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## The Mayor's Corner



Fellow Lochbuians-

July was a somewhat slow month for the Town Board. Due to the holiday and our late meeting in June, we met only once in July. But there is always plenty to talk about!

### **EVENTS! EVENTS! EVENTS!!!**

Over the next several weeks, there are a ton of Town events:

On **August 3**, the Town is co-sponsoring the camp-out event at the Brighton Recreation Center. On **August 10**, the Board will be hosting two more ice cream socials at Lochwood Park (1-3pm) and at a park in Bella Vista (4-6pm). The first two socials (held on July 27) were quite successful, and we intend to continue this new event next summer. Thank you to everyone that joined us in Berkshire and Silver Peaks.

On **August 10** from 6:30 to 8:00pm, the Town is hosting "Lochbuie Night" at the Brighton Oasis Aquatic Park. "Lochbuie Night" is a new experiment for the Town, and we are hopeful for a great turnout. The event is **FREE** to all Lochbuie residents (flyer enclosed).

On **August 17**, the Lochbuie Police Department will be holding its annual "Public Safety Day and Bike Rodeo" (flyer enclosed).

For more details on each of these great events, please see the handouts included with this newsletter or see the Town's website or Facebook page.

What else is happening in town?

First, the County Road 2 project is now in full gear. Expect to see some new asphalt hitting the ground in September. We still anticipate the Town's portion of the widening will be complete in 2019 with the various developers' portions to follow hopefully later this year. One disappointing turn of events: As a result of various delays in receiving the necessary state approval for the improvements to the intersection at CR2 and the frontage road, the bidding process for that portion of the CR2 project was delayed, which resulted in an unacceptably high bid. As a result, the Town will be soliciting new bids for that portion of the CR2 project in a few months, and the work on the new intersection will not occur until 2020. This was disappointing news, but the Town remains confident that the end product will be worth the wait.

Second, the Board heard a presentation regarding the upcoming United States Census. Several Board members expressed an interest in creating a local **Complete Count Committee** with a mission of encouraging the full participation of each and every Lochbuie resident. If you are interested in participating in such a committee, please reach out to me.

Finally, the incredibly committed volunteer members of the Events Committee advised the Town Board that the first experiment at structuring that committee proved too cumbersome for any real planning to occur. As a remedy, the Town Board dissolved the current iteration of that committee with an intent to further discuss and restructure it in the future. For now (with the blessing of the Town Board), the members of the Town's former Events Committee are working closely with the Southeast Weld Chamber of Commerce to plan the 2019 Fall Festival set to occur on Saturday, September 28 (mark your calendars!). That summarizes some of the most important happenings in July.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me or any of the members of the Board with your questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you,  
Jacob R. Lofgren, Mayor  
[jlofgren@lochbuie.org](mailto:jlofgren@lochbuie.org)

### **Come meet your Board of Trustees and enjoy an ice cream treat!**

If you missed our first two **Ice Cream Socials**, you still have a chance to attend. Two more will be held on **Saturday, August 10**. Join us at Lochwood Park (WCR 37 & Lilac Drive) from 1:00-3:00 and in Bella Vista (Westin Avenue & Wildwood Street) from 4:00-6:00.

We hope to see all of you at one of these events!



### **ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS..... Welcome!**

If you recently purchased a newly-built home in the area, be sure to check your automatic sprinkler settings. Builders often set these to run several times daily for extended periods of time when new sod is installed. This volume of watering can result in an extremely high water bill in a very short time. The recommended watering schedule is 10 minutes in the early AM and 10 minutes in the late evening 3 days per week only.



**Remember...pull or spray all weeds this summer!**

### **We're Going Back To School**



The 2019-2020 school year begins **August 14th**. Please watch out for children and exercise extra caution when driving in school areas!

# CAMP-OUT

FOR FAMILIES WHO WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE OUTDOORS

**Aug. 3-4**  
**2 p.m.**

**BRIGHTON PARK**  
AT BRIGHTON RECREATION CENTER  
555 N. 11TH AVENUE

**\$10 FEE**  
**PER FAMILY**  
DINNER IS PROVIDED

FISHING • KIDS' CRAFTS • ARCHERY RANGE  
CLIMBING WALL • KAYAKS • LOANER TENTS  
S'MORES BY THE CAMPFIRE • CAMP COOKING RECIPES



# AUGUST

| SUNDAY            | MONDAY                             | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                               | THURSDAY              | FRIDAY            | SATURDAY   |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|-------------------|--|
| EVEN              | ODD                                | EVEN  | ODD                                     | EVEN                  | NO WATER DAY      | ODD  |
|                   |                                    |   |   | 1                     | 2                 | 3  Family Campout Brighton Rec Center 2:00 PM                          |
| 4  Family Campout | 5 Emergency siren testing at 12:00 | 6 Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM                    | 7  WATER SHUT OFF (Delinquent accounts) | 8                     | 9                 | 10  Town Board Ice Cream Socials and  Lochbuie Night at Brighton Oasis |
| 11                | 12  Recycle                        | 13  | 14  BACK TO SCHOOL                      | 15  Utility Bills Due | 16  Court 8:30 AM | 17  Public Safety Day 9:00—3:00  |
| 18                | 19                                 | 20 Town Board Meeting 6:30 PM Water meter reads | 21                                      | 22                    | 23                | 24   |
| 25                | 26                                 | 27  | 28                                      | 29                    | 30                | 31  Labor Day weekend begins! Town Offices Closed Monday, September 2  |

## Citizens' Police Academy NEW DATES September 4 - October 30, 2019

This hands-on training will give participants a behind-the-scenes look at the many functions of law enforcement. The course will cover patrol functions, code enforcement, firearms (range time if desired), and tours of the Weld County Jail and Dispatch Center.

This 11-week course consists of one evening per week (Wednesdays), with occasional Saturdays for special sessions. Applicants must be 18 years of age and have a clear driving record. A criminal background check is required. Fill out the application form (available on our website) and bring to our offices at Town Hall, 703 WCR 37, or email to:

**Sergeant Stephanie Southard**  
[ssouthard@lochbuie.org](mailto:ssouthard@lochbuie.org)

You DO NOT need to be a Lochbuie resident. All are welcome.



# **HOME RULE INFORMATION**

## **TOWN BOARD VOTES TO MOVE THE HOME RULE PROCESS FORWARD**

### **WHAT IS A HOME RULE TOWN?**

Currently, Lochbuie is a statutory town. Statutory municipalities are only allowed to exercise the powers expressly granted to them by the Colorado Constitution and statutes. Home rule is the term used for the status of a town which has adopted a Town Charter as its governing document. A home rule charter is like a “constitution” on a local level. State statutes are for the most part “one size fits all” but different communities have different needs and home rule status allows towns to more closely customize what they do to redress issues in that community.

Home rule status is authorized by the Colorado Constitution and allows towns and cities which choose such status (through an election process) to legislate and govern on matters of local concern in accordance with the charter rather than by relying on state statutes. As with any form of government, the effectiveness depends on the quality, dedication and integrity of those public officials and employees in office and on the expectations and participation of local citizens. There is still the same accountability of elected officials to the voters when a Town operates under a home rule charter – both through the election process and, if necessary, the recall rights of the voters. In addition, all other provisions of the US and Colorado constitutions remain in full effect. As an example, voting for home rule does not authorize higher taxes. The TABOR and Gallagher amendments, which limit new taxes and tax rate increases unless approved by the voters, and set tax assessment rates, will still be in effect, and are unaffected by a change to home rule status.

### **IS THIS A GOOD THING?**

When the Town Board decided to ask the voters whether to change the Town status to home rule, it adopted an ordinance that can be found on the Town’s web site at: [www.lochbuie.org/publicnotice](http://www.lochbuie.org/publicnotice) The Town Board recognizes in that ordinance that the best government is the one closest to the people, and home rule status, through adoption of a charter: (1) provides the vision and mission statement framework of the Town which serves as the guide for future actions and decisions affecting the Town and its inhabitants; (2) permits the registered voters of the Town to direct the structure and organization of governance of the Town and procedures for adopting legislation by the governing body; and (3) provides increased flexibility in assessing and collecting revenue sources and in seeking solutions to local problems without undesired statewide statutory restrictions.

### **HOW DO WE GET THERE?**

The process for becoming home rule in Lochbuie has been initiated by the Town Board of Trustees, which has called for an election on the questions of whether a charter commission should be formed to draft a charter and, if so, who should be elected to serve on the commission. This process is established by the Colorado Constitution and state statutes. In accordance with state law, the ordinance initiating the home rule process provided that there must be the minimum of 9 charter commission members. A majority vote is required to pass the ballot measure to form the commission. If the measure passes, the top 9 candidates receiving the most votes are elected to the commissioner slots. If the measure fails, the issue of adopting a charter cannot be placed on the ballot for at least one year.

If the measure passes, the Town Board has called for the first charter commission meeting to be held on November 19, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. and then on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The commission has 180 days from the election to draft and submit a proposed charter. Commissioners are not paid but the Town is responsible for any reasonable costs incurred by the commission during the process. The Town attorney will be working with the commission to guide them in drafting the charter, but the policy-making is left to the commission.

Meetings of the commission are open to the public. After the completion of the draft charter, the commission submits its proposal to the Town Board of Trustees. The Town Board of Trustees then has 30 days to publish a notice of an election on the charter. The notice must contain the full text of the draft charter. The election itself must be held not less than 30, nor more than 185 days from the date of the published notice. The Town anticipates an election on the Charter in November, 2020.

If a majority of the registered electors vote to adopt the charter, the charter takes effect on a date specified in the charter. If the voters reject the charter, the charter commission must reconvene and propose a new charter, following the same procedure they did for the original draft. The revised charter is then submitted for public acceptance in a new election. If that charter is defeated, the process ends, and the charter process cannot be revisited again for at least a year.

### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

All registered electors of the Town are encouraged to consider participating in framing this important document. If you are interested in working on this important step for the Town, you must pick up a nomination petition from the Town Clerk’s office. Those petitions and all necessary forms will be available on August 6, 2019, at which time you may begin circulation for signatures. Signatures of 25 registered electors of the Town are needed for nomination. By August 26, 2019, 4:30 PM, you must file the signed petitions and an “Acceptance of Nomination and Qualification Affidavit” with the Town Clerk. If less than 9 people file complete petitions, the election will be cancelled. The Town will hold an interested persons forum at Town Hall on August 6, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. to answer any questions that you may have about home rule or serving as an elected charter commissioner.

Once you have filed these properly completed documents, and if enough people file, the election will be held November 5<sup>th</sup>. After that, plan to attend an initial meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. where the whole process and plan for drafting will be discussed.



# LOCHBUIE PUBLIC SAFETY DAY & BIKE RODEO

## SATURDAY

### AUGUST 17TH

### 9:00AM - 3:00PM

### LOCHBUIE ELEMENTARY

201 BONANZA BLVD.



- MEET YOUR LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS
- LEARN ABOUT BIKE SAFETY
- OBSTACLE COURSE
- REFRESHMENTS
- RULES OF THE ROAD
- RAFFLE & GIVEAWAYS
- BBQ



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# LOCHBUIE NIGHTS 2019!



1852 E Bromley Lane  
Brighton, CO 80601

Join us for a FUN  
night at the pool!  
FREE to all Lochbuie  
residents!



Date: Saturday, August 10th

Time: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Cost: FREE

Concession Stand will be Closed  
Please feel free to bring a cooler  
with your own food & drinks!  
(Alcohol beverages are prohibited)  
No glass containers are allowed

Linda Blackston  
Town Clerk/HR Director  
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