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Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties talk about economic resilience

Clear Creek and Gilpin County business owners and officials were all in attendance this month for the first ever Rural Resilience Economic Development Mixer. The event, hosted by the Clear Creek Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) provided a platform for stakeholder input, inspired economic vitality, and celebrated community successes.

In addition, multiple presentations were held to inform residents and business owners of trends and data when it comes to both counties.

Greg Totten an Economist for the State of Colorado Demography Office, presented Demographic Trends in Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties.

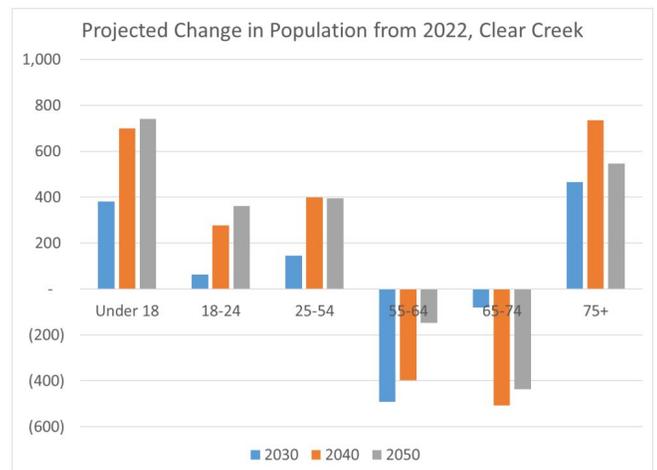
"People do three things, they are born, they die, and they move," he joked during his presentation. You can see a graph he shared below.

Nathan Perry, a Professor of Economics at Colorado Mesa University then presented the State of the Economy in Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties, in which he tackled things like employment, standard of living, sales tax, and housing.

Finally, presentations were held on Resilience and Diversification in Clear Creek/Gilpin Counties presented by Gilpin County manager Ray Rears, Clear Creek County Manager Brian Bosshardt, Mountain Colorado State University's Extension Mountain Regional Specialist Willie Wilkins, and Better City President Ryan Englund.

"This was an impactful and informative event that I was glad to be a part of," Bosshardt said. "I look forward to the strategic action report to be finalized so we can share even more information with the community."

[Click here for more information.](#)



Looking Ahead

Feb. 21st: Dispatch switch to Jeffcom911

Feb. 24th: Georgetown Pond Hockey Tournament

Feb. 29th: GROC Meeting

March 5th: BoCC Meeting

March 10th: BoCC Meeting

March 20th: Planning Commission Meeting



 CCC JOBS



Job Openings

- Equipment Operator (Transfer Station)
- Caseworker
- Manager - Transfer Station
- Lead Bus Driver
- Chief Building Official
- Prevention Outreach Worker
- Property Transfer Technician/Administrative Assistant
- Senior Mechanic
- Trails Technician (Seasonal)
- Senior Trails Technician (Seasonal)
- Community Paramedic

Mt. Blue Sky Scenic and Historical Byway to get improvements

Photo Courtesy of CDOT



The Federal Highway Administration's Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-CFLHD), in partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the City and County of Denver Mountain Parks (DMP), and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) are planning improvements to a segment of State Highway 5 (SH 5,) otherwise known as the Mount Blue Sky (previously Mount Evans) Scenic and Historic Byway. The purpose of the project is to repair and reconstruct approximately 0.7

miles of the roadway near the Summit Lake Parking Lot. Repairs are needed because the underlying roadway material has settled and natural drainage patterns need to be restored. Construction work to the roadway, SH 5, typically open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, will close to the public beginning Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 and stay closed through Spring 2026. Closure of the roadway will affect motor vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists from the USFS Welcome Station on SH 5, north of the SH 103 and SH 5 intersection, and to the summit of Mount Blue Sky, which has an elevation of 14,265 feet. Adjacent areas including the Echo Lake Park, Echo Lake Campground, and the Chicago Lakes and Mount Blue Sky Summit trails will remain open. More information will be available in the coming months as the cooperating agencies who manage Mount Blue Sky finalize details and outline plans for sharing updates with the public.

Public Health and Sheriff's Office team up for outreach

Both the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office and Clear Creek County Public Health Nurses visited the Project Support Senior Center on February 21st to spread awareness about issues affecting the elderly community.

Sheriff's deputies passed out information on scams targeting the age group, while the Public Health Nurses performed cholesterol, A1C checks, and more on residents. The nurses also shared information on heart health, and how to keep healthy as you age.

CCSO plans to attend the Senior Center again next month to share more wisdom, so feel free to stop by!



Why aren't there times on the BoCC agendas anymore? What is a Consent Agenda? Your buring BoCC questions answered!

Have a local gov't question?
Email Megan the PIO at
mhiler@clearcreekcounty.us!



Picture this, it's a Tuesday morning and the Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) are meeting, but you keep hearing words like "Consent Agenda," "Resolutions," or "Executive Session." What does this mean? When can you make your voice heard? Below is our

first Government Jargon 101: A Guide to Public Meetings.

For background, the Clear Creek County BoCC usually meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the BoCC meeting room in Georgetown. Each meeting has both an agenda and a packet. These materials need to be published at least 24 hours before a meeting.

Agendas serve as a guide as to what will be discussed during the meeting, while **packets** contain the agenda, along with other documents and materials that are needed for background information on items. Agendas no longer have times on them. Instead, they now simply list the order of each item that will take place during the meeting.

A **consent agenda** is a list of usually non-controversial items that do not require much, if any, discussion. They are items that the Board routinely sees. Consent agendas are used to expedite meetings and reserve time for matters that need to be discussed. They are usually numbered on the agenda, and are read allowed by the BoCC Chair (leader of the BoCC), and then the Board votes on if they will pass the Consent Agenda as read, or with modifications.

Public comment usually takes place at the beginning of each meeting. Even if your concern will be discussed later that meeting, public comment must be made during this allotted time. During this time, residents have three minutes to make their voice heard about issues they are facing in Clear Creek County. Anyone can provide public comment in person, or via Zoom (if they raise their hand). The BoCC however, is not able to converse with the public about these concerns, and no official action may be taken at this time.

Executive sessions provide an opportunity for the Board, County Manager, the County Attorney, and other relevant people to discuss legal matters such as pending litigation, potential legal risks, personnel, and strategies for addressing legal challenges. No decisions are made, and no written minutes are kept during executive sessions. These sessions are done in private during BoCC meetings.

Resolutions are formal documents adopted by the Board whenever a formal written record of action taken is required, or when certain findings must be made in connection with a particular action. Basically, a resolution is an administrative tool to bring awareness to something. The full text of resolutions can be reviewed in the BoCC Packet.

Action items vs. work sessions: an action item is a topic in which the Board must vote on to deny or give it's approval. A work session is a portion of a meeting where a topic is simply discussed, but not voted on. Both can take from a few minutes to hours for discussion.

Floyd Project Hill updates: what to expect over the next few months



Genesee Wildlife Crossing

Westbound I-70 between Genesee (Exit 254) and Mile Point 255 - Expect a daytime single, left lane closure from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26, through Thursday, Feb. 29, for dirt hauling. To learn more about the Genesee Wildlife Crossing project, visit the project website at www.codot.gov/projects/i70floydhill/earlyprojects.

US 40 & Floyd Hill Roundabouts

US 40 east of County Road 65 - Expect a full closure of US 40 east of County Road 65 from 7 a.m., Monday Feb. 26, through 5 p.m., Friday, March 8. The closure will not impact the I-70 and CR 65 (Exit 248) interchange. This closure is necessary for crews to install curb, gutter and guardrail, remove asphalt, and pave the detour and roadway for the roundabout at US 40 and CR 65. Motorists should detour using I-70. To learn more about the US 40 & Floyd Hill Roundabouts project, visit the project website above.

Clear Creek Greenway Trail Closure

The Clear Creek Greenway trail remains closed between the US 6 (Exit 244) and Hidden Valley (Exit 243) interchanges for construction and utility work in this area. This work is scheduled to last until spring 2024, but trail users can expect ongoing trail impacts and closures through spring 2027. This one-mile portion of the trail will be an active construction zone and will be unsafe for multi-use travel. Other segments of the trail will remain open. There is currently no alternative route for this trail closure. The Project is actively working on solutions for alternative trail access after seeking input as part of CDOT's planning process.

As always, stay up to date by visiting <https://www.codot.gov/projects/i70floydhill>.

Dispatch has officially switched over to JeffCom911: what you need to know



Effective Wednesday, February 21st, all Clear Creek County public safety emergency communications went live with the Jefferson County Communications Center Authority, also known as Jeffcom911.

So, what does this mean to our residents, commuters, and first responders? Catch up and learn more about the switch below!

What is Jeffcom911?

Formed as a consolidation of eight 911 centers in Jefferson County, Jeffcom now dispatches for 30 police, fire, and emergency medical agencies. The center processes over 250,000 9-1-1 calls annually, and over 700,000 calls total (emergency and non-emergency). Daily operations are made possible by a staff of 136 Emergency Communications Specialists and Communications Supervisors who are supported by Administrative, Human Resource, and Information Services personnel.

Recognized as an industry leader in Operational Excellence and Technology Innovation, Jeffcom strives to improve emergency communications through the adoption of new and emerging technologies, and recognizing its people.

Jeffcom911 has been setting new standards for technology, innovation, and service in the Emergency Communications industry nationwide. The County is excited to see how this partnership will help us grow and continue to serve the community and we are doing everything possible to make this transition as smooth as possible.

What does this mean for Clear Creek County residents, visitors, and first responders?

Clear Creek County will continue to have public safety communication services around the clock! JeffCom911 will provide full dispatch services to all Clear Creek County agencies, including the Clear Creek Sheriff's Office, Clear Creek Fire Authority, Clear Creek EMS, Idaho Springs Police, Georgetown Police, and Empire Police. They will answer all 911 calls as well as non-emergency calls.

Will the Jeffcom911 dispatchers know our community?

Several of our exceptional dispatchers who know Clear Creek County will now be answering our calls at Jeffcom911! The excellent service that our dispatchers provide will not change with this transition.

What should I do if I need assistance?

As always, in an emergency, dial 911! Text to 911 is also available (call if you can, text if you need to). For non-emergency dispatch services (you must file a report or other deputy-related services), please continue to call 303-679-2393; JeffCom911 will answer this number.

For Sheriff's Office administration, records requests, VIN checks, and the like, please call 303-679-2376 during business hours.

For additional information, please visit JeffCom911's website: www.jeffcom911co.gov.

Clear Creek County now has Lookout Alert which will be replacing CodeRed. HyperReach remains, but will be rarely used, most alerts will be sent through the Lookout Alert system. To receive major alerts, set up your Lookout Alert account here: lookoutalert.co

DHS accepting nominations for Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award



The Department of Human Services is accepting nominations for the Clear Creek County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. This award recognizes teenagers between the ages of 13-19 who have overcome personal adversity and created positive change in their lives.

"The awards program provides business, community, and civic leaders an opportunity to actively demonstrate their belief in and support for the young people in our communities," the department said. "Teens need recognition and support. The Clear Creek County Mayors and

and Commissioners Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have triumphed over great odds and who serve as inspirations and role models to their peers."

If you know of any young people that would be good candidates for the award, please help DHS identify them by completing the nomination form [here](#). This award encompasses all youth: youth who have not finished school, youth in traditional classroom settings, youth in alternative schools, and emancipated youth. All nominees will be recognized at a dinner held locally. They will also all receive an award commemorating their achievement, in addition to a gift bag. Award winners will receive \$500 for tuition, fees, books, materials, tools and other surprises.

All applications are held confidential within the Clear Creek County Department of Human Services. [Click here](#) to complete a survey to nominate someone you know. It is important to fill it out with as much information as possible no later than March 31st, 2024. Pertinent supplementary material may be included, and brief nominations with incomplete information may not be given as much consideration. DHS looks forward to honoring young people here in Clear Creek County!

Let's heat our homes safely!

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

Heating our homes is a leading cause of injuries and deaths, but it doesn't have to be. By following a few safety tips, you can heat your home safely and protect your family this winter.

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from any heating equipment including wood stoves, fireplaces, furnaces, and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Turn off portable space heaters when going to bed or leaving the room.
- Clean chimneys at least once each year. Use chimney sweeps certified by the Chimney Sweep Institute of America.
- It's also important that you have the proper number of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in your home. If you live in the 80439 and want free assistance with installing or placing these devices, email fireprevention@evergreenfirerescue.com.

For other safety tips and more of our commitment to our community, [click here](#).



Forest Service selects Patsy McEntee as new Clear Creek District Ranger

Courtesy of USDA

A new district ranger takes the helm today on the Arapaho National Forest’s Clear Creek Ranger District in Idaho Springs. Patsy McEntee brings a diverse background in public land management, including working for the National Park Service, Boulder County, and non-governmental entities.

“Patsy’s expertise in planning and partnerships will enhance our ongoing efforts on the Clear Creek Ranger District and complement the skills we have on the Forests and Grassland Leadership Team.” said Forest Supervisor Monte Williams. “I know she will do a great job supporting our employees and taking care of these places that mean so much to so many. Please join me in welcoming her.”



McEntee comes to the USDA Forest Service following a career in landscape architecture, collaborative multi-jurisdictional planning, and over 25 years in public land management at the federal and municipal levels. She is transitioning from nearly 13 years with the National Park Service where she has served in multiple roles, including Deputy Superintendent of Canyon De Chelly National Monument, Executive Director of the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation, and a Bevinetto Congressional Fellow, serving both the National Park Service’s Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs and the House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee. McEntee also served as a project manager with the National Park Service’s Intermountain Region Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program.

Before joining the Park Service, McEntee spent over 12 years working for municipal and non-governmental organizations in positions related to parks, recreation and environmental planning in Colorado, including nine years with Boulder County Parks and Open Space Operations Division.

McEntee will be leading a staff of 20 resource specialists who help manage everything from recreation to environmental planning. The Clear Creek Ranger District encompasses about 200,000 acres of National Forest land along the I-70 corridor, from the foothills to the Continental Divide, including eight campgrounds, multiple 14ers, popular off highway vehicle and mountain bike trails, two wilderness areas, numerous hiking trails, Mount Blue Sky Recreation Area, and Loveland Ski Area.

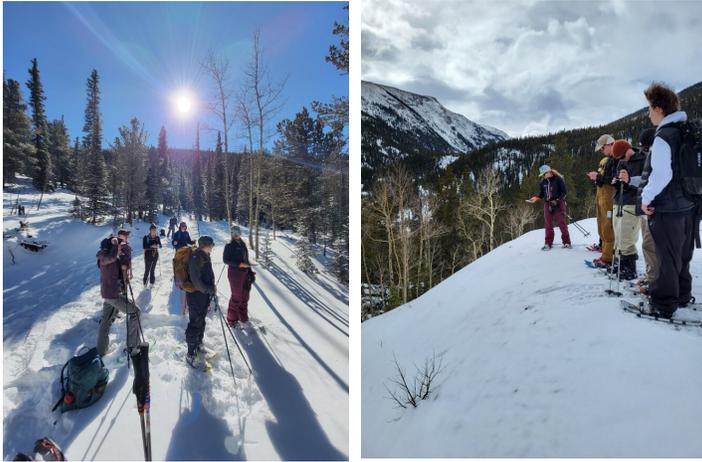
Free Call4All Legal Advice Clinic: monthly Clinic serving seniors and low-income persons

Jan. 17, 2024	May 15, 2024	Sept. 18, 2024
Feb. 21, 2024	June 2024 – No Clinic	Oct. 16, 2024
March 20, 2024	July 17, 2024	Nov. 20, 2024
April 17, 2024	Aug. 21, 2024	Dec. 2024 – No Clinic

If you are senior or someone with low-income in Clear Creek County, you may be eligible to receive free legal advice.

Thanks to Colorado Legal Services, seniors and low-income callers are able to receive free one-on-one attorney advice in the following topics: family law, landlord/tenant law, consumer/collection, small claims, civil protection orders. Above are the dates where you can call the Toll Free Clinic Number at 844-404-7400 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Visit www.coloradolegalservices.org for more.

Mountain Youth Network hosts Avalanche Training Course



Clear Creek County's Mountain Youth Network (MYN) program hosted a three-day Avalanche Safety Course this month, with two of those days being in the field with hands-on training. The goal was to educate students on the science behind avalanches, how to recognize avalanche terrain, how to plan routes safely for backcountry travel, and how to perform an avalanche rescue.

MYN had 12 students attend, 10 of those were either Clear Creek students or alumni of the

high school, while the other two recreate or work in the County. In addition, one paramedic with Clear Creek EMS was in attendance, along with one general recreator who was looking to go professional in the outdoor industry.

According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, approximately 2,300 avalanches are reported every season. In addition, over the last 10 winters, an average of 27 people died in avalanches each winter in the United States. That's why this type of training is so important in an area like Clear Creek County.

MYN will host another training course like this in April. These courses are free to any young people who want to join and are done in partnership with Outbound Mountain Gear in Evergreen who are a provider for the American Institute for Avalanche Research & Education (AIARE) on the curriculum.

Trails Team improvements on Catslab help save injured climber

On February 14th, the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office, Idaho Springs Police Department, Colorado State Patrol, Alpine Rescue Team, Clear Creek EMS, and the Clear Creek Fire Authority united to respond to a climber who fell 20-30 feet near Highway 6 in the Clear Creek Canyon Catslab Climbing Area.

Despite challenges, the extraction was a success. In addition, thanks to improvements made with Open Space funding by the Clear Creek County Trails Team on the trail, first responders were able to get to the patient, and get them out quicker.

"The trail improvements made a huge impact on the efficiency of the rescue," Dawn Wilson, Public Information Officer for Alpine

Rescue said. "We were very pleased to be able to quickly load our subject and perform a carry-out, completely on the trail. Without the new bridge section that's been put in, this rescue could have taken much longer to safely perform."

The individual was transported to the hospital with unknown injuries. Gratitude to all first responders for their dedication! If you would like to volunteer for the Trails Team to potentially help situations like this, email Jon Butcher at jbutcher@clearcreekcounty.us



February is American Heart Month! Get checked out at Public Health



Ask about
your blood
pressure and
cholesterol
numbers.

CDC Foundation | Million Hearts

February is American Heart Month, a time when all people—especially women—are encouraged to focus on their cardiovascular health. Did you know that heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States? Below are steps to lower your risk of heart disease.

Don't smoke or use tobacco. Smoking, vaping, or using tobacco of any kind is one of the most significant risk factors for developing heart disease.

Exercise. Getting regular exercise can reduce your risk of heart disease. Physical activity can help you control your weight and reduce your chances of developing other conditions that may strain your heart, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes. Exercise for 30 minutes daily most days of the week.

Eat a heart-healthy diet. Eating a healthy diet can reduce your risk of heart disease. A diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains can help protect your heart. Limit sodium, saturated fat, and added sugar.

Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight (especially if you carry excess weight around your middle) increases your risk of heart disease. Excess weight can lead to conditions that increase your chances of heart disease. These conditions include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes.

Get enough quality sleep. Sleep deprivation can harm your health. People who don't get enough sleep have a higher risk of obesity, high blood pressure, heart attack, diabetes, and depression. Most adults need seven to nine hours of sleep each night.

Get regular health screenings. High blood pressure and high cholesterol can damage your heart and blood vessels. Without testing for them, you probably won't know whether you have these conditions. Regular screenings can tell you what your numbers are and whether you need to take action.

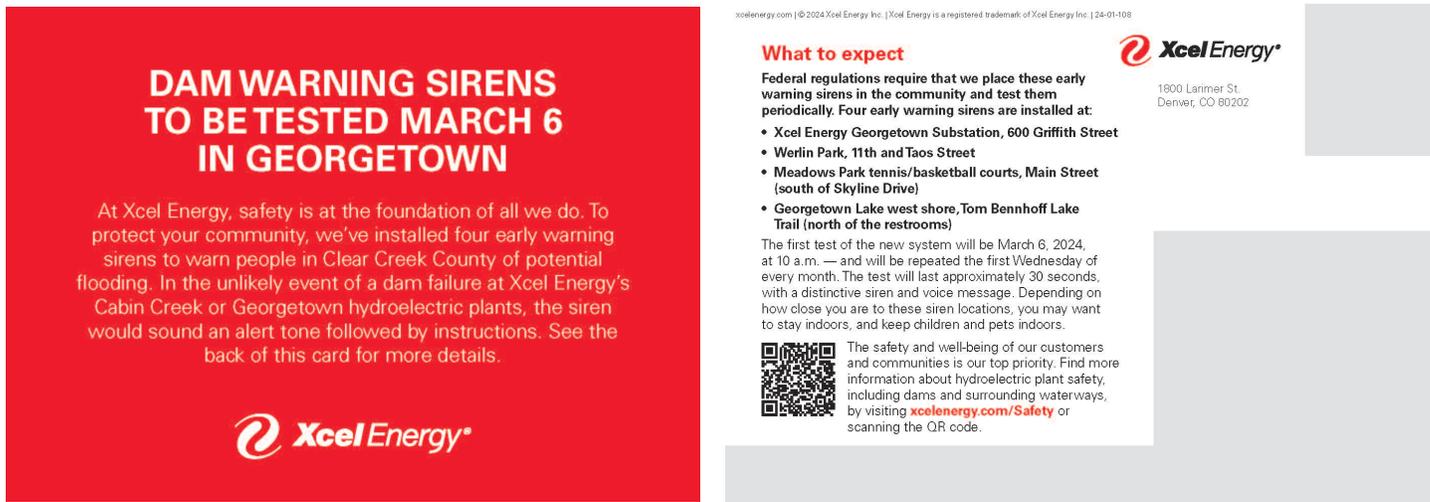
Get a Diabetes screening. Diabetes is a risk factor for developing heart disease. Talk to your Primary Care Provider about screening.

Limit Alcohol Consumption. Drinking too much alcohol can raise your blood pressure. Men should have no more than two drinks per day, and women no more than one drink per day.

Manage Stress. Chronic stress can raise blood pressure and increase your risk for heart disease.

Call the Clear Creek County Public Health Message line (303-670-7569) to schedule an appointment at the Health and Wellness center in February for a free blood pressure, diabetes (A1C), or cholesterol screening. You can also make an appointment here.

Siren Testing Update: postcards (pictured below) sent to Georgetown residents



To protect our community, Xcel Energy has installed four early warning sirens to notify people in the town of Georgetown of potential flooding due to the unlikely event of a dam failure at Xcel Energy's Cabin Creek hydroelectric plant. Dams, hydroelectric stations, and surrounding waterways can present a potential risk for anyone near them.

The warning system installation is a federal requirement.

In collaboration with the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office, the Town of Georgetown, and Xcel Energy, Clear Creek County would like to provide notice to the residents of Georgetown ahead of the tests, so they know what to expect and when. Proactive communications can help set residents at ease, raise awareness of the safety protocols in place, and hopefully avoid or limit inquiries to the Sheriff's Office.

The first siren testing will take place on March 6th, 2024 – and then on the first Wednesday of every month following that. Above is a postcard that was sent out to residents of Georgetown. [Click here for more information.](#)

Fire Authority seeking community input for Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The Clear Creek Fire Authority is embarking on an update of the 2008 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). It will use up-to-date information and fire modeling to assess local hazards and identify strategic investments to

mitigate risk and promote preparedness. An updated CWPP will improve the ability of the Fire Protection District (FPD) to respond to wildfires and direct emergency operations, including evacuations.

Community engagement is a vital aspect of CWPP development and implementation. Please take this online questionnaire to share your insights and help us learn about your values, needs, and concerns related to wildfire risk and community preparedness. It should only take about 20 minutes.

Your answers will be kept confidential, and insights we gather from your responses will be aggregated and not identifiable to a single individual. Thank you in advance for your participation!



Employee Spotlight

The Maintenance Crew: Keeping the County Running Smoothly!

How long have you worked for Clear Creek County?

Patrick Maxwell: I just started working here a few weeks ago. I am originally from a small town named Tok in the great state of Alaska.

Dennis Horton: I've been with the County 18 years. I'm from Colorado.

Joe Parker: I've been working here for about two months now, and I was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas, which is certainly one of the best cities of all time.

Charles Culp: I have worked for the County since January. I am originally from Silver Plume.

Karen Wilson: I'm originally from Queens N.Y, been here over 45 years, but still have an accent, or so I'm told!

What made you want to work here?

PM: I am super excited to be working here because CCC is my home it makes me feel like I'm doing something good for my neighbors, friends and all community members. I understand not everyone enjoys dealing with stinky toilets, spider-filled dark spaces, and moldy framing. And this may sound weird but it's kind of my thing, and there is plenty of exciting work like this to dig into around here.

DH: I had just retired from United Airlines and moved back home from Texas.

JP: I'm a big fan of janitorial work. It's very satisfying to take something dusty or dull and make it shiny and new again, and I have no problem putting on a podcast or audiobook and taking care of the unnoticed maintenance tasks. Well, that's what I'm used to with this kind of work, but everyone at Clear Creek has been extremely grateful, complimentary, and just a joy to work with.

CC: Not only did I want another government job after I moved back home from Wyoming, but I gravitate to working with my hands and being a problem solver, and this position with the County allows me to do both.

The things I like most about my job would be being able to fix things that break and making them work again, solving problems that come up, and having the ability to be around people that I grew up knowing.

KW: John Black, who was the maintenance supervisor here forever was our next door neighbor in Empire. My late husband, after spending an evening with John solving the world's problems, came home and told me that John wanted to know if I'd be interested in working for him part time at the County. I already managed a restaurant here in town six days a week, and had a part time job at the Super 8 on weekends after my shift at the restaurant, so I said sure. That was over 20 years ago!

What is your favorite part about Clear Creek County?

PM: It's tough to pinpoint one exact favorite thing about CCC. So, I'm going to cheat and say three: the people/friends, outdoor life/activities, and learning about the wild history of this area.

DH: The people are why I work here. This is my social network.

JP: I think the location is actually my favorite part. I didn't grow up in Wichita proper, but that's the closest place anyone will have heard of. We lived in the middle of nowhere, so even something like getting groceries could be a whole ordeal, and forget about finding decent Internet service. Clear Creek is in a real sweet spot: rural enough for gorgeous views and to mostly avoid traffic but with plenty of services and amenities nearby. Most of my friends are down in Denver, and depending on where we're meeting up, I can sometimes get there faster than they can, which is a very funny and very sad criticism of Denver traffic.

CC: As for the Job aspect of it, it is very close to where I live. As for the County itself, it is my home. I have lived all across the U.S., and nothing seemed quite right, compared to living in this valley.

Pictured: Joe Parker, Dennis Horton, and Patrick Maxwell



Employee Spotlight: continued

When you are not at work, what are you doing? What are some of your hobbies?

PM: When not at work I am out adventuring with my rowdy three year old son. I enjoy Skiing, playing acoustic guitar, and always trying to improve my cooking abilities.

DH: I have lived in St. Mary's for the past 21 years and fishing is my hobby now.

JP: Well, one of those activities where I can beat my Denver friends to Denver is Dungeons and Dragons. I'm definitely more of a peanut gallery than an active participant, but I won't pretend I'm not a huge nerd. In that same vein, I also enjoy playing video games and watching four-hour-long video essays about video games. But when the weather is nice, I love going for a day hike, which is why I'm a big fan of this area and not so much of Wichita. Feel free to approach me unprompted and tell me your favorite spots! I have not gotten out and explored nearly as much as I'd like to lately.

CC: Usually when I am not at work I would be running my Upholstery shop, Grumpy Dutchman Trim & Upholstery. And if business is all caught up, I would be doing some of my hobbies such as : Bowling, Dirt biking, Mountain biking, Welding, Woodworking, working on hot rods or playing the piano.

KW: When I'm not working, I enjoy camping, boating, fishing, traveling (going back east to get a tune-up on this so called accent people are always commenting on) you know, anything to get out of Dodge and away from all the traffic!

THANK YOU!

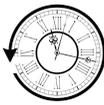


Clear Creek County appreciates you!

By Carol Ann Fortune, HR director

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!



GOING... GOING... GONE

On February 27, 1964, the *Clear Creek Mining Journal* announced: “County Landmarks Nearing 100-Year Age Soon to be Torn Down to Clear Highway Right-of-Way. Two Clear Creek County landmarks soon will disappear to make way for Interstate highway 70 as it sweeps westward thru the mountains. In the purchase of right-of-way for the four-lane super highway to be extended west from Idaho Springs, the Colorado Department of Highways has acquired two large native stone houses believed to be the oldest buildings in the Lawson area. One was built by John Coburn in 1874; the other was constructed by Anson Stephens in 1878. One of the stone houses... [is] to be sold at auction next Thursday, March 5, by the highway department. The Anson Stephens house west of Lawson, now owned and occupied by Miss Florence Farrell, will be sold, but the Coburn house now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Knight will not be sold. The Coburn house, located alongside U.S. 6 and 40 highways at the east end of Lawson, has been continuously occupied since it was built in 1874. Two years later, in 1876, a second story addition was added to the house. Present occupants are Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Knight, who bought the house in 1940. It will be torn down to make way for an interchange ramp at Lawson. [Mr. Knight, at the time, was a Clear Creek County commissioner]

“Risers in the staircase of the old Coburn home once were parts of crates used to ship the furniture of H.A.W. Tabor, famous early day Colorado senator and mining figure, from Kansas City to Denver. Tabor’s name is stamped on the boards, which the highway department plans to present to the State Historical Society when the house is razed. Mrs. Madge Johnson, granddaughter of Coburn, lives in a house she owns a few hundred yards east of the house her grandfather built.

She theorizes the Tabor shipping crates became a part of the house as a result of Coburn’s penchant for salvage. “Whenever grandfather saw a stick floating down the river, he’d grab it,” she said. Mrs. Johnson recalled her grandfather, a native Ireland, came to Colorado in 1870 and laid out the town of Lawson, which he originally called Free America. The town was renamed after Coburn’s son-in-law, Alec Lawson, when the narrow-gauge railroad that later became the C. & S. railroad came thru the area. The highway past the old Coburn home was once a toll road built and operated by Coburn during the mining boom.

An undated photograph of the old Coburn home; courtesy Clear Creek County.



The Knights have remodeled the Coburn home and added to it, but the room arrangement is basically unchanged and the original massive stone fireplace is still in use. The stone walls of the house are 18 inches thick.

“The Stephens house is west of Lawson on the county road between Lawson and Easter Seal Handicamp. It is owned by Miss Florence Farrell. It will be removed, or torn down, to make way for moving the channel of Clear Creek south of its present location to a new channel that will go thru the present site of the house. Stephens, a successful mine operator, built the home on a pine-studded acreage along the banks of Clear Creek. Walls of the house are 28 inches thick and contain an air space, a feature that has intrigued modern architects. Before [Farrell] acquired it, the house had been unoccupied for a number of years. Considerable remodeling was done by the late Paul Barnes, husband of Mrs. Olive Barnes who is a sister of Miss Farrell... Legend is that a trap door in an upstairs bedroom once led to an attic hideaway for high-graded ore.”

ROUNDABOUT

Monday - Friday

Local Route Scheduled Pick-up Times										
Monday - Friday 7:22am to 7:36pm										
	Loop #1	Loop #2	Loop #3	Loop #4	Loop #5	Loop #6	Loop #7	Loop #8	Loop #9	
1	Family Dollar - Georgetown	7:22 AM	8:52 AM	10:22 AM	11:52 AM	1:22 PM	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM	6:30 PM
2	Microtel Inn - Georgetown (QS)	7:24 AM	8:54 AM	10:24 AM	11:54 AM	1:24 PM	2:02 PM	3:32 PM	5:02 PM	6:32 PM
3	Silver Queen Condominiums - Georgetown (QS)	7:26 AM	8:56 AM	10:26 AM	11:56 AM	1:26 PM	2:04 PM	3:34 PM	5:04 PM	6:34 PM
4	Millsite Townhomes - Georgetown (QS)	7:29 AM	8:59 AM	10:29 AM	11:59 AM	1:29 PM	2:07 PM	3:37 PM	5:07 PM	6:37 PM
5	The Alpine Restaurant - Georgetown (QS)	7:31 AM	9:01 AM	10:31 AM	12:01 PM	1:31 PM	2:09 PM	3:39 PM	5:09 PM	6:39 PM
6	Post Office - Georgetown (QS)	7:33 AM	9:03 AM	10:33 AM	12:03 PM	1:33 PM	2:11 PM	3:41 PM	5:11 PM	6:41 PM
7	Annex Parking Lot - Georgetown	7:36 AM	9:06 AM	10:36 AM	12:06 PM		2:14 PM	3:44 PM	5:14 PM	6:44 PM
8	Green Solutions - Silver Plume	7:43 AM	9:13 AM	10:43 AM	12:13 PM		2:21 PM	3:51 PM	5:21 PM	6:51 PM
9	Theobald Park - Empire	7:51 AM	9:21 AM	10:51 AM	12:21 PM		2:29 PM	3:59 PM	5:29 PM	6:59 PM
10	Silver Lakes Drive - Lawson (QS)	7:55 AM	9:25 AM	10:55 AM	12:25 PM		2:33 PM	4:03 PM	5:33 PM	7:03 PM
11	Taco Bell - Dumont (QS)	7:58 AM	9:28 AM	10:58 AM	12:28 PM		2:36 PM	4:06 PM	5:36 PM	7:06 PM
12	Post Office - Dumont (QS)	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM		2:38 PM	4:08 PM	5:38 PM	7:08 PM
13	Macy/Ruth Mill Park - Idaho Springs (QS)	8:09 AM	9:39 AM	11:09 AM	12:39 PM		2:47 PM	4:17 PM	5:47 PM	7:17 PM
14	Park and Ride - Idaho Springs	8:13 AM	9:43 AM	11:13 AM	12:43 PM		2:51 PM	4:21 PM	5:51 PM	7:21 PM
15	Health Center - Idaho Springs (QS)	8:16 AM	9:46 AM	11:16 AM	12:46 PM		2:54 PM	4:24 PM	5:54 PM	7:24 PM
16	Safeway - Idaho Springs	8:21 AM	9:51 AM	11:21 AM	12:51 PM		2:59 PM	4:29 PM	5:59 PM	7:29 PM
17	Colorado Blvd EB - Idaho Springs (QS)	8:23 AM	9:53 AM	11:23 AM	12:53 PM		3:01 PM	4:31 PM	6:01 PM	7:31 PM
18	Colorado Blvd WB - Idaho Springs (QS)	8:25 AM	9:55 AM	11:25 AM	12:55 PM		3:03 PM	4:33 PM	6:03 PM	7:33 PM
19	Courtney Ryley Cooper Park - Idaho Springs (QS)	8:27 AM	9:57 AM	11:27 AM	12:57 PM		3:05 PM	4:35 PM	6:05 PM	7:35 PM
20	Elks Lodge 607 - Idaho Springs (QS)	8:28 AM	9:58 AM	11:28 AM	12:58 PM		3:06 PM	4:36 PM	6:06 PM	7:36 PM

Shift change

Saturday

Local Route Scheduled Pick-up Times									
Saturday 7:22am - 6:06pm									
	Loop #1	Loop #2	Loop #3	Loop #4	Loop #5	Loop #6	Loop #7	Loop #8	
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2	7:24 AM	8:54 AM	10:24 AM	11:54 AM	1:24 PM	2:02 PM	3:32 PM	5:02 PM	2
3	7:26 AM	8:56 AM	10:26 AM	11:56 AM	1:26 PM	2:04 PM	3:34 PM	5:04 PM	3
4	7:29 AM	8:59 AM	10:29 AM	11:59 AM	1:29 PM	2:07 PM	3:37 PM	5:07 PM	4
5	7:31 AM	9:01 AM	10:31 AM	12:01 PM	1:31 PM	2:09 PM	3:39 PM	5:09 PM	5
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7	7:36 AM	9:06 AM	10:36 AM	12:06 PM		2:14 PM	3:44 PM	5:14 PM	7
8	7:43 AM	9:13 AM	10:43 AM	12:13 PM		2:21 PM	3:51 PM	5:21 PM	8
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10	7:55 AM	9:25 AM	10:55 AM	12:25 PM		2:33 PM	4:03 PM	5:33 PM	10
11	7:58 AM	9:28 AM	10:58 AM	12:28 PM		2:36 PM	4:06 PM	5:36 PM	11
12	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	12:30 PM		2:38 PM	4:08 PM	5:38 PM	12
13	8:09 AM	9:39 AM	11:09 AM	12:39 PM		2:47 PM	4:17 PM	5:47 PM	13
14	8:13 AM	9:43 AM	11:13 AM	12:43 PM		2:51 PM	4:21 PM	5:51 PM	14
15	8:16 AM	9:46 AM	11:16 AM	12:46 PM		2:54 PM	4:24 PM	5:54 PM	15
16	8:21 AM	9:51 AM	11:21 AM	12:51 PM		2:59 PM	4:29 PM	5:59 PM	16
17	8:23 AM	9:53 AM	11:23 AM	12:53 PM		3:01 PM	4:31 PM	6:01 PM	17
18	8:25 AM	9:55 AM	11:25 AM	12:55 PM		3:03 PM	4:33 PM	6:03 PM	18
19	8:27 AM	9:57 AM	11:27 AM	12:57 PM		3:05 PM	4:35 PM	6:05 PM	19
20	8:28 AM	9:58 AM	11:28 AM	12:58 PM		3:06 PM	4:36 PM	6:06 PM	20

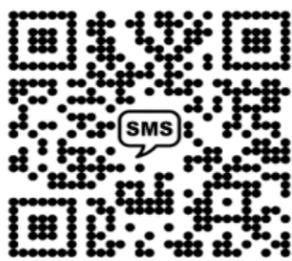
Shift break

*QS = Quick Stop
Bus does not wait at Quick Stops

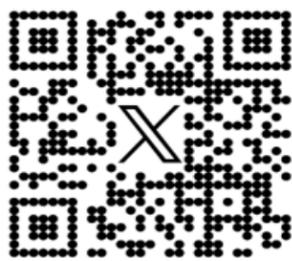
Back to Georgetown unless deviated stops along the way

RoundAbout dispatch: (970) 409-6714
 Dispatch answers the phone:
 Monday to Thursday 7:30am - 5:00pm
 Friday and Saturday 7:30am - 3:00pm (closed on Sundays)
roundabout@clearcreekcounty.us
 Roundabout website: bit.ly/RoundaboutCCC

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Please wait at the bus stop - otherwise we may not see you

Times listed are approximate. We recommend that you arrive at least five minutes early at your stop.

This schedule takes effect on 02/19/2024

Helpful Links and Resources

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FROM PAGE 4: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/i70floydhill>

FROM PAGE 5: <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=LookoutAlert>, <https://www.jeffcom911co.gov/>

FROM PAGE 6: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdy5B3SdsJWjm28m6WIXGUmwDC9-dZTfm2ENolNnqcnvtI-Og/viewform>, <https://www.evergreenfirerescue.com/>

FROM PAGE 9: <https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/1480/Make-an-appointment>

FROM PAGE 10: <https://www.clearcreekcounty.us/1486/Georgetown-Monthly-Siren-Testing>, <https://forum.clearcreekcounty.us/clear-creek-fire-authority-cwpp-resident-questionnaire>

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

Vaccines: COVID Vaccines, Flu, Tdap, Hepatitis A, and more. All Childhood Immunizations 0-18 years old. You can pre-register by calling **303-670-7528** or [clicking here](#).

Hours: [Make an appointment here](#).



Clear Creek County
Health & Wellness Center

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

Lead Testing: By appointment only You can set up an appointment by calling **303-670-7528** or here: www.clearcreekcounty.us/1480/Make-an-appointment

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.

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

Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners



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District I: Approximately Floyd Hill to Fall River Road.



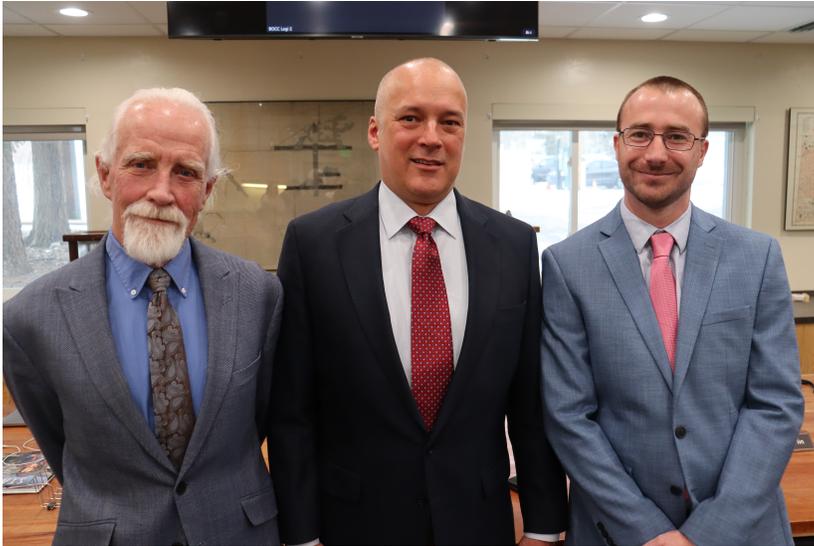
Sean Wood
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District II: Southeast Clear Creek County



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



BoCC Meetings

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 BoCC Meetings

- March 5th
- March 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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