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### Town of Firestone MAYOR'S REPORT

July is always a premier time to be in Firestone, and this July was no exception. On July 4th, thousands gathered here to

celebrate Independence Day at the 16th annual 4th at Firestone. If you were at the parade, the festival in Miners Park or the fireworks display at Central Park, you know what a great day it was. If you couldn't be there, we hope you'll make plans to attend this special patriotic and fun-filled day next year.

Meanwhile, there is still one Food & Flick Friday scheduled August 10 (Coco) in Hart Park, 467 Jackson Ave. The schedule and details on the live entertainment and food trucks can be found at [www.firestoneco.gov/FoodandFlickFridays](http://www.firestoneco.gov/FoodandFlickFridays).

Another popular event is planned for Tuesday, Aug. 7, when the Firestone Police Department will host the 35th annual National Night Out from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Harney Park, 10245 Devonshire St. Highlights will include inflatables, games, the Slawpy Barn food truck, ice cream, safety information and live music by Kaleigh Glanton from season six of The Voice television show. National Night Out helps enhance the relationship between residents and law enforcement, while fostering a true sense of community.

Recently it was my pleasure to announce the winner of this year's Design-a-Flag contest, which is open for youth 8 to 11 who live in Firestone or attend a Firestone school. The contest, sponsored by the Firestone Cultural Committee and the Board of Trustees, invites young artists to design a flag to represent the community. Maggie Harnig is this year's winner for her design that incorporates images of fire and mountains. Maggie said she was inspired by the beautiful views people in Firestone enjoy every day. The Trustees and I honored Maggie and placed her flag on display in Town

Hall on Wednesday, July 25. All 12 entries we received are on display at the Carbon Valley Regional Library at 7 Park Ave. through Wednesday, August 15. Please take time to check them out.

By now you've likely seen the water conservation recommendations from the Central Weld County Water District (CWCWD). The District is asking residents with addresses ending in odd numbers to limit their watering to Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays, and those with addresses ending in even numbers to limit their watering to Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays through Sept. 1. While these recommendations are not mandatory, it is always a good idea to help conserve water when possible. Information from the District is available at [www.cwcwd.com](http://www.cwcwd.com) and the Town website at [www.firestoneco.gov/549/Water-Restrictions](http://www.firestoneco.gov/549/Water-Restrictions).

Construction of the new Police Station in Central Park, located at Colorado Boulevard and Sable Avenue, continues. Work includes site grading, water and sewer pipeline installation, and road and parking lot construction. A second phase, including building construction, will begin in late summer/early fall.

The McClure Avenue Extension Project at Colorado Boulevard and McClure Avenue is finished, and a ribbon-cutting celebration will take place there in August. We'll announce a date soon. The McClure Avenue Widening Project from First Street to just east of Adams Way in Historic Firestone will begin shortly and wrap up this fall.

If you'd like to become more involved in the community, please consider serving on the Cultural Committee or another board, commission or committee. More information is available at [www.firestoneco.gov/106/boards-commissions-committees](http://www.firestoneco.gov/106/boards-commissions-committees).

As always, you can reach me at [bsindelar@firestoneco.gov](mailto:bsindelar@firestoneco.gov). I enjoy hearing your feedback and ideas.

*Bobbi Sindelar*, Mayor

# SPOTLIGHT: Firestone Police Department

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For more information:  
[www.firestoneco.gov/551/police-station](http://www.firestoneco.gov/551/police-station)

Building pad at left, parking lot pad at right, and Park Avenue (heading south from Sable Avenue) in the lower right area



Memorial Courtyard at left and public entrance on the right



Town staff and architecture and construction reps review the parking lot pad and building site



Employee entrance





## MEET K-9 Officer “Ollie”

K-9 “Ollie” is a popular figure around the Town of Firestone, and people always want to know more about him.

Recently he took time out of his busy schedule to “sit and stay” long enough to answer a few questions. Here’s what he had to say.

**Where were you born?**

I was born in the Czech Republic about four years ago.

**What breed are you?**

Despite being born in the Czech Republic, I’m a Belgian Malinois. My breed is known for being hard-working and proficient at tasks such as detecting the odors of explosives and narcotics; tracking humans for suspect apprehension in police work; and search and rescue missions.

**When did you start working with the Firestone Police Department?**

I joined the team in May 2016.

**What brings you the greatest satisfaction?**

I enjoy my job because every day is busy and interesting. I help my handler, K9 Officer Ray Bueno, work the swing

shift. We patrol the community and do our best to keep Firestone a safe place to live, work and visit. I do all the tasks my breed is known for, and as a reward for a job well done, I get to play with my ball. It’s my favorite toy.

**How and when do you train for work?**

In my line of work, regular training is mandatory. To stay sharp, my handler and I train about 6 hours a week. My handler and I also recently attended an advanced, three-week course for handlers and K-9s.

**How do you stay in such great shape?**

I watch what I eat and stay active. My handler makes sure I eat healthy meals three times a day, and I go for walks and play with my ball whenever time permits.

**How do you wind down in your free time?**

I love to hang out around the house, and sometimes I watch a little TV. My favorite show is “Live PD.” When I see the lights and hear the sirens on the screen, I know it’s time to tune in for another great episode.

**What’s your favorite song?**

People always think I’ll say it’s “Who Let the Dogs Out?” by the Baha Men, but I actually prefer “Thunderstruck” by AC/DC. Those guys rock!

**Any last words for us?**

Have fun, and stay safe out there!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Food & Flick Friday**  
August 10 | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Hart Park  
467 Jackson Ave.  
**Coco**  
Movie Presenter:  
Cub Scouts Pack 341

Firestone Police Department  
**35th Annual National Night Out**  
Tuesday, August 7  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Harney Park  
10245 Devonshire St.



# Parks, Trails and Open Space Update

from the Community Resources and Public Works Departments



**Did you know the Town of Firestone has important programs under way to maintain and improve the community's parks, trails and open space?**

We're using industry best practices and technology to ensure this work is done effectively and efficiently, with an emphasis on soil vitality, water conservation and overall sustainability for years to come. The following is a brief overview of these programs.

Throughout the year, the Town's Community Resources and Public Works teams focus on three key initiatives to protect and enhance the parks, trails and open spaces that make Firestone a beautiful place to live, work and play.

They are:

**1. Soil Maintenance and Enhancement** through aeration and fertilization

**2. Water Management and Conservation** through expansion and updates to the Town's irrigation systems, and technology that monitors the weather and controls watering schedules and volumes based on changes in temperature and precipitation levels

**3. Sustainability** based on smart planning as new parks, trails and open spaces are constructed, and selected existing areas are converted to native grasses that use less water

In the coming weeks and months, we'll share more information about these three areas, introduce you to staff working on these programs, and show how the technology

we use collects and analyzes data to guide daily maintenance and future planning of these important public spaces.

If you have questions or want to share input, you can contact:

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As always, thank you for your interest and support. To keep up to date on Town programs and other news, visit the Town website at [www.firestoneco.gov](http://www.firestoneco.gov) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

# GET CONNECTED

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Firestone, CO 80504  
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## TOWN MEETINGS

### Board of Trustees

Firestone Town Hall  
7 p.m.  
• August 8  
• August 15 *Work Session*  
• August 22  
• September 12  
• September 19 *Work Session*  
• September 26

### Finance Committee

Firestone Town Hall  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
• September 12

### Municipal Court

Firestone Town Hall  
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
• August 17  
• September 14

### Planning & Zoning Commission

Firestone Town Hall  
7 p.m.  
• August 2  
• August 16  
• September 6  
• September 20

Please check the Town's website to confirm all times and locations, as they are subject to change.