



## Trustee Report

To: Board of Trustees

From: Trustee Randy Lee

Date: August 14, 2014

**PROSAB:** PROSAB members reviewed the Buds, Burgers and Beer event proposal at the July 21<sup>st</sup> PROSAB meeting and unanimously voted to recommend non-approval to the BOT for multiple reasons. The draft Community Center site plan was also evaluated and recommendations made; memos regarding both of these items have been submitted to the BOT. Minor changes to the PROSAB bylaws were approved and officer elections held. PROSAB still has one open seat; several community members have expressed interest.

The upcoming meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> will be devoted primarily to forest health issues, as noted below.

**Forest Health:** In 2010, Nederland signed on as a partner in a County grant request for FEMA pre-disaster wildfire mitigation funding, along with the BVSD and the City of Boulder. The grant award was finalized last summer, and since that time we have been preparing to meet our obligations under the terms of the grant with tremendous assistance from the County. We are reaching a significant milestone in holding a public forum at the upcoming PROSAB meeting concerning proposed treatments for the seven Town properties designated for treatment under the grant. We are allowing the Forest Service to take advantage of this meeting to provide the public with updates about area fuels reduction projects, including work that will soon begin within Town limits, and an informational presentation will be made by Peter Brown of Tree Ring Research. A mailed invitation is being sent to Town residents, and the County and Forest Service have both sent the meeting notice to their email lists. PROSAB will forward a recommendation concerning acceptance of the treatments to the BOT (we will see this on our September 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda). The Town properties to be treated, and the responsible parties for performing the treatments are:

- Big Springs Park (Saws and Slaws volunteers)
- Mud Lake Open Space (Boulder County contractor)
- Caribou Ridge Open Space (Town contractor)
- Joe Smith Park (Saws and Slaws volunteers)
- Town Shop Site (Public Works)
- Hilltop Water Tank (negligible work needed)
- Tom Riley Park (negligible work needed)

35 volunteers turned out for a Nederland Saws and Slaws event in Big Springs on July 26<sup>th</sup>. A follow-up event in the same area on August 16<sup>th</sup> will complete some very significant clearing that will improve safety for emergency responders and residents. The final two events of the season will take place in Big Springs Park.

**Community Weed Pull:** The final weed pull of the season was held at the Barker Reservoir parking area. Although lightly-attended, the volunteers and Mountain Youth Corps members, supplemented by passers-by who stopped to help, removed a tremendous quantity of scentless chamomile and thistles and took them to the sort yard for composting.

**IMA:** I did not attend the July 24<sup>th</sup> IMA meeting in Allenspark, as it was devoted to a community resiliency meeting, and we had the same exercise here at the Community Center on the 30<sup>th</sup>. The August meeting will be in Ward on the 21<sup>st</sup>; I will not be able to attend.

**EDTF:** The Economic Development Task Force continues to meet regularly, has completed a review of historical material and the Town's planning documents and agreed upon a preliminary working definition of a vision for a local economy in 2024 that confirms to the Town's 2020 vision. Next the group will explore strategies to attain this economic vision and ways to include local business owners and residents.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Expect to see a proposal soon to create an emergency preparedness committee. This committee would be responsible for helping the community prepare for disasters, including formation and oversight of a neighborhood pod network and ham radio network.