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News and
Announcements

NEWSLETTER

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2020-2024 Mayor Ashleigh Tarkington
2022-2026 Mayor Pro-tem Brenna Morlan
2020-2024 Trustee Lori Zazzaro
2022-2024 Trustee Tom Au
2022-2026 Trustee Alexis Hartz
2023-2024 Trustee Kyle Wolff
2023-2024 Trustee Charlene Thomas

Mark your Calendar...

Aug 1, Board of Trustees Regular Mtg
Aug 8, Planning Commission Regular Mtg
Aug 10, Block Party on Mill Street
Aug 14, 7:30a - Joint BOCC Work Session
Aug 14, 6:00p - Budget Work Session
Aug 15, Board of Trustees Regular Mtg
Sept 4, Labor Day - Town Offices Closed

Bayfield Accommodation (Lodging) Tax Proposed on Short-Term Rentals

Short-term rentals (STRs) are residential properties that are rented to a visitor for 30 days or less.

Lodging Tax

C.R.S. § 31-15-501(1)(c) authorizes the Town to levy occupation taxes within its borders conditional on voter approval. The Town of Bayfield Board of Trustees have indicated that they will participate in the November 7, 2023 coordinated election to ask the voters for an accommodation tax on Short-term rentals to visitors for 30 days or less. Ballot language will be considered in August.

WHY? The purpose of such accommodation tax is to provide funding for parks, affordable and community housing, economic development and additional law enforcement. Tax collection is estimated at \$20,000 or less for the first year, however as Bayfield develops and visitor accommodations increase the revenues will benefit Bayfield residents and visitors alike, especially funding park and trail operations.



Joe Stephenson Park Conceptual Design will be presented to the Planning Commission on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm, and to the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm, both meetings are open to the public at Town Hall, 1199 Bayfield Parkway. There will be opportunity for public comment at the meetings. To review the park conceptual design, visit www.bayfieldgov.org/conceptualparkdesign



Dog Licenses

Per the Code, all dogs residing in Town limits must have current rabies vaccinations and be licensed with the Town of Bayfield. You can come to Town Hall to license your dog, or you can bring your current vaccination paperwork and \$3 fee (cash or check) to the Town of Bayfield booth at the August 10th Bayfield Block Party to get your dog licensed. For more information visit: www.bayfieldgov.org/pet-licensing

Programs at Bayfield Parks and Recreation

Co-Ed Softball Tournament starts August 14 and runs for two weeks. Any games during inclement weather may be rescheduled.

Fall Youth Flag Football League and Fall Youth Soccer League signups are open until August 20th. Sign up at <https://bayfield.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Eagle Park Pavilion facilities are available for the enjoyment of our visitors and residents. If you would like to reserve the for an event this summer, please complete the rental availability inquiry form found on our website: <https://www.bayfieldgov.org/parks-recreation/webforms/parks-facility-availability-inquiry>

Block Party The last 2023 Block Party is August 10th. Vendor forms can be found online <https://www.bayfieldgov.org/parks-recreation/pages/event-vendor-opportunities>, or email acarroll@bayfieldgov.org

Pine River Senior Center Schedule - 970-884-5415 - 111 W South Street

TUESDAYS - Bring Lunch

- All Tuesdays: Games and Billiards (9:00-3:00)**
2nd Tuesday: Card Making w/PR Library (10:00-11:00)
4th Tuesday: Arts and Crafts w/Katie (10:00-11:30)
2nd/4th Tuesday: Quilter Group (10:00-3:00)

WEDNESDAYS - *Lunch Served 11:30

- All Wednesdays: Games and Billiards (9:00-3:00)**
All Wednesdays: Exercise Group (9:45-10:45)
1st/3rd Wednesday: Bingo (12:45-2:45)
2nd Wednesday: Veteran Services available (9:00-11:00)

FRIDAYS - *Lunch Served 11:30

- All Fridays: Games and Billiards (9:00-3:00)**
All Fridays: Exercise Group (9:45-10:45)
All Fridays: Bridge (12:30-3:00) Call ahead for table opening
4th Friday: Pine River Library (11:30-1:00)

Adventures in Dining the **3rd Thursday** of every month. Contact us at least a week ahead for info; group rides to the dining destination are first come, first served.

***For lunch on Wednesday/Friday call the day before to get on the list,**



Town of Bayfield Officials and Staff will be celebrating our Senior Citizens on August 22, 2023 with a BBQ at the Pine River Senior Center, 111 W South Street, 12'o'clock noon. If you consider yourself a Senior Citizen or would like to celebrate our Senior Citizens join us!

The cost is an RSVP at 970-884-5415 prior to the event. The event will be a fun filled time with entertainment, friendship and prizes.

Pine River Senior Center PRSC



Rentals of the PRSC will be managed directly by staff managing the Senior Center. Commercial Kitchen rental and membership rates have been adopted and access to this commercial kitchen will be available around the first of October. Use of the commercial kitchen for our community has been a long time coming. We are excited to envision the economic development from our agricultural community and new creative industries that will cook up great things!

Parks and Recreation Director to New Direction?



Three previous Parks & Recreation Directors have filled this role in the past sixteen years. The job duties have expanded as Bayfield has grown. It is clear that the Bayfield community values indoor activities and outdoor space. Recreation participation continues to increase and over 300 interested individuals provided valuable input to the Joe Stephenson Park concept plans.

Unfortunately, over the same sixteen years staffing has decreased and the assigned Parks and Recreation Director has taken on more duties. Two Parks and Recreation Directors have left in the last year.

After the last departure it was time to take a closer look. Through the end of 2023, Parks will be separated under a separate Parks/Trails Director. A new hire will take on Town Clerk duties and provide resource, recreation and event leadership. This direction will be further reviewed throughout the 2024 budget process this fall.