



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Trustees

From: Dawn Baumhover, Community Center Coordinator

Date: July 10, 2012

Re: Staff report

Ah, summer! After school classes have ended until September and the Fitness Place is experiencing the seasonal lull, but many other activities continue to make the Community Center a hub of activity.

June was packed with meetings, trainings, a successful fundraiser for a community member in need and the annual Mountain Forum for Peace sale. The Food Pantry served a record number of folks last month. The arrangement is working well for operators and recipients.

In July, the Community Center hosts two all-day rentals for private parties, as well as the Miners' Day Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Nederland Area Seniors. Each experience is an opportunity to gather input and refine the operations and procedures, which can get complicated in a multi-use commissary kitchen. It is fulfilling to see the kitchen use increasing and being used as we had envisioned.

The Nederland Area Seniors are in the process of purchasing multi-section containers for recycling and trash. We are fortunate to have a tenant not only sharing the Town goals but taking the lead in education of their constituency.

A neighbor has "adopted" the barrel planters and is maintaining them for the summer. We also welcome the new marquee.

In response to requests for expanded hours at the Fitness Place, we will be polling users concerning their needs. Options for expansion include an earlier weekday opening – 6 or 6:30 a.m., a later Friday closing – 7 p.m., an earlier Saturday opening – 8 a.m., and limited

Sunday hours. The challenge will be continuing to staff with volunteers. Such an expansion could mean up to 20 additional hours to cover. This could potentially increase the regular volunteer positions by eight, totaling 30 slots per week to maintain 86 total open hours per week.

Per CIRSA, the Town's insurer, our options for programming have not changed. On a positive note, a group of parent volunteers have rented the gym for youth activities on a weekly basis.

I am working with the elementary principal to expand our agreement to include use of the elementary fields when available and with the high school principal to put in place an agreement similar to that with the elementary school. These agreements allow for greater information sharing between the school community and the Town.

The weather conditions of the past month have kept emergency preparedness a priority. The Community Center is prepared to respond as an evacuation point or shelter as designated in case of emergency. I am currently working with Teens Inc., also a designated Red Cross Shelter, to put in place an agreement that formalizes procedures and cooperation in an unexpected situation. The Intra Mountain Alliance is now meeting monthly to share information that supports our mountain communities during our vulnerable fire season.