



MEMORANDUM

To: Nederland Board of Trustees
From: Alisha Reis
Date: May 16, 2014
Re: Administrator's Report

The Railroad Story

As I have had the occasion to talk about the importance of public service over the years and why it matters to me, I often tell an old story of two men who work for the railroad. A friend of mine who worked for a railroad told it to me years ago, and it stuck.

One day, a railroad executive was visiting a piece of line that was being repaired to see how the project was going. Along the way, he came across a man beating a hammer against the line. He recognized the man. He had known John for years. He stopped to talk with him, asking him about his family and how the work was going.

After a few moments, John looked up, contemplative.

“You and me started the same day, working for this railroad,” he said. “How is it I’m grinding away day after day down here for 90 cents an hour and you’re running the company?”

His boss thought about that for a moment, and asked John what his favorite part about working for the railroad was. John chuckled and said, “It’s a paycheck.”

“That’s the difference between the two of us, John,” said his boss. “You work for the 90 cents an hour. I work for the railroad.”

It’s a simple story, but a reminder of why we work in the public sector, despite long hours, endless nights of meetings, frustrating bureaucracy and occasional abuse. We work for our neighbors. It is our passion. We seek to do the best job possible. We work with integrity. We treat folks with respect. It really is simple when you think about it.

Communications

In that vein, we are working to communicate more clearly with residents and to ensure everyone knows how to reach us and get the information they need. See below for all methods of communication. Also, our intern, Alex Armani-Munn, is working on a communications policy and plan for the Board’s review this summer that will serve to improve communications overall. See you all next time!

Keep in Touch

As you know, we have a number of ways we communicate with the community. Please direct residents to these resources:

General Communications, Complaints & Requests for Work

<http://nederlandco.org/contact-us/>

Click on: “Resident Communication Form”

Or call Town Hall: (303) 258-3266

Or Stop by Town Hall: 45 W. 1st St.

General Information and News

www.nederlandco.org

 On Facebook @ “Nederland Colorado Town Hall”



On Twitter @ “townofned”

Town Hall: (303) 258-3266

Emergency Information

All of the above and Boulder OEM: <http://www.boulderoem.org/>

Facilities

Community Center

<http://www.nederlandcommunitycenter.org/>

(303) 258-9721

Police & Courts

<http://nederlandco.org/government/town-departments/police-dept-municipal-court/>

(303) 258-3250

(303) 441-4444 Boulder County Dispatch (after hours/weekends)

Public Works

<http://nederlandco.org/government/town-departments/public-works/>

(303) 258-3266

(303) 258-3167 Message Line

Town Hall

<http://nederlandco.org/government/town-hall/>

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