

TOWN OF YAMPA – MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

WATER & SEWER ORDINANCE CHANGES – Due to the extensive updates being proposed to the water/sewer ordinance, including increases in the water and sewer rates, it is taking longer than anticipated to get the revisions drafted. Work is continuing on the ordinance and when the draft is available for review, the public will be informed.

AGENDA ITEMS – Agenda items for the April 5 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Monday, March 27.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT UPDATE – Nothing different to report from last month.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – Nothing different to report from last month.

STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY – PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY IS MORE THAN JUST THE TRAVELED PORTIONS OF THE STREET and the town does need to use the non-traveled portion of the street for snow storage during the winter. In some places throughout town, the street rights-of-way are becoming full of residents' personal property. Help yourself and the town by clearing the rights-of-way now of anything that can't be moved on short notice. This does not include the vehicles you drive on a regular basis and move frequently.

PERMITS – As spring approaches, please be reminded or informed if you are new to town, that permits are needed for building projects, fences, utility work and so on. **Please check with town staff during the planning portion of your project to obtain current rules and regulations that are in place within Yampa.**

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET – Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 am, Yampa Town Hall. You are welcome to join in as planning is underway for the 4th annual Call of the Wild Auction, once again featuring an outdoor acoustic concert with **Todd Park Mohr** (of Big Head Todd and the Monsters) on Saturday, July 29, 2017. Work both inside and outside the building is progressing. The first floor is anticipated to be ready for occupancy in the next couple of months. For those new to the project, the first floor will be home to a visitor's center, genealogy/local history center, Yampa-Egeria Historical Society displays, Crossan's Market displays, and more. Grant funding will be sought soon to complete the second floor, which will be home to town offices and a meeting room. Your monetary assistance and volunteer help on the rehabilitation and reuse of this historic structure is much appreciated as this is **not** a Town funded project. To find out how you can be a part of this project, email friendsofcrossans@gmail.com. Volunteers will be needed long after the rehabilitation work is complete to help with ongoing first floor operations.

WATER & SEWER PAYMENTS - Cash payments are welcome, but please bring exact cash for what is due or have the entire amount credited to the account; we do not keep cash on hand. We recommend that you bring cash payments in during open hours so we can give you a receipt. Payments made by check or money order are welcome in the night drop on the Lincoln Street side of Town Hall. Also, if your phone # appears on the left hand side of your statement underneath your name and mailing address and it is correct, you do not need to write it in on the right side of your statement. If no phone number appears there, please give it to us. Thanks!

YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 6:30 pm, Yampa Town Hall.

4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE – It is time to start planning for another great celebration. The committee will have their first meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2017, 7:00 pm, Yampa Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to come help plan and if you have some new ideas for events, be sure and bring them.

SOUTH ROUTT ELEMENTARY – If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten at South Routt Elementary next fall and he/she is not enrolled in the SoRoCo Preschool please either call Cheryl Sullivan at the elementary school (638-4558) or email csullivan@southrouttk12.org. In order to start kindergarten children must be 5 years old before October 1st. Thank you.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OAK CREEK AND PHIPPSBURG – SAVE THE DATE! - Women's High Tea, Sunday, May, 7, 2017, 2-4 pm. Watch for details in the coming weeks.

2017 Cen\$ible Energy Rebates Open January 1 - The Cen\$ible Energy rebate program provides cash rebates for energy-saving LED lights, four types of Energy Star-certified appliances, programmable thermostats, energy audits and post-audit air sealing. Rebates are available for Yampa Valley Electric Association members to improve energy efficiency in their homes or small businesses. This popular and beneficial program will open again on Jan. 1, 2017. Save your receipts and fill out a form online for rebates. Please visit www.CensibleEnergy.org for full details. For questions, email suzie@yvsc.org. A list of other energy efficiency resources is available at www.yvsc.org/programs/energy-programs/energy-efficiency.

SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS from MARCH, 1904, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Saturday, March 5, 1904

-John Sumner had the misfortune to lose his entire stock of chickens to a thievish bobcat, one night last week. (Sumner Butte is the medium sized butte just north of Laughlin Butte.)

-THIS MEANS YOU- settle with Buck and Son at once, as a member of the firm is going out and everything MUST be settled. Good Jersey milk 5 cents per quart delivered; Buttermilk 10 cents per gallon; Skim milk 10 cents per gallon; Butter 30 cents per pound.

-Freighters (wagons hauling goods) between Yampa and Wolcott report the roads in bad shape.

ADS- The Turf Saloon. The finest brands of liquors and cigars in town. COORS BEER, we are agents for this brand and hallways have it in ice. THE ONLY BILLIARD TABLE IN TOWN! Moffat Ave.- Fred A. Jackson, prop.

Saturday, March 12, 1904

-Geo. Wilson was very ill this week with typhoid fever. He is now on the road to health.

-YAMPA CAN BE MADE A TOWN. The People Should Join Hands and Work for the Best Interests of Yampa. With the proper energy and enterprise Yampa can be made a good town, but at present time little interest is being shown...It would seem that the men who own the largest share of Yampa property should stand for making this settlement a town. Instead the non-property owners say what should be done. One of the saloon men, who do not own a 5 cent piece of property in the town, is madly against incorporation. Just because HE does not see where it will benefit him...It will surely benefit all after the town is incorporated. It would advance your interests 50%, and the extra tax would be nominal. The saloon keepers would pay into the city instead of the county treasury. This would be the case, citizens, and everybody should pull together to that end. Its up to you to decide upon this important question-incorporation.

REDSKINS in the WAY AGAIN-UINTAH RESERVATION in UTAH. That the formal opening up of the Uintah Reservation to the army of settlers and prospectors who have been waiting on the event in Vernal, Price, Colton and other camps upon its margins has been deferred for another year. The Secretary of the Interior submits that it will require another surveying season to complete the survey of the reservation. After the completion of the survey, some 1000 allotments are to be made.

-If Yampa was incorporated a few deep wells could be put down at little cost.

-W.C. Buck has purchased the James Burkhart residence on Conkel Ave. (Where was Conkel Ave.?)

-Yampa is to have another Saloon. Of course those proprietors are against incorporation and improvement.

-Several Yampa divorce cases will soon come up for hearing in County Court.. Word from Hahn's Peak (County Seat at that time) says they promise to be rare and juicy.

-“It takes six years for grass to grow where sheep have pulled it up and trampled it”

Saturday, March 19, 1904

-YAMPA-ON THE-BEAR can be made a Rattling Good Town...We will incorporate...We have more than enough of the required signatures.

-In a “social” poker game the other night-which lasted into daylight-a travelling furniture man was the “guy”, a farmer boy got the “roll”. (?)

-Bob Bird has had his hands full the past week. The entire family, excepting Bob, is down with the ‘grip’.

-The weather moderated first of last week and meadowlarks, robins and wild ducks are seen in this land of snow.

Saturday, March 26, 1904

-A \$12,000 bargain. 230 acre ranch 5 miles southwest of Yampa. Good water rights and plenty to irrigate every foot of land. All fenced and 200 acres under cultivation. Good buildings and one of the finest ranches on the Bear. For further info. address the Bear River Land Assn.

-The Connecticut farmer who is boasting of having bones of steel need not get so gay about it. All the girls have had them (in their corsets) ever since whalebone became scarce.

-Jim Norvell has been holding revival meetings here in Yampa. A certain resident, formerly of Missouri, was pressed to repent, and finally he got up and said: “Dear friends, I feel the Spirit moving in me to talk and tell what a bad man I have been, but I can't do it as long as Judge Shumate threatens to call a grand jury up in Hahn's Peak this spring.” “The Lord will forgive.” shouted Jim from the pulpit. “I guess that's all right,” said the penitent, “but He won't be on the grand jury.”