



# July 2018

## The Town of Red Cliff

### Ongoing and Upcoming Events

#### Wildfire Mitigation:

After the success of the Wildfire Mitigation event in June, the Board of Trustees decided to support the continuation of mitigation work by having a dumpster delivered to the Cemetery for additional slash to be collected and removed. With the fire danger continuing to be extreme and our upcoming Cemetery Tour, we are requesting that everyone take the opportunity to assist us by collecting slash and depositing it in the dumpster. Please do not deposit any trash in this dumpster.

#### Summer Lunch Program:

Suzanne and Barb have been doing an excellent job with our Summer Lunch Program. I would like to extend an invitation to any parents who may be interested in assisting with the activities during the lunches. It is a lot of work to take care of the meals and the activities and it would be of great help to have some more hands. Summer lunches continue to run every Wednesday from 11.30-1.30 and all are welcome.

#### Food Program:



The initial delivery of food boxes (both fresh and staples) by the Eagle River Valley Food Bank was very successful. The schedule for these deliveries has been altered to better coincide with the Summer Lunch Program. Boxes will be delivered every other

Wednesday starting July 11<sup>th</sup>. The boxes will be available at Town Hall from 2pm-4pm. After 4pm, any remaining supplies will be distributed by town staff. If you have a need but cannot come to collect a box, please contact the town office and arrangements will be made to get one to

you. Anyone is welcome to collect a box. You do not need to show financial need. You only need to provide your phone number and the number of people in your household.

#### Creative Industries Arts & Crafts Fair & Cemetery Tour:

Attention to all our creative types! Start stock-piling your creations to be ready for this first annual event. Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, Red Cliff will be showcasing its talents. A registration fee of \$15 gets your name/address/talent included in all advertising of the event. A reserved table to showcase your work in the Auditorium is \$50.

It has also been suggested that residents might take advantage of the additional visitors to town that day to hold yard sales. While it is not an official part of the event's programming, I think this is a good idea. I would like to request, however, that these sales be confined to private properties and don't sprawl out onto sidewalks or streets.

### Fire Danger

Recent events have been rather frightening with several wildfire close calls in the County and beyond. Despite the relief felt from recent rains, we remain under Stage 2 Fire Restrictions.

These restrictions prohibit any outdoor burning beyond gas grills. It also prohibits smoking except within a building or vehicle. We take these restrictions very seriously. Anyone found to be violating them will be receiving a visit from the police.

As you have probably heard from the Lake Christine Fire, those responsible for starting a wildfire can face serious consequences whether their actions were deliberate or not.



Please take this to heart and obey the restrictions for everyone's safety.

## **P&Z Commission**

The Planning & Zoning Commission has been reviewing a proposal for a new home on Water Street. The Commission still has one seat available to be filled by a resident. If you would like to take on a more active role in development within town, please contact the town office.

P&Z meetings are held on an as needed basis on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7pm.

## **Community Fund Projects**

The Community Fund's Board has been working hard on their respective projects. Melissa has launched the Fund's facebook page. Please take a moment to check it out.

Erin is working with Duke on some recreational opportunities in town such as the much discussed horseshoe pit.

Mara is in charge of the Annual Ice Fishing Derby. Danielle is working on fixing up the bikes that were kindly donated so that we may have them available for folks to ride around town.

As mentioned earlier, Barb has been working on the continuation of the Summer Lunch Program.

I have continued the birthday gift program and am currently developing a volunteer initiative dubbed the Snow Angels which looks to provide assistance to residents using volunteer labor.

The town's informal library at Town Hall will soon be undergoing a considerable expansion of the collection. Please come and browse the selection. You may take any books you like. We only request that children's early readers and picture books be returned.

## **Meetings**

The CML conference was very productive this year. We were able to attend some informative seminars as well as conduct valuable discussions regarding our ongoing

projects with those best positioned to assist us in realizing our goals.

The Mayor/Manager Meeting this month will be attended by Lt. Gov Donna Lynne to discuss healthcare costs in our area and explore solutions.

I will also be attending a meeting/presentation with Holy Cross Energy and Xcel Energy to hear their proposed grid upgrades in our area that are meant to strengthen Red Cliff's electrical grid.

The next Board Banter is Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at Mango's. Please come for a chat.

The next Town of Red Cliff Board of Trustees meeting is Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours before at both Town Hall and the post office.

## **Wildlife Mischief**

We have had a few bear sightings in town recently and a couple of trash cans that were rummaged. Please remember that it is your responsibility to effectively secure your trash from wildlife.

Garbage kills bears and we like our animals!

## **Comings & Goings**

We are sad to see Casey, Cassie & Kloe leave us this past month. They will be sorely missed. Our loss is Minturn's gain and I hope they come and visit us often.

Please welcome Emili, Billy & Ashton to Monument St. Ashton has been a welcome addition at the Summer Lunch Program and has found several young friends already.

## **Happy Birthday!**

Happy birthday to Emma, Rayna, Angelina & Caden who are celebrating this month.

If you are under 18 years old and I haven't mentioned you on your birthday month, please let me know!

## **Honored to serve,**

## **Mayor Anuschka Bales**