

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



I hope that everyone has had a great start to the new year. While, the end of the year is always busy spending time with family and friends, the Board of Trustees were still working hard on behalf of our residents. A few noteworthy actions that took place at the end of the year:

- In December the Board adopted the Town of Firestone's Budget and 5-year Capital Improvement Plan for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2019. The budget addresses key initiatives and goals laid out by the Board of Trustees and continues to preserve a high level of service to the residents of Firestone. To view the complete budget and the major activities and projects for the year visit: [www.firestoneco.gov/budget](http://www.firestoneco.gov/budget).
- In late 2018, the Town of Firestone began a thorough analysis of its water rate structure. During this analysis, an update to the four prior rate studies was completed in an effort to give guidance to the Town for future financial obligations. The Board felt that small systematic increases would be preferable to our residents then imposing a big increase later on. The Board approved a rate increase to be in effect on January 1, 2019. This increase will allow the Town to adequately fund the operations, general maintenance, and needed future water infrastructure. For more information on the 2018 Rate Study and to view current water rates visit [www.firestoneco.gov/water](http://www.firestoneco.gov/water).
- We were very excited to annex the Gould Property into the Town of Firestone. This property is north of Zinnia Avenue, and east of Colorado Boulevard and is approximately 37.32 acres. The Town of Firestone acquired the property in 2017, and has planned to date, to include on the property a public utility facility.
- The Board of Trustees was honored to approve a donation request from Rocky Mountain Christian Church to help support an event, Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation on February 8, 2019. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. For more information on this event, or to get involved, we encourage you to visit [www.rocky.church](http://www.rocky.church).

Last, but certainly not least, we hope to see you at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet & Greet hosted by the Firestone Police Department on March 14, 2019 at Coal Ridge Middle School from 6-8pm. This event allows community members the opportunity to meet their local and county government officials to discuss concerns and issues relevant to the local region. Community members are able to utilize this informal and informational evening to visit with the Firestone Police Department and other government officials, while enjoying hot dogs, chips, chili and soft drinks.

Thank you for your continued support. It is an honor to be your Mayor.

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