

Carbon Valley Consumer Reporter: Area Mayors' Report – For Those of Us Who Don't Attend Meetings



I want to be the first to wish you a very happy holiday season. I hope that you are enjoying the holiday events in our area – from the Firestone Police Department's Santa Cops event to the Carbon Valley Holiday Fest – there are so many ways to get into the holiday spirit and celebrate with your community!

As the year ends and we are spending time with family, friends and loved ones, I've been reflecting on the successful year we have had. As we look back at this year in Firestone, we have made great progress on some key initiatives, successfully navigated several leadership transitions and came together as a community on so many occasions. As I reflect back on our many accomplishments, here are a few highlights and acknowledgements:

- First, I'd like to thank all of the hardworking, committed Town staff who show up every day to serve the needs of Firestone residents, business people and neighbors. From Town Hall to Public Works, Planning and Development, and the brave men and women in blue at the Firestone Police Department who keep our residents and streets safe each and every day – thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you do. I am also grateful to have such an activated group of volunteers who spend time throughout the year giving back to our community. Last, but certainly not least, I want to recognize the veterans in our community. Thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedoms.
- It's been a banner year for the Firestone Police Department, as residents passed a modest sales tax increase last Spring that will fund the construction of a new police station designed to meet the community's current and future public safety needs. A much-needed courtroom, records area, and hazardous and biological materials storage area will be included at the new facility. The energy efficient building will help reduce operating costs, and current projections estimate an additional \$50,000 of annual savings by eliminating the need for the Town to lease other office space. Construction is underway, and we're looking forward to opening the new facility in 2019.
- Another significant accomplishment this year was the widening and expansion of McClure Avenue to improve safety and traffic flow at one of the Town's busiest intersections. Thanks to everyone who played a role in this critical project, and to our residents for your patience and for slowing down in the area during construction.
- Safety is our top priority in Firestone, and once again, SafeWise ranked Firestone as one of the top twenty safest cities in Colorado based on its annual review of FBI crime report statistics and population data. Firestone was listed 9th out of twenty in 2017, and moved up in 2018 to a ranking of 5th.
- Perhaps what I love most about Firestone is the small town sense of community we've maintained despite being one of the fastest growing municipalities in Colorado – from our signature 4th at Firestone event that attracts people from around the region, to our summer Food and Flick Fridays series that allows us to showcase our Town's fabulous parks, our community clean-up day and the Holiday festivities that bring us together to celebrate and support those in need. Coming together with all of you as a community fills my heart with joy and gratitude.
- It is my honor and privilege to serve the Town of Firestone alongside our Board of Trustees. Thanks to each of you for your tireless commitment and many contributions to making the Town of Firestone the thriving and special community it is.

November 2018 Update from the Town of Firestone – Mayor Bobbi Sindelar

We are committed to keeping our residents and business owners informed. This year, Town staff has made improvements to the website, relaunched the Firestone Voice newsletter and redoubled efforts to share information on our social media channels. As we look to the New Year, I invite everyone to stay connected with the Town of Firestone by visiting us online at www.firestoneco.gov, and clicking on the Stay Connected button on the homepage. From there you can sign up to receive email and text message alerts regarding news and announcements from the Town. We also encourage you to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and NextDoor.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and successful 2019!

Mayor Bobbi Sindelar