



# MINTURN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## January 2019

### ARE YOU HUNGRY? COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNERS ARE COMING:

Launching in January 2019, the Community Potluck is designed to connect neighbors during the winter months with a little food and fellowship. Many thanks to long-time local Linda Osterberg for seeing the need and making it happen.

**Dinners will take place in Town Hall at 5:30pm the 2nd Sunday of each month**, and the Minturn Community Fund Board will be in charge for the main dish. Everyone else gets to bring what you wish (no alcohol).

**Mark your calendars now:**

- \* **SUNDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup> – Our First Dinner**
- \* SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>
- \* SUNDAY, MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>

### HOLY CROSS ENERGY PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

**JAN 30<sup>TH</sup>, 5-7PM AT TOWN HALL** – Holy Cross Energy will host an open house to present project details and hear your feedback about the proposed Gilman-to-Avon transmission line. The meeting is meant to encourage one-on-one interactions between HCE, cooperating agencies and the public.

### MINTURN BUSINESS OWNERS ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Town of Minturn would like to invite all Minturn business owners to a special presentation and interactive discussion, on February 7, 2019. The primary topics of this meeting will include:

- Town marketing efforts for 2019
- Energy programs available to businesses
- HWY 24 repaving and sidewalk project presentation by CDOT.

The meeting will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Light refreshments will be served.

### VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD FIRST FRIDAYS

The Art Guild is continuing to host First Friday events each month and are looking to go Minturn-wide. The Art Guild is looking for businesses to participate in a way that makes the most sense for each individual business. For example: coffee shops might like to exhibit an artist's work, retail shops might like to do an artisan demo or workshop, bars and restaurants might like to offer First Friday specials or entertainment to follow the Guild's reception at the Community Fund which ends at 7:30pm. If your business is interested in participating, please contact Cindy Krieg [events@minturn.org](mailto:events@minturn.org), or 970-827-5645, ext. 5) so that your First Friday offering can be promoted and marketed along with the Vail Valley Art Guild's event.



### BARSTOOL RACING!

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**  
**12 – 3pm**  
More information to come

### LET'S TALK HOUSING!

Minturn residents are encouraged to join the conversation! A goal from the 2009 Community Plan is for Minturn to obtain a Housing Plan. This plan will be created by the Council, Planning Commission and the Minturn Public. Discussions will take place over the next several months with hopes of a finalized plan by April 2019. The entire discussion will begin with seeking 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!

The kick-off discussion will take place Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm(ish) at the Minturn Town Council meeting. See you there

### MINTURN BUSINESSES-ARE YOU OPEN?

This winter season 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.

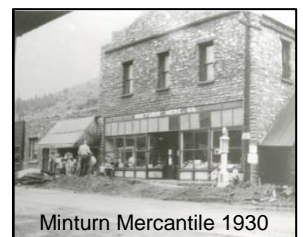
We want folks to know when our local businesses are open during this construction process. Contact Cindy Krieg: [events@minturn.org](mailto:events@minturn.org) or call 970-827-5645 for more information about the "Open for Business" campaign during the summer 2019.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 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:

Minturn is actually the town's third name. The railyard originally started out being called Kingston Townsite before it was changed to Booco's Station and then finally Minturn.



Minturn Mercantile 1930

By the time Minturn incorporated there were already 428 people living in town and the Minturn Mercantile had been open for 13 years.

In 1885 two Swedish immigrant brothers, Ben and Peter Nelson, purchased two 160-acre homesteads now known as Meadow Mountain. The brothers went on to establish one of the most successful ranching operations in Eagle County.

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**MINTURN EVENTS CALENDAR**

It may seem early, but we're working behind the scenes to put together the Minturn Summer 2019 Events Calendar. If you have an event you'd like included on the calendar please submit to [events@minturn.org](mailto:events@minturn.org) for inclusion. Let's make it easy for everyone to know what's going on in Minturn!

**DO YOU LOVE ROAD CONSTRUCTION?**

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

- Milling down of HWY 24 and repaving from Dowd Junction to Maloit Park Rd
- Addition of sidewalks, curb, gutter, drainage and filtration from Meek Ave on the west side and Cemetery Rd on the east side to approximately 975 Main St (just before the old Lucero gas station).
- Rapid flashing crosswalk signs at Meek Ave & the bus stop crosswalk by the Lucero gas station.

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](http://www.minturn.org/pedestrianplanning)

Thank you to all the property owners along Main Street who have been so supportive of improving safety for our pedestrians with the installation of sidewalks. Your community support is amazing!

**HEY LANDLORDS -**

If you are one of the many property owners in town that either short or long-term rent your property, this message is for you.

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.

**RIDE THE BUS! – IT GOES STRAIGHT TO VAIL!**

We have a limited number of 10-ride bus passes available at no cost to Minturn residents. In order to be eligible, you 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, and you must provide: Name, Phone, Email, Physical and Mailing Address. Please see Cindy Krieg to get your pass. Or for more info, 970-827-5645 x 5, [events@minturn.org](mailto:events@minturn.org)).

**CHEAPER ELECTRIC BILLS ARE GREAT!**



*Get your home or business ready for winter!*

**Free weatherization services for low-income customers!**

Qualified customers can receive free help to reduce energy bills through Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy Program (CARE). Free services range from appliance upgrades to air sealing dependent on your home's priorities.

Visit: <https://www.energysmartcolorado.com/for-my-home-2/incomequalified/> or call **970-328-8777** to find out if you qualify and to fill out the application.

**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: old bulbs swapped out for LEDs, programmable thermostat installed, weather-stripping installed on a drafty door, and more. Visit [xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad](http://xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad) or call 303.446.7910 to schedule your appointment. Be sure to mention promo code **Minturn5018**.

**Reduce your monthly energy bill!**

Not sure what Xcel Energy rebate or incentive program is the right fit for your household? Speak with an energy efficiency specialist for free energy advice and expertise at **855-839-8862**.

**ONE BOOK ONE VALLEY**

It's cool to read! The Vail Public Library and the One Book One Valley initiative are promoting the next great read called "Last of the Menu Girls" by Denise Chavez. Get your copy at the Bookworm of Edwards or online.



**LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES ROCK!**



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It's a great time to cozy up on the couch and read a book. Don't want to drive to the library? You can find a great selection of free books at the Minturn town hall or any of the four mini-library locations around town. It's free! Enjoy!