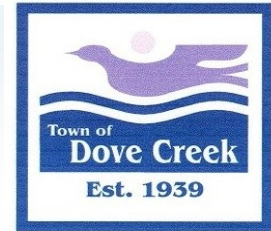


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CONGRATULATIONS DOVE CREEK FOOTBALL TEAM!!!

From the Mayor's Desk

Merry Christmas everyone! Can't believe it is here already. What a year it has been. May God bless you in the season. We as a board want to thank you for your confidence in us and even though some of the decisions are difficult, know that we are trying to do the best that we can today and into the future.

As far as transparency goes, we have set up two additional funds which includes two different checkbooks. One for the streets and one for the parks and rec. As the sales taxes are collected it will be deposited in those accounts and expenses will come out of it, making it easier for all of us to see and understand what the monies were being used for.

In looking at the budget, the staff has been working diligently to separate income and expenses throughout the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sanitation Fund. With the projections of revenues and expenses we are showing a positive number in the Water Fund. The Sanitation Fund is upside down by quite a bit and VERY concerning. At the present rate we will have the reserves used up in 3-4 years because of the deficit. It would have been easier to swallow if there would have been gradual increases over the last 20 some years, but that did not happen. The disparity between what we pay monthly for water and what we pay for sewer needs to be closer to the same number. One of the stipulations is that each enterprise fund has to generate enough revenue to meet the expenses. The board wrestled with how to overcome the deficit, but at some point in the very near future our fiduciary responsibility comes into play. WE must be good stewards of the monies entrusted to the town. I still remember the comments from you, the citizens, with finger pointing that "If you can't get it done then you all need fired." At present we operate under a DSV (Discharge Specific Variance) with a short leash to comply with the new ammonia standard and in the very near future we will be having to deal with the change in prosperous and nitrate requirements. They are telling us that we have to remove the sludge in the fermentation pit and then a cover for the first pond. Can you believe one quote was \$186,000 to remove and dispose of the sludge. That's not going to work! Then the cost of a cover on top of that? That's not going to work either! We are still battling the designation of the creek and the drainage that runs down to the lagoons and beyond. We have a meeting with State Representative Marc Catlin in the next week or so to enlist his help. Getting that accomplished will be a milestone for us in saving money. We are confident that the end game is to move us to a mechanical plant like Mancos had to do. A mechanical plant is NOT the answer. We need to keep fighting to improve our lagoons and correct the "designation". That is the key. Unfortunately the board is going to have to increase what we pay to handle our sewage. Being upside in the budget and the continued decay of our system is a problem and no I do not want to pay any more than I have to, it's just we do not see any other answer. We need more users on the system to offset the increase of costs.

The numbers for water quality are in and we hit a 67 and that is well under the limit of 80. We will factor the numbers into the computation and for the complete testing period we are in good shape. The mixer we installed in the tank has resulted in lower TTHM's but we could use some aeration. However, that is not good enough. CDPHE will be visiting us and I am sure they are going to want more contact time with our disinfectants which would mean an additional tank. Stay tuned on that one.

We still have serious problems to over come and as a community we need to continue to do what it takes. Mandates come with the need to come into compliance and that means more money from us. You are all welcome to join and share your thoughts with us and your advice is welcome.

I have always believed that this community has been and will continue to be a community that believes in prayer. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Johnny Johnson family. Please surround them with your love and understanding in the passing of Johnny. As we close out the year, let us remember the ones that have gone on before us as well as the ones that have been born into this world. Let us remember family and friends and count the blessings that we have. Until next time....

Merry Christmas everyone!

Keep an eye out for more information from the Town in The Pinto Bean



Effective October 1, 2022 thru May 1, 2023

Please keep streets clear of parked vehicles for the purpose of allowing the Town to accomplish snow removal from the public streets and right of ways used for vehicular traffic.

Water and Sewer Utility Bills

Water and Sewer Utility Bills are due on the **15th** day of the month. A late charge of **\$5.00** will be added for unpaid bills after the 15th of each month regardless if a bill is received by customer.

Paying Online

Paying online is available for utilities, court fines, and water dock payments. Go to:
<https://townofdovecreek.colorado.gov>



Friendly Reminder

Please keep all water meter pit lids free and clear of landscape materials, sod, dirt, debris, weeds, etc. This will assist Public Works with your water meter reads each month.

Delinquent Account Reminder:

Per Dove Creek Town Code 24-182, 24-183, 24-219 and 24-220, if monthly water/sewer bill is not paid by the due date of the next monthly billing then the water/sewer may be shut off by the Town. If your water/sewer has been shut off for nonpayment, the water/sewer service will not be reinstated until all back water/sewer payments and a reconnect fee of \$50.00, have been paid in full or a payment plan has been set up with the Town Clerk.

If your account is more than one month past due please contact our office immediately at 970-677-2255 or stop by the Town Office located at 505 West 4th St. to avoid having your service shut off. Please contact us to make a payment in full or to setup a payment plan.

Dove Creek Recreation Department



Registration is now open for boys 3rd-6th grade basketball. Cost is \$25 per player and each player receives a t-shirt. Registration deadline is Friday December 23rd. Practices and games begin in January. Interested in coaching? If so, please reach out to Kristy Chadd. More information, access to the registration form, and online payment option can be found at www.dovecreekrec.com. Registration forms are also available at the schools.

Stay up to date on the latest recreation department activities, events, and sports schedules by linking your phone or other device to the Recreation Department's activity calendar at www.dovecreekrec.com. Click on the blue plus sign on the bottom right hand of the calendar to add to your device. Want to know when the Community Center is available for your next event? Be sure to check out the building use calendar to check availability and request a building use quote.

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