# TOWN OF LOCHBUIE NEWSLETTER

**DECEMBER 2022** 

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## MAYOR'S MJNGLE

Second Tuesday of every month!

Next mingle: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 from 6 PM—7 PM

Please join Mayor Mahoney at Town Hall for the Mayor's Mingle! We invite you to come share with him your thoughts, concerns, and ideas while enjoying refreshments!



# Important Dates: December 2022

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

7—Utility Disconnect Day

12—Recycle

13—Mayor's Mingle @ 6:00 PM

15—Utility Bill Due Date

20—Municipal Court @

8:30 a.m.

26—Town Hall Closed

26—Recycle

### **Building Statistics—October 2022**

New Residential— 10 One Stop— 13

Residential Alteration— 6 Commercial (Misc.) - 1

### **Xpress Billpay for Utility Notifications and Payment**

If you are looking to keep track of your utility bill online, you can sign up for an account with Xpressbillpay.com. There are no extras fees to create an account, or to make online payments. You can set up autopay, make one time payments, and sign up for paperless billing. If you are not interested in making online payments, you have the option to create an account and sign up for email statements. This way, you will be notified of your bill amount on the first business day of the month, before you receive your paper statement in the mail. If you have questions about setting up an account with Xpress Billpay, please call 800-768-7295.

## **Lochbuie Community Survey Key Findings**

This spring, a Community Survey was distributed to residents in an attempt to gather their opinions on the Town as it is now and their thoughts and ideas about future growth of Lochbuie. Two key findings from the survey results were:

- Residents feel that services in Lochbuie are lacking. Services mentioned included recreation, upkeep of Town roads and sidewalks, and business development.
- Residents are divided on whether they would support permitting marijuana. However, if permitted, half of the residents are in support of an excise tax to fund recreation, schools, libraries, roads, and infrastructure.



#### Carryout Bag Fee Begins January 1, 2023

The Town wants to educate both its residents and businesses concerning the Carryout Bag Fee which is set to go into effect on January 1, 2023. The following information was taken from the Colorado Department of Revenues Taxation Division site. For more details visit: <a href="https://tax.colorado.gov/carryout-bag-fee">https://tax.colorado.gov/carryout-bag-fee</a>

#### **About the Carryout Bag Fee**

In 2021, the Colorado General Assembly enacted <u>House Bill 21-1162</u>. Beginning January 1, 2024, the act prohibits stores and retail food establishments from providing single-use plastic carryout bags to customers. Certain retail food establishments, and small stores that operate solely in Colorado and have 3 or fewer locations, may provide single-use plastic carryout bags.

Between January 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024, a store may furnish a recycled paper carryout bag or a single-use plastic carryout bag to a customer at the point of sale if the customer pays a fee of 10 cents per bag or a higher fee adopted by the municipality or county in which the store is located. On and after January 1, 2024, a store may furnish only a recycled paper carryout bag to a customer at the point of sale at a fee of 10 cents per bag or a higher fee imposed by the municipality or county in which the store is located.

A store is required to remit, on a quarterly basis beginning April 1, 2024, 60% of the carryout bag fee revenues to the municipality or county within which the store is located and may retain the remaining 40% of the carryout bag fee revenues. The carryout bag fee does not apply to a customer that provides evidence to the store that the customer is a participant in a federal or state food assistance program.

The act does not apply to materials used in the packaging of pharmaceutical drugs, medical devices, or dietary supplements or any equipment or materials used to manufacture pharmaceutical drugs, medical devices, or dietary supplements.

Please review the full text of <u>HB21-1162</u> for a complete discussion of the requirements, restrictions, and penalties imposed under the act.

## Note from Hudson Public Library

Check out all of the programs we are offering at the Hudson & Keenesburg locations, for all ages, this month at <a href="https://thehudsonpubliclibrary.org/">https://thehudsonpubliclibrary.org/</a> or our Facebook Page (Hudson Public Library (CO)).

#### **December HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- Town of Hudson Holiday Parade: December 2 at 6pm
- Christmas in Keenesburg: December 3 from 2pm-5pm
- Christmas in Keenesburg Parade: December 3 at 5:30 pm
- Drop in Ornaments: any day, any time, all month long (at Hudson)
- Holiday Bingo: December 9th at 6:00 PM—sign up required (Hudson)
- Heat Transfer Stockings: December 14th from 11:00 am—7:00pm (Hudson)
- Polar Express Movie Night: December 21st at 6:00 PM—sign up required (Hudson)

At our public libraries we have a varied collection of Adult, Teen & Children's Books. In addition, we have a Create HQ (makerspace), DVDs, Audiobooks, and many items available to download and/or stream on electronic devices. Computers are available for public use, along with free Wi-Fi access, copying, faxing, and scanning. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at <u>303-536-4550</u>.