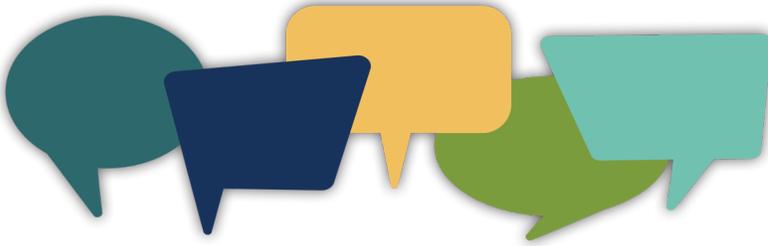


FIRESTONE VOICE

January 2022

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GOOD TO SEE YOU!



The Town of Firestone is committed to connecting with the community and keeping everyone informed. In 2021, we made improvements to the website and improved efforts to share information and updates through eNotifications and social media. In 2022, we are re-launching the Firestone Voice newsletter!

We want to hear from you – **the community** – on what you want to know! What would make the Firestone Voice a useful publication to you? How do you want to receive it? How often? Complete a quick survey here:

<https://forms.gle/zpnNxZGePhzUcUSu6> or email communications@firestoneco.gov and let us know!



STAY CONNECTED

Learn. Share. Connect.

Are you signed-up to receive eNotifications through email and/or text messages?

If not, visit www.firestoneco.gov/notifyme to sign up today! We have a wide range of topics to sign up for including:



News & Announcements: Official news source for the Town of Firestone. Subscribe to stay up-to-date on everything going on in Firestone.

Board of Trustees Notifications: Community updates from the Firestone Mayor and Board of Trustees.

Economic Development Notifications: Stay up-to-date on economic development projects in Firestone, and find business assistance for current, new and prospective business owners in Firestone.

Oil & Gas Notifications: Notifications related to oil and gas operations in the Town of Firestone, along with updates from the COGCC and community notices from operators.

Police Department Notifications: Sign up to receive updates from the Police, including crime prevention tips, special events and more!

Public Works Notifications: Receive information about projects, as well as road closures, street sweeping, snow plowing, mosquito control, and more.

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Town of Firestone MAYOR'S UPDATE



Doesn't it feel like these last two years have been a blur? I know that I am welcoming 2022 with open arms. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and was able to take time to spend with the ones you love. As the year has turned over, I have reflected on the successful year 2021 was for the Town. Below are a few highlights broken down by department area:



ADMINISTRATION

- Received \$389,344 in reimbursements from the Coronavirus Relief Fund Program (CVRP), from the CARES Act fund, for expenses related to COVID-19
- Completed overseeing new Town Hall's construction. Staff moved in in September to a facility capable of accommodating operational needs and delivering quality customer service for many years to come
- Overseeing the Public Works Remodel & Expansion project. Staff moved back in at the end of the year, and work on the whole project should be completed soon
- Overseeing the Neighbors Point Park construction project. In 2019, the Board identified this project as a priority. A grand opening will be planned for this spring
- Awarded two high school seniors from Firestone the Town of Firestone George E. Heath Community Scholarship

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FIRESTONE URBAN RENEWAL

- Secured \$90,000 in CDBG funding to expand Via Mobility services in Firestone to 5 days a week and a \$20,000 grant from the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs to off-set the cost of the Historic Firestone Neighborhood Plan
- Welcomed the following businesses: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Baskin-Robbins, Jersey Mikes Subs, Sterling Coffee, Dollar General, Circle K, and Christian Brothers Automotive; and the expansion of King Soopers Grocery, and construction of a larger King Soopers gas station facility
- Continued providing quarterly e-newsletters to licensed businesses located in Firestone of area events, services, and programs that businesses may take advantage of
- Participated in the International Council of Shopping Centers convention to market Firestone to retailers, commercial developers, and brokers, met with multiple groups about the opportunities Firestone has to offer



ENGINEERING



- Updated the Town's Engineering Standards and Specifications for Design and Construction
- Started the first Engineering Capital Improvement Project done by Engineering staff in-house, saving contractor fees
- Hired the Town's first on-staff Construction Inspector to begin all construction inspections in-house
- Continued work on the creation of a Transportation Master Plan
- Started work on the creation of the Town's first Drainage Outfall System Plan (Master Plan)
- Completed a Traffic Signal Warrant Study for the intersection of Colorado Blvd & the King Soopers Access and started the design work for its installation

FINANCE & MUNICIPAL COURT

- Received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA
- Created and implemented a Charitable Contribution process for the Town
- Updated Police Records Fee Schedule due to advancing technology and requirements in standards
- Adopted the 2022 Annual Operating & Capital Improvement Budget



HUMAN RESOURCES

- Conducted a national search for a Chief of Police
- Recruited five (5) 2021 budget approved and ten (10) replacement positions
- Implemented AllVoices, an employee anonymous reporting system
- Conducted an annual Market & Benefits survey
- Digitized all Human Resources files under the Town's Records Management program
- Restructured recruitment for police officers, including proctor testing and oral boards
- Researched, developed, and implemented a consolidated step plan pay structure for police officers
- Educated staff and implemented new leave entitlements under the State of Colorado's Public Health Emergency and Healthy Families and Workplaces Act
- Hosted an annual employee recognition luncheon and holiday event
- Recognized four (4) employees with STAR Awards
- Hosted Employee COVID and Flu vaccination clinics





MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

- Continued to support communication efforts for all departments to keep residents and business owners informed about projects, news, and updates
- Launched a redesigned website. Users now experience improved functionality and an easier layout to navigate
- Planned and executed special events for the community; this includes the 4th at Firestone, the Food & Flick Series, Bite Club, the Firestone Art & Music Festival, and the Carbon Valley Holiday Festival

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- The Town's consultant, MIG, engaged residents, business owners, stakeholders, elected officials, and staff in drafting the Historic Firestone Neighborhood Plan anticipated for adoption in early 2022
- The Town's consultant, Design Workshop, guided the Town through the highly collaborative Central Park Master Plan
- Permitted several Town-related projects, including new Town Hall, Public Works Facility Addition, and Water Treatment Plant
- Created a new Building Division: Inspections and Plan Reviews and hired the Town's first Chief Building Official
- Issued more than 300 new residential permits for single-family detached and paired homes
- Entitled and/or permitted several commercial businesses
- Issued 1,473 total permits in 2021 with an estimated valuation of \$127 million



POLICE

- Fully implemented LEXIPOL, a provider of policies and procedures that minimize risk and overall liability exposure. The law enforcement environment has changed, and keeping up with policy advancements is critical to providing outstanding public safety services
- Purchased, Axon, a new body worn camera and in-car camera system
- Completed the strategic plan for the department
- Hosted the annual Meet & Greet event in March and Halloween Safe Night in October

PUBLIC WORKS

- After receiving 24 inches, staff plowed 2,624 miles during this historic snowstorm in March, this included all streets in residential neighborhoods
- Hosted Clean-Up Day over two weekends in the spring, with over 1,080 households who attended
- Completed crack filling in the Historic Firestone, St. Vrain Ranch, Ridgecrest, and Oak Meadow subdivisions and regraded and added material to all alleyways in Historic Firestone
- Replaced the playground equipment and installed pickleball courts at Settlers Park
- Continued installation of remaining master valves at all Town irrigated properties and upgrading of the irrigation central control system
- Continued implementation of the 2020-2050 Water Action Plan and developing the Town's Water Portfolio
- Continued construction of the St. Vrain Water Treatment Plant and associated projects on that property



TOWN CLERK

- Hired a Deputy Town Clerk to provide support in the Clerk's office
- Completed 50 agenda packets
- Completed 285 Colorado Open Records Request
- Successfully navigated hosting virtual meeting options for most of the year
- Shifted a large number of physical records off-site
- Began a digitization project of all records in the Town Clerk's Office
- Established a more user-friendly public portal for the ordinances and resolutions



As you can see, we've had a very busy year and have seen great progress on many projects that have been in the works for a long time. Thank you to all of the hardworking, committed Town staff who show up every day to serve the needs of Firestone residents, businesses and neighbors. From Town Hall to Public Works, and the brave men and women 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.

It's 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.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and successful 2022!

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

Bobbi Sindelar, Mayor



special events calendar

MARCH 2: MEET & GREET

APRIL 29 - 30 & MAY 6 - 7: CLEAN-UP DAYS

BITE CLUB SERIES

- MAY 6: Settlers Park
- JUNE 3: Harney Park
- AUGUST 5: Hart Park
- SEPTEMBER 23: Neighbors Point Park

FOOD & FLICK FRIDAYS

- MAY 20: Settlers Park
- JUNE 17: Harney Park
- JULY 15: Hart Park
- AUGUST 19: Stoneridge Park

JULY 4: 4TH AT FIRESTONE

AUGUST 2: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

OCTOBER 7: ART & MUSIC SHOW

OCTOBER 28: HALLOWEEN SAFE NIGHT

DECEMBER 3: CARBON VALLEY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

visit www.firestoneco.gov/events for more information

TOWN MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES

Board of Trustees Meetings

9900 Park Ave., Firestone

- January 12 (7 p.m.)
- January 19 (6:30 p.m.) *Work Session*
- January 26 (7 p.m.)
- February 9 (7 p.m.)
- February 16 (6:30 p.m.) *Work Session*
- February 23 (7 p.m.)

Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings

9900 Park Ave., Firestone

- January 20 (6 p.m.)
- February 3 (6 p.m.)
- February 17 (6 p.m.)

Chat with a Trustee Events

9900 Park Ave., Firestone

- February 2
- March 2

Town Facility Closure

- February 21 (President's Day)

Visit www.firestoneco.gov to confirm all dates, times and locations, as they are subject to change.