Coordinator Donna Prentner, RD, RN, at **970-409-6907** or [dprentner@clearcreekcounty.us](mailto:dprentner@clearcreekcounty.us).

COVID-19 Testing: There is no longer PCR testing. Rapid tests are available for free at the Health and Wellness Center.

Sexual Health Clinics: Birth control, counseling, STD tests, pregnancy testing and more! Completely confidential. Call **303-670-7528** for more information.

Harm Reduction: Public Health is now offering free Opioid and Naloxone Training. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist – it binds to opioid receptors and blocks or reverses the effects of the overdose agent. Public Health is also offering free Fentanyl test strips. Fentanyl is synthetic opioid that is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Call **303-670-7528** for more information.

Other services:

- State and Federal Eligibility Programs
- Mental and Behavioral Health providers accepting Medicaid
- Clear Creek County Public Health
- Other CDPHE and CORE services
- Food Pantry (VOA also does free lunches on Wednesdays at 12:00 at the Georgetown Community Center)



Health and Wellness Center

1969 Miner Street (2nd Floor)

Idaho Springs, CO 80452

**As always, if you have questions, want updates, to set up an appointment, or leave a message for a nurse, you can call the Public Health Information Line at 303-670-7528.**



## Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners



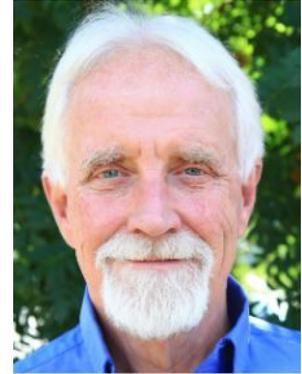
**George Marlin**  
gmarlin@clearcreekcounty.us  
303-949-0980

**District I:** Approximately Floyd Hill to Fall River Road.



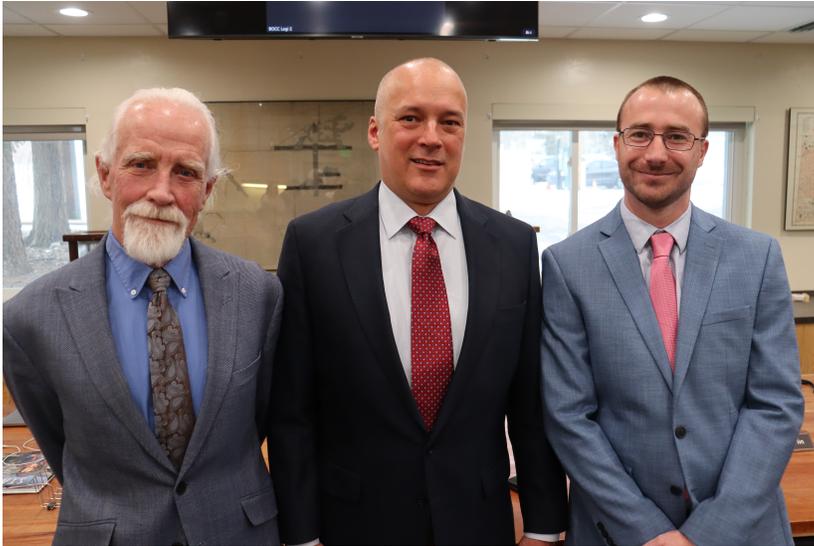
**Sean Wood**  
swood@clearcreekcounty.us  
303-478-6168

**District II:** Southeast Clear Creek County



**Randy Wheelock**  
rwheelock@clearcreekcounty.us  
970-390-2195

**District III:** Approximately Fall River Road and west to Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnel & Berthoud Pass.



### Board Meetings are back in person!

County Board Meetings are back in person in the BoCC Conference Room at 405 Argentine Street in Georgetown. Meetings will still be streamed live online via Facebook and Zoom.

#### **Next Month's BoCC Meetings**

- Sept. 14th
- Sept. 18th
- Sept. 19th

**See past meetings here.**



#### **Important Clear Creek County Phone Numbers:**

- Emergency: **911**
- Sheriff's Office: 303-679-2376
- Clear Creek County Offices: 303- 679-2300
- Report a Road Concern: 303-679-2334 Option 2
- Roundabout Dispatch: 970-409-6714



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AND MORE!