

TOWN OF YAMPA – MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

HIGHWAY CLEAN UP – The Town of Yampa will do their 2 miles of highway clean up on **Saturday, May 13, 2017**. Volunteers can help clean the highway between town limits north to the Willow Cabins. We will meet at Yampa Town Hall, at 8:30 am. Safety vests and trash bags will be provided. Please wear sturdy shoes and long pants. We encourage you to bring a day pack with a water bottle, sunscreen, and work gloves. Questions may be directed to town hall at 638-4511.

WATER & SEWER ORDINANCE CHANGES – Still working on the revisions.

WATER USAGE GALLONS CHANGE IN MAY – Beginning in May, the gallons of water allowed at the base rate of \$32.00 per month, is 15,000. Any usage over the 15,000 gallons will be billed at the metered rate of \$1.65 per thousand gallons or increments thereof. The May usage will be displayed on your June bill. The April usage only allows 5,000 gallons and April usage is shown on the statement that is included with this newsletter. Out of town rates are 1½ times the in town rate.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT UPDATE – Nothing new to report.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – Nothing new to report.

AGENDA ITEMS – Agenda items for the June 7 town board meeting are due to the Town Clerk by 4:00 pm, Friday, May 26.

PERMITS – 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.**

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. Town Hall hours are 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Payments made by check or money order are welcome in the night drop on the Lincoln Street side of Town Hall.

TOWN HALL CLOSED – Monday, May 29, 2017, in observance of Memorial Day.

DUST ABATEMENT – The application of the magnesium chloride for dust abatement purposes is scheduled for late May or early June. The 2017 schedule of streets to receive the application is: Moffat Avenue, Clifton Avenue, Lincoln Street, 3rd and 4th streets between Main and Lincoln.

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC – Thank you to Dr. John Colburn, Peggy Colburn, Jeannine Jones, and Sheridan Myer for their assistance with the rabies vaccination clinic. Thank you to town employees, Eric Berry, Nora Phillips, and Janet Ray for their work with the clinic. Please remember that if you did not bring your dog or cat to the clinic, you need to bring your dog or cat's proof of rabies vaccination paperwork to town hall and get a town license. The cost is low, \$2.00 spayed or neutered and \$5.00 if not spayed or neutered. Much less expensive than a visit to municipal court for not having your pet licensed.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE – The Yampa Community Yard Sale will be Saturday, June 24, 2017. Call Terri Northrop at 970-638-4455 or 970-638-4264 to sign up and get on the map.

FRIENDS OF CROSSAN'S M & A MARKET – Meetings are the 2nd and 4th 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 application has been made 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. Historic Routt County is functioning as the fiscal agent for the project. Donations should be made payable to Historic Routt County and Crossan's should be noted in the *for* line of your check and mailed to P.O. Box 775717, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477. To find out how you can be a part of this project, email friendsofcrossans@gmail.com

YAMPA-EGERIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm, Yampa Town Hall.

4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE – Planning is underway for the 4th of July celebration. The next committee meeting is Thursday, May 25, 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. The theme this year is Grand Old Flag.

TOUR DE STEAMBOAT bicycle event is scheduled for July 22, 2017. The Tour will offer four rides, two of which will encompass Yampa. This will provide a great opportunity for visitors to get into the heart of Yampa!

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.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES – Memorial Day services will be held on Monday, May 29, at the Yampa and Oak Creek cemeteries. Watch for posters with the times for each service.

SCHOOL'S OUT! - School is out for the summer on June 1. Please use extra care in driving and watch out for youngsters!

ROUTT COUNTY PIONEER PICNIC – Saturday, June 10, 2017, at Steamboat Mountain School, 42605 RCR 36. Noon to 2:00 pm. FREE. Bring a covered side dish or appetizer to share. Meat, drinks, dessert, and all tableware provided.

SNIPPETS of HISTORY-ITEMS from May,1907, YAMPA LEADER NEWSPAPERS

Sat., May 4.... YAMPA or BEAR-Time to terminate Confusion Caused by Two Names. Leader readers are invited to decide by vote which shall be adhered to; liberal prizes offered for best arguments presented. One of the largest and most important rivers in the state is that which rises on the east side of the White River plateau, about twenty miles southwest of Yampa, and flows north through Yampa to Steamboat Springs, and thence west, through Hayden, Craig, Maybell and Lily Park, to the Green River....attaining a total length of nearly two hundred miles, Practically all of which is within Routt County (note-Routt, at that time included all of what is now Moffat county), Yet this great stream has the disadvantage of having two names, neither of which is generally accepted. For hundreds of years it was known by the Indians, the original people in this country, as the Yampa River, and this name has been accepted by the United States government, being used in all official maps and publications....But the Indian word "Yampa" translated into English is "Bear", and the early white settlers preferred to use the latter word.

-Quo Warrento proceedings have been instituted by District Attorney Gentry, upon the complaint of parties interested in the neighboring unincorporated town of Oak Creek, against the recently incorporated town of Huggins (note Huggins was in the area just north of the Bible Church across from the Stagecoach turn-off south of O. C.) Huggins is a small hamlet about eight miles north of Yampa on the line of the Moffat road survey.... What the people of O. C. were seeking to do, among other things, was to prevent the issuance of a saloon license by the town of Huggins, but the Sherriff was too late for that, as a license had already been granted by the town board to William Johnston, who had paid his license fee and had opened the saloon.

-The street and alley committee has been instructed to look up the matter of ordering sidewalks built along the principal residence streets and to report to the Yampa board of trustees next Wed. night.

May 11.... The work of constructing the grade for the Moffat road through Gore Canyon is being rapidly completed and Chief Engineer Sumner reports that everything will be in readiness to begin track laying west from Kremmling about July 1.

-Carried Down the Rushing Mill Race, Rescue was Difficult--Battered and Bruised by Rocks, He Never Regained Consciousness--Dead Engineer Well Known in Routt County.....His plunge into the icy waters of the Grand River, aggravating the serious attack of pneumonia with which he was suffering at the time, proved fatal to Edwin A. Meredith, resident engineer of the Moffat road.

-At the adjourned meeting of the town trustees an ordinance was adopted, ordering the construction of sidewalks on all the principal residence streets. Altogether the new walks ordered aggregate over a mile and a half, which with those already constructed on Main Street and Moffat Avenue will give Yampa over three miles of good substantial plank walks, more than all the other towns in the county combined.

May 18.... School Notes-Report for the half month ending May 10, 1907. Primary room-Enrollment 22; Avg. daily attendance 19.9; perfect attendance 17. Intermediate room-enrollment, 19; avg. daily atten.,17.6; perfect attend. 18. Grammar room-18; avg. daily, 17.05; perfect,7. High School Room-15; avg. daily- 14.75; prefect in attendance, 8.

-Local News.... The four new street lights ordered by the town have arrived and are being placed in position upon the principal street corners. Each lamp is of 2,000 candle power and gives a splendid illumination.... Dr. J. H. Cole is having a neat fence built in front of his residence.... B. Fullers new house, next south of the creamery, is nearing completion....Earnest Mathias drove one of E. H. Imes' rigs to Steamboat, taking down five passengers..... The rapid melting of the snow along the eastern edge of the Flattops has caused very high water in the streams. J. R. Powell lost six cows and several calves by drowning.... J. C. Parker, an experienced bricklayer, has located in Yampa and will burn a kiln of probably 200??? (illegible) bricks.

May 25.... Ads-Monte Christo Hotel (note, was located on what is now the vacant lot next to the Antlers), This popular house is now open for business and is being conducted as a First-Class Hotel. Most home-like place in Yampa. Your patronage solicited, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Snyder-Prop.... The Royal Hotel- New and clean throughout. All rooms plastered and nicely furnished. Good sample room for traveling men. W. O. Brown, prop.... The Antlers Hotel, the finest in Yampa. A. B. Chivington, prop. Table supplied with the best the market affords. Night station for stagecoaches from north and south.

-D. M. Hutchinson, general blacksmith-horse shoeing a specialty. Across from Hernage's store. Yampa Telephone company.... The Mint Saloon, Hight and Co., props, Genial Treatment and a Square Deal. The best wines, liquors and cigars.... Yampa Livery, Daily rigs between Yampa and the Moffat road (note its terminus was at Kremmling) and the Rio Grand railroad (Wolcott).

-Here is the latest digest of developing news from the Red Gorge canyon copper camps (Note Copper Spur just south of McCoy), as reported by the manager of the largest company operating there. He writes that the St. Paul shaft on the Price mine is now down 65 feet.... The Doctor shaft has now attained a depth of 165 feet.... The Dentist property has its shaft down 173 feet and has entered the same formation of iron sulfide as the Doctor.... The possibilities of Grand and Routt counties at this point are beyond conception.... The Moffat road (when completed) is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the mine.... There is plenty of water and timber and the Yampa coal fields will furnish an inexhaustible supply of fuel. When the mines are sufficiently developed the Price Company will build a smelter on the Grand River (Colorado R.), two miles distant from it.