



# MINTURN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## August 2018

**Voluntary Water Reductions are still in effect. Please visit our website for more details:**  
[www.minturn.org](http://www.minturn.org)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Minturn Summer Market (In it's 20<sup>th</sup> Season)**  
**Every Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> – September 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
**9am – 2pm** The Minturn Market includes music for people to immerse themselves in the genuine charm and culture of Historic Downtown Minturn.  
[www.minturnmarket.org](http://www.minturnmarket.org)

**Yoga in the Park – Every Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> – September 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 – 10:30am.**  
Location: Little Beach Park. Enjoy an exhilarating yoga routine while taking in the beautiful surroundings. Hosted by the Minturn Community Fund. For more information: 970-306-6553.

**Minturn Summer Concert Series – Every Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup> - August 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm – 8pm.**  
Location: Little Beach Park. Free outdoor concert series hosted by the Minturn Community Fund. This is a “can’t miss” Minturn summer event.  
<http://www.minturncommunityfund.org/programs.html>

**Drive In Movies – New Dates Added for August through October. 8:30pm (gates open at 7:15pm).**  
Location: Little Beach Park, Upper Parking. **Come enjoy the Thursday night concert and stay for the movie!** Complete listing of show times can be found at [www.bluestarlightdrivein.com](http://www.bluestarlightdrivein.com)

### **LOCAL HOUSING PLAN/POLICY**

Management and planning staff are beginning work with Eagle County to create an attainable housing plan for Minturn. This plan is expected to mimic other housing plans within Eagle County and be overseen/managed by the Eagle County Housing Authority. Any proposed plan will go through the ordinance process and will include 2 public hearings.

### **REMINDER: STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT.**

The Town of Minturn has extended the Eagle County Emergency Management “Stage 2” fire restrictions to all parts of Minturn pursuant to Minturn Municipal Code 7-10-10. These restrictions will remain in effect until conditions warrant change and may be expanded as necessary. These temporary restrictions include, but are not limited to:

- NO Campfires are allowed.
- NO fires of any type except those using pressurized liquid or gas.
- NO smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building.

Please visit our website for more details:  
[www.minturn.org](http://www.minturn.org)

**NOTICE: Due to current fire restrictions, the USFS Shooting Range in Minturn is closed until further notice.**

A citizen committee with Council representation is being formed, to more

purposefully address the ongoing concerns (clean-up, fire danger, explosives, user-safety and more) related to the shooting range.

### **TRAIL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Join **Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado** on their upcoming Trail Construction Project, August 25-26<sup>th</sup>! You may sign up for one or both days. Volunteers aged 14+ are needed to help build a new trail segment just outside of Minturn, which will link to existing trails in the area and connect Eagle Vail, Edwards, Avon, Minturn, and Vail along a single trail system. For more details, or to sign up, visit <http://www.voc.org/project/eagle-vail-trail-construction-minturn-mike-obrien-memorial-project>

### **Construction Use Tax Questions & Answers**

**Bringing the tax dollars home to where the impact is taking place.**

**Why is the Town of Minturn considering a construction use tax?** To provide for a dedicated source of revenue to fund capital improvement expenditures. Capital expenditures are currently funded out of our already strained general fund. By providing this source of revenue to the town, we eliminate the demand on the general fund to pay for items such as roads, lighting, sidewalks, land, buildings, machinery and equipment.

**What is a construction use tax?** Generally, a use tax is levied on the privilege of using or otherwise consuming tangible personal property within a city or county for which no sales or use tax has been previously paid. It is considered complementary to a sales tax, and **is applied where the product or materials are used, regardless of where the products were purchased.** Minturn's construction use tax would be levied on construction material used in Minturn regardless of where the supplier is located.

A use tax may be applied generally to all tangible personal property used or consumed within a municipality or its application may be limited to vehicles and/or construction and building materials.

The Town of Minturn use tax is limited to construction and building materials.

### **DOWD JUNCTION**

Minturn continues to seek a direct sale of the 13 acre Dowd Junction parcel. The request for appraisal was submitted to the regional office July 26, 2018. The Minerals assessment report is being finalized and the request should be approved in the next few weeks.

### **RAILROAD PROPERTY CLEAN-UP**

The Town has been working on cleaning up the Railroad property. Union Pacific Railroad has been served with the citations of violations for the PUD Holding Zone. Service notifications also went out to individual lease holders. This process will now work its way through the court system.

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### **LET'S TALK WATER:**

Minturn continues to gather information for water options moving forward. **The Council requests community feedback with comments, questions and conversations.**

The Eagle River runs at over 10 NTU (turbidity level). This means for any water option involving taking water from the Minturn/Eagle River diversion a new water treatment plant would be needed since the slow sand filtration system (even in excellent working condition) cannot filter through such high turbidity.

### **BOLTS LAKE CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Planning Commission is reviewing the Concept Development Plan for the Bolts Lake Planned Unit Development. Review by the Planning Commission started on July 11, 2018 and will continue at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission on August 22, 2018. Additional meetings to review the conceptual plans may be scheduled. The Planning Commission meets at Town Hall, located at 302 Pine Street in Minturn. Click here for meeting times and agendas.

The concept plan review is the first stage in a three-part review process required to create a planned unit development (PUD) setting forth vested rights and controls on the type and timing of residential and commercial uses within a development. The purpose of the concept plan review stage is to allow the public and the Planning Commission the opportunity to provide input on the general concepts of the development proposal and to identify specific areas of concern, to recommend changes to the proposal, and to decide whether the proposal is generally consistent with adopted codes and master plan recommendations for growth and development. **No formal decisions to approve or deny a project are made and no vested development rights are granted at this stage.**

Following review of conceptual plans, the property owner is permitted to request Preliminary Plan for PUD review, when more detailed information, studies and designs will be required for review by the Planning Commission and the Town Council. This is also the stage when vested development rights are granted if approved by the Town Council.

The Bolts Lake Conceptual Development Plan was submitted to the Town of Minturn for review in June 2018 and proposes the phased development of up to seven hundred residential dwelling units of various types and sizes along with mixed or commercial uses including neighborhood commercial; open space and recreational amenities; a reservoir; and, related public infrastructure improvements such as roads, water and sewer lines, sidewalks, recreation paths

and transit facilities on 562 acres located just south of Cross Creek along State Hwy. 24.

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More information can be found at [www.minturn.org/boltslakearea](http://www.minturn.org/boltslakearea)

### **MINTURN ENERGY SAVERS**

Minturn Residents: Home Energy Squad technicians will be in our area on **August 20th**. Limited appointments are available, so schedule early.

Put the Xcel Energy Home Energy Squad to work for you! Get \$200 worth of energy-saving help, for just \$50. HES will deliver and install \$200 worth of services and equipment in your home in just two hours. **Cost Includes:**

- Weather-stripping a drafty, exterior door
- Installing a programmable thermostat
- Switching out traditional, incandescent bulbs for LEDs
- Replacing showerheads with energy-efficient models
- Adding aerators to your kitchen and bathroom faucets

You may also top off your visit with extra services. Have several drafty doors? Need another thermostat? You can choose extra options.

Visit [xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad](http://xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad) or call 303.446.7910 to schedule your appointment. Be sure to mention promo code **Minturn5018**.

For **Minturn Businesses**, check out all of the energy saving options available to local businesses at [Minturn Energy Savers](#).

### **FREE BOOK EXCHANGE**

The Town of Minturn will be adding additional mini libraries in different satellite locations in town, over the coming weeks. Thank you to those who have offered to host these libraries on your property / at your business. We are very excited to be expanding this program! We are also in need of children's books. If you have books suitable for young children that you'd like to donate, you may drop off at Town Hall.

**RIVER ACCESS:** Planning Commission applied for and was awarded \$30,000 toward the creation of river access trails along the Eagle River. Council approved a \$15,000 contribution. Work is expected to begin spring 2019.