

# TOWN OF LOCHBUIE NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022

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## November Election—Board of Trustees Vacancies

In the upcoming election this fall, November 8, 2022, the Town will have four vacant positions on the Board of Trustees. Three of the positions will be for a four-year term, and one position will be a two-year term. Nomination petitions will be available in August in the Town Clerk's office, specific date to follow.

This is a great opportunity for anybody who is looking to get involved and be a voice for the Town of Lochbuie!

## Tornado Siren Testing

On the first Wednesday of each month, the tornado sirens will be tested at 11:00 AM. This testing will coincide with the City of Brighton. This testing schedule will run through the month of September, 2022.

## Lochbuie Community Survey

The Town of Lochbuie wants to hear from you! The Town has partnered with Corona Insights to create a survey to receive your feedback on Lochbuie's current direction and opinions on future growth. If you have an email address registered with the Town, check for an email with a link to your survey.

## Access "Road" from Ruby Ave to County Road 4

As a reminder, this dirt "road" is not a road and is not open to the public for use. The lane is private property and should not be trespassed. Please beware of the gate on the north side and its intention to deter residents from access. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Town Hall at 303-655-9308.

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## Statistics:

**April 2022**

### Public Safety Incidents

**Total calls for service**

**Lochbuie —455**

**Keenesburg—106**

### Building Permits

**New Residential—15**

**Residential Alteration—5**

**One Stop—11**

**Commercial Alteration —2**

## Permits—Frequently Asked Questions

*How do I apply for a permit?*

Residents can now apply for permits online. Please visit [www.lochbuie.org/building](http://www.lochbuie.org/building) to access the CommunityConnect Link.

*Do I need a permit for a shed?*

Storage sheds up to 120 sf do not require a building permit, however cannot be placed in any setbacks or utility easements.

*Does a gazebo or pergola require a permit?*

Gazebos and pergolas attached to a house require a building permit. Free-standing pergolas do not require a building permit but must still adhere to applicable accessory structure standards.

*Do I need a permit for flat concrete work?*

Residential flat concrete work does not require a permit, however utility easements should not be covered.

*Can I place a roll-off dumpster on my property or on the street?*

Roll-off dumpsters and storage pods may be placed on both public and private property for up to 72 hours without a permit. A Temporary Placement Permit is required for durations exceeding 72 hours.

## Important Dates:

**June 2022**

**7—Regular Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.**

**8—Shut Off Day**

**13—Recycle**

**15—Due Date**

**21—Regular Board of Trustees Meeting—Cancelled**

**27—Recycle**

**28—Municipal Court @ 8:30 a.m.**

## Mingle with the Mayor—COMING SOON!

Mayor Mahoney will be hosting the first of many Mayor's Mingle in July. Mingling will give the community an opportunity to ask questions about upcoming growth, scheduled Town events or any other topic that residents may have questions about.

Stay tuned for more information!

## A Note from Hudson Public Library

An "Ocean of Possibilities" awaits you at the Hudson Public Library. Our Summer Reading Program is all set to kick off for another summer filled with fun and adventure. Registration will start on May 31. Come in to sign up and get a t-shirt, then get started on our underwater exploration. We have programs for all ages so everyone can join in on the fun. Please follow us on Facebook-Hudson Public Library (CO) or visit our website at [www.thehudsonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.thehudsonpubliclibrary.org).

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## **Town Ordinances**

As summer approaches Code Enforcement wanted to take this opportunity to review three of the Town's ordinances pertaining to property management. Being mindful of your property and these regulations will help Code Enforcement address other code violations. For additional information on any of the below regulations, go to the Lochbuie Municipal Code. [https://library.municode.com/co/lochbuie/codes/municipal\\_code](https://library.municode.com/co/lochbuie/codes/municipal_code)

### **Outdoor Storage of Junk**

It is unlawful for any person to create, operate, maintain or conduct any nuisance as defined in Chapter 7. **Sec. 7-1-10.**

Any placement, discarding, abandoning, storing or permitting the accumulation of, by any person in control of any property whether as owner, lessee, or occupant, outdoor storage of junk upon any property where visible for the right-of-way or public road is not permitted. Outdoor storage of junk shall mean items including, but not limited to, garbage, household goods, refuse, parts of machinery or motor vehicles, tires, broken or unusable furniture, items intended for indoor use, appliances, wood pieces, broken toys, etc. For additional information see **Sec. 7-1-50.**

### **Over Growth of Vegetation**

Weeds, grass, or other rank vegetation on properties must be no greater in height than 5 inches. For additional information see **Sec. 7-3-10.**

### **Inoperable Vehicle or Abandoned Vehicle (Junk Vehicle)**

It is unlawful for any person to permit any junked vehicle to be left upon any street, highway, public property or, being the owner or tenant in possession of any real property in the Town . **Sec. 8-2-10 .**

Junked means any vehicle which: Does not bear valid, unexpired license plates; is wrecked, damaged or substantially dismantled to the extent that such vehicle is inoperable; or if designed to be capable of moving itself when in proper repair, is incapable of being moved under its own power in its existing condition, or does not have all tires inflated. For additional information see **Sec. 8-2-40.**

Please feel free to contact Code Enforcement with any ordinance questions you may have.

720-606-1531

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## **Avian Influenza**

The USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratory has detected H5N1 Avian Influenza in a commercial egg layer operation in Weld County. Anyone involved with poultry production should review their processes to make sure their birds are healthy. For more information on this topic, please visit : <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/df-resources/df-resources>

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Thank you to all those who attended Public Safety Day on May 14! We had a good turnout for a fun event!



## **The Town of Lochbuie is considering becoming a Home Rule Municipality. Here's what you need to know:**

- Lochbuie is a "statutory" Town, meaning its authority to act comes from statewide statutes written by state legislators.
- Home rule towns operate under a charter written by local citizens elected to a charter commission.
- Home rule allows for greater local control.
- A vote for home rule is NOT a vote for higher taxes.
- Lochbuie is surrounded to the southeast and northwest by home rule municipalities.
- An election is required first to decide whether to pursue status as a home rule town.

For more information, please visit the link below to view the Home Rule Initiation discussion item from the May 17, 2022 Board Meeting.

[https://www.lochbuie.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/town\\_board/meeting/packets/5999/board\\_packet\\_05.17.2022\\_updated.pdf](https://www.lochbuie.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/town_board/meeting/packets/5999/board_packet_05.17.2022_updated.pdf)