



MINTURN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2019

BARSTOOL RACING MARCH 9TH!



Start your bar stools! Minturn's 4th Annual Bar Stool Races will take place **SATURDAY, MARCH 9th, from 12noon - 3pm.** **Plan on racing? It's not too late! Registration has**

been extended, and will remain open until we reach capacity! [REGISTER HERE](#), sign up soon!

We are also still in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Cindy Krieg at Town Hall (970.827.5645 x5, events@minturn.org). Entry fee is just \$50 per team, and 100% of it goes to funding MCF's community programs. For more information, visit www.minturncommunityfund.org

LET'S TALK HOUSING

A goal from the 2009 Community Plan is for Minturn to obtain a Housing Plan, with the hopes of a finalized plan Spring 2019. This plan will be created by the Town Council, Planning Commission and the Minturn Public. The first step will be to answer how Minturn would like to address growth. This will be a great conversation that will determine how Minturn moves into the future, so please take part. **A public discussion will take place during the March 6th Council Meeting.** Additional meeting dates to be announced.

SNOW PLOWING

With the recent heavy snow, we'd like to remind Minturn residents of the Town's snow plowing policies. While our Public Works department works very hard to get to everyone as quickly as possible, major roadways and emergency access routes must take priority. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR BUSINESS LICENSE

Business license renewal season is upon us! We would like to remind all Minturn based businesses (any business physically located within Minturn), that you are required to obtain and maintain a Minturn business license. The licenses are issued on an annual basis and are valid April 1st of the current year, through March 31st of the following year. Reminders will also be mailed, and you may obtain the business license (new or renewal) application at <http://minturn.org/government/finance/businesslicenses.html>, or in person at Town during regular business hours.

NEW TOWN TAGLINE

The Town has been working with a PR firm to increase awareness of Minturn as a destination. Part of our 2019 strategy was developing a new tagline. Thank you to those who participated in our recent survey. The community feedback showed one clear winner, so our new tagline will be **"Small Town, Big Charm."** The other options will likely still be used in a secondary capacity for specific marketing pieces, but the winning tagline will become our primary. Look for more PR and marketing announcements throughout the year.

MATT SCHERR NOW EAGLE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The Town of Minturn would like to congratulate Matt Scherr on his new role as Eagle County Commissioner. Matt took his oath of office on February 19th. The Town would like to thank Matt for his service, and we wish him well in his new role. He will undoubtedly have a great impact at the County level.

Due to Matt's new appointment, he has resigned from his position as Mayor of Minturn. John Widerman was appointed Mayor on February 20th by the Minturn Town Council.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town of Minturn would also like to congratulate John Widerman, who was appointed Mayor on February 20th by the Minturn Town Council. John has been a resident of Eagle County for 10 years, a Minturn resident for eight years, and has served on the Town Council since May 2016. John is serving on many community boards and has been especially hands-on regarding the Town's Energy Action Plan, Partners in Energy, and the Eagle County Climate Action Collaborative. He also serves as the Minturn representative for the ECRTA board, NWCCOG QQ, the Eagle Mine Committee, and on Minturn's Municipal Water committee.

OPEN TOWN COUNCIL SEAT

Due to the above appointments, there is now an open seat on Town Council. This term will be a one year term expiring in April 2020. Interested candidates should submit letters of interest to the Town Clerk, by March 14th, 2019. The Town Council meets twice monthly on the first and third Wednesday at 6:30pm (sometimes earlier). Applications will be reviewed at the March 20th Council Meeting, and candidates are requested to be available on that date for interviews with Council. More information can be found [HERE](#), or at www.minturn.org.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Applications are now being accepted for the Minturn Planning Commission. Planning Commission members are appointed by and serve at the will of the Minturn Town Council, with two-year terms expiring on March 31 of the year of termination. The Planning Commission meets twice monthly on the second and fourth Wednesday at 6:30pm (sometimes earlier).

Interested candidates should submit applications by March 14th, 2019. Application forms are available on the Town website, at www.minturn.org. Applications will be reviewed at the March 20th Council Meeting, and candidates are requested to be available on that date for interviews with Council.

REMINDER – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME WILL BEGIN AT 2AM ON SUNDAY MARCH 10TH

Don't forget to "Spring Forward." Set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 10th.

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MINTURN CELEBRATES 115 YEARS!

This year marks Minturn's 115 years as an incorporated town. 2019 will have a special focus on Minturn's history through storytelling, fun highlights, important events and community.



Fun Highlights:

On Nov. 15, 1904, six men gathered in a small town on the banks of the Eagle River and made history. It was the first of many Minturn town council meetings, and the first order of business was to set the salaries for each of the government employees: Town Marshall was set at \$30 a month, clerk \$10, treasurer \$5, and town attorney \$40. That's how it all began 100 years ago. Or, at least, that was the official beginning of the town we know as Minturn today. By then there were 428 people living in the little hamlet, which cultivated prosperous mining and railroading industries.

SPRING IS COMING! AND SO IS CONSTRUCTION...

The HWY 24/Main Street repaving and sidewalk project will be starting the spring of 2019. Construction impacts will include:

- Expected maximum traffic delay of 15-20 minutes
- No construction traffic through neighborhoods
- On-street parking may be restricted at times in specific blocks to allow for two way traffic
- 2 Work Zones allowed with only one lane closed – Flagger controlled
- Generally no lane closures 7 AM to 9 AM
- Rock Scaling – 20-minute full closures at north side of Town
- Construction allowed 9 AM to 4:30 PM but up to 7pm

This project will affect everyone in town and delays on HWY 24 are expected throughout the project (April-Nov 2019 at a minimum, possibly longer). Please become familiar with the project and ask questions in advance.

www.minturn.org/pedestrianplanning

WINTER SAFETY REMINDERS

- Please remember that it is your responsibility to keep the sidewalk next to your property shoveled. If you or your renters are unable to do this, then consider other options to ensure the sidewalk is shoveled in a timely manner after a snowstorm. We want our pedestrians to have a safe means of travel and this step is important to ensuring they're able to get around town.
- Remember to keep your gas meters free from snow build-up as they need open air to work correctly.
- Be cautious of snow and/or ice on overhanging roofs as it can fall at any time.

MAKE YOUR HOME MORE COMFORTABLE AND EFFICIENT!

Know how your home uses energy to help discover where you can save. Xcel Energy, offers a variety of rebates and incentives to help you implement energy-saving opportunities that improve the comfort and performance of your home.

The best place to start is with a Home Energy Squad® visit. Technicians will come to your home to deliver and install \$200 worth of energy saving equipment for only \$50!

Visit xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad or call **303-446-7910** to schedule.

Additional programs to consider:

- [Heating Equipment Rebates](#)
- Refrigerator and Freezer Recycling (xcelenergy.com/Fridge or call **866-552-8755**)

Water Heater (xcelenergy.com/HomeRebates or call **800-895-4999**)

RIDE THE BUS! IT GOES STRAIGHT TO VAIL!

We still have some 10-ride bus passes available at **no cost** to Minturn residents. Recipients must agree to participate in an online survey at the end of the season. Passes (1 per person) may be picked up at Town Hall during regular business hours.

COMPOSTING NOW AVAILABLE!

The Town of Minturn is happy to announce that we will be implementing a Compost Drop Site at Town Hall. This service is available to Vail Honeywagon Compost Program members only (you must sign up for the service to participate).

The compost dumpster should be available by the end of March. More information can be found at www.minturn.org. We know that several residents were already on the waiting list, as we worked to get this established. Thank you for your patience! To sign up contact requests@vailhoneywagon.com.

MINTURN BUSINESSES-ARE YOU OPEN?

This is a great time to organize in advance of the summer 2019 highway repaving and sidewalk project. Although this will be a beneficial amenity to the entire community when finished, getting to the finish line won't be all that much fun.

We want folks to know when our local businesses are open during this construction process. Contact Cindy Krieg: events@minturn.org or call 970-827-5645 for more information about the "Open for Business" campaign during the summer 2019.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for a volunteer to organize and label our Town Hall Free Library. Anyone interested should contact Cindy Krieg at 970-827-5645, x5, or events@minturn.org.