

Newsletter



LOCHBUIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

**FEBRUARY 22ND, 6 PM - 8 PM
AT LOCHBUIE TOWN HALL**

We will discuss feedback from our community survey and some information gathered through Existing Conditions research and share a preliminary concept plan for Lake Henry. Light drinks and snacks will be provided. Door Prizes - Must be present to win.



FEBRUARY FUN AT THE LIBRARY

What an awesome start to 2024! The Hudson Public Library started the year off with a calendar full of programs and activities for all ages. Look to February to be just as busy and exciting. Be sure to visit our website <https://thehudsonpubliclibrary.org/> and sign up early for your favorite events to ensure a reserved space. Beware...our most popular events fill up quickly!

COMMUNITY FUN

Tiny Chefs (ages 3-6 sign-up required): Feb. 1st at 4:30pm

Horas de Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual

Storytime: Feb. 5th and 26th at 10:30am

Storytime: Wednesday's & Friday's at 10:30am

Kakes with Kora (ages: 8-12 sign-up required): Feb. 7th at 4:30pm

Charcuterie Design Class (for adult's sign-up required): Feb. 9th at 6:00pm

Valentines Day Cards (drop-in any age): Feb.10th from 11am-1pm

Sew a Softie (ages 6-13 sign-up required): Feb. 16th at 1pm

Mind Your Mind (Mental Health Games) (ages: 9-18 sign-up required): Feb. 24th at 11:30am

Makerspace Drop-In Hours: Monday's 2:30pm-5:00pm, Wednesday's 4:00pm-7:00pm, & Friday's 2:30pm-5:00pm

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR



6th - Board of Trustees Meeting

22nd - Comprehensive Plan Open House

15th - Utility Bill Due Date

19th - President's Day - Town Hall Closed

20th - Board of Trustees Meeting

MAYOR'S MINGLE

Second Tuesday of every month.

Tuesday, February 13th
6pm - 7pm

Mayor Mahoney invites you to meet with him at Town Hall. Share with him your insights and proposals for the town. Discuss pressing matters while enjoying light snacks.

GET INVOLVED

Attend a Board of Trustees meeting at Town Hall on **February 6th** and **February 20th** at 6:30pm

Job opportunities found at www.lochbuie.org/jobs

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SNOWPLOWING & SHOVELING



- Please remember that sidewalks must be cleared of snow by the property owner within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm.
- Do not push snow into the roadway or right-of-way. Pushing snow into the public roadway creates hazards for Town snowplow operators and the public, including drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction, hindered accessibility, slippery areas, and frozen ruts or bumps that can contribute to motor vehicle or pedestrian crashes.

LOCHBUIE TRASH DAYS

The trash days for 2024 are the same as they were in 2023.



Please visit our website to review the maps and trash day information.

GREENWAYS TRAIL

- Work has begun, and we anticipate completion late spring/early summer.

Stay Alert with CodeRED

Your Safety, Our Priority!

This February, show you care about your community and enroll in Weld County CodeRED alerts. CodeRED alerts will keep you aware of major emergency situations including extreme weather conditions. Only about 9% of residents are signed up for this alert. Let's make that 100%. Protect your loved ones and your community by signing up for the alerts today at. Visit our website for more information.

CHANGE TO PAPERLESS XPRESS BILLPAY

Lochbuie has a super easy and fast way to pay your bill! Sign up with Xpress Billpay. There are no extra fees to create an account or to make your payments online. You are able to set up autopay and make one-time payments. Create an account or sign up for email statements where 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.

For more information about Xpress Billpay or to set up your account, please visit: <https://www.lochbuie.org/public-utilities>

TOWN HALL PHONE

303-655-9308
Monday - Thursday
7am - 6pm

POLICE RECORDS

303-659-1395
Monday - Thursday
7am - 6pm

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



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This fall, the District Accountability Committee (DAC) and district administration explored a number of issues including declining enrollment in Lochbuie schools, school capacity across the district, and transportation shortages. District data indicates that a significant number of students from the Lochbuie community are choosing to enroll at other schools, particularly at school transition grades.

Responding to Community Needs & Seeking Feedback



Approximately 35 individuals attended a **community focus group** in December. The discussion confirmed the growing sentiment by the Lochbuie community that parents want fewer school transitions and their children to be educated as close to home as possible. Information was shared with the community group regarding capacity of each of the district's schools compared to current enrollment. There is sufficient capacity at all of our schools to educate many more students, so the concept of adding a middle school to the Lochbuie community is currently premature.



Based on feedback from DAC and community focus group members, a proposal is being considered by the Board of Education. **This proposal would create a PK-8 grade system across the two existing Lochbuie Schools** (Meadow Ridge Elementary and Lochbuie Elementary) over the next three years. In August 2024, current 2nd grade students would remain at Meadow Ridge for 3rd grade, and 5th grade students would remain at Lochbuie Elementary for 6th grade. By the 2026-2027 school year, Meadow Ridge would potentially be a PK-4 school, and Lochbuie Elementary would be a grades 5-8 school. Information from a recent demographic study (including consideration of residential developments) revealed that the two schools would have capacity for this plan for the next three to five years. This change would likely accelerate the need for an additional school in Lochbuie and would require a successful bond election when enrollment reaches school capacity.



We are aware of the **many questions and complications** that might arise from this proposal if implemented. Some retrofitting of Lochbuie Elementary School would be required to meet the needs of older students. Program and staffing needs would increase and require funding prioritization. Athletics and co-curricular activities in Lochbuie might be combined with Weld Central Middle School. Resolutions to these issues would be determined following a final decision regarding the proposal.



Broader community input is needed to inform the final decision by the Board of Education. The background and at least a brief understanding of the data leading to this proposal are essential to providing input, so we thank you for taking the time to read this communication and encourage you to review the **presentation** made to the community focus group in December. We ask that you complete this **survey** to provide your input on the proposal. A final decision is anticipated by March 1 but requires significant input in order for a change to be recommended and approved.

The survey is open now and will close on February 11, 2024.

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Este otoño, el Comité de Responsabilidad del Distrito (DAC) y la administración del distrito exploraron una serie de cuestiones que incluyen la disminución de la inscripción en las escuelas de Lochbuie, la capacidad escolar en todo el distrito y la escasez de transporte. Los datos del distrito indican que un número significativo de estudiantes de la comunidad de Lochbuie están optando por inscribirse en otras escuelas, particularmente en los grados de transición escolar.

Responder a las necesidades de la comunidad y buscar comentarios



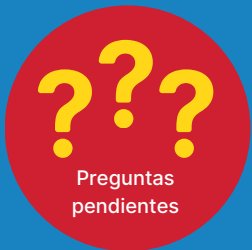
Inscripción y
Capacidad

Aproximadamente 35 personas asistieron a un grupo de enfoque comunitario en diciembre. La discusión confirmó el sentimiento creciente de la comunidad de Lochbuie de que los padres quieren menos transiciones escolares y que sus hijos reciban una educación lo más cerca posible de casa. Se compartió información con el grupo comunitario sobre la capacidad de cada una de las escuelas del distrito en comparación con la inscripción actual. Hay capacidad suficiente en todas nuestras escuelas para educar a muchos más estudiantes, por lo que el concepto de agregar una escuela intermedia a la comunidad de Lochbuie es actualmente prematuro.



Propuesta del CAD y
del grupo focal

Con base en los comentarios del DAC y los miembros del grupo de enfoque comunitario, la Junta de Educación está considerando una propuesta. Esta propuesta crearía un sistema de grados PK-8 en las dos escuelas Lochbuie existentes (Meadow Ridge Elementary y Lochbuie Elementary) durante los próximos tres años. En agosto de 2024, los estudiantes actuales de segundo grado permanecerían en Meadow Ridge para el tercer grado y los estudiantes de quinto grado permanecerían en la escuela primaria Lochbuie para el sexto grado. Para el año escolar 2026-2027, Meadow Ridge sería potencialmente una escuela de PK a 4º, y la escuela primaria Lochbuie sería una escuela de 5º a 8º grado. La información de un estudio demográfico reciente (que incluye la consideración de desarrollos residenciales) reveló que las dos escuelas tendrían capacidad para este plan durante los próximos tres a cinco años. Este cambio probablemente aceleraría la necesidad de una escuela adicional en Lochbuie y requeriría una elección exitosa del bono cuando la inscripción alcance la capacidad escolar.



Preguntas
pendientes

Somos conscientes de las muchas preguntas y complicaciones que podrían surgir de esta propuesta si se implementa. Se requeriría cierta modernización de la Escuela Primaria Lochbuie para satisfacer las necesidades de los estudiantes mayores. Las necesidades de programas y personal aumentarían y requerirían priorizar la financiación. Las actividades deportivas y cocurriculares en Lochbuie podrían combinarse con la escuela secundaria Weld Central. Las soluciones a estas cuestiones se determinarían luego de una decisión final sobre la propuesta.



Se necesita aporte
de la comunidad

Se necesita una opinión más amplia de la comunidad para informar la decisión final de la Junta de Educación. Los antecedentes y al menos una breve comprensión de los datos que llevaron a esta propuesta son esenciales para brindar aportes, por lo que le agradecemos por tomarse el tiempo de leer esta comunicación y lo alentamos a revisar la presentación realizada en el grupo de enfoque comunitario en diciembre. Le pedimos que complete esta encuesta para brindar su opinión sobre la propuesta. Se anticipa una decisión final para el 1 de marzo, pero requiere aportes significativos para que se recomiende y apruebe un cambio.

**La encuesta ya está abierta y se cerrará
el 11 de febrero de 2024.**

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