

Winter NEWSLETTER

JANUARY—MARCH 2024



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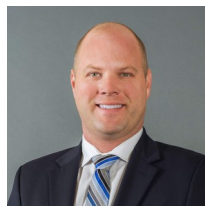
2023 was a big year for the Town of Granby. In the spring, Town awarded grants to five local businesses as part of our Business Improvement Grant Program. Businesses used this money to make changes to attract customers, improve safety, and address major building repairs.

After two years, we completed the Comp Plan and it was adopted by the Board of Trustees in August. The completion of this document outlines the priorities for staff to focus on in the coming years to keep our town a pleasant and safe place to live.

One of the Comp Plan's top priorities is a focus on housing. In 2023, we moved forward in the process of the affordable housing project near the Granby rodeo grounds that will add over 200 units (apartments, duplexes and single family residences both for sale and rent) to town. We expect the infrastructure work to begin in the spring /summer. The Board also voted to alter the fee structure for short-term rentals to \$728/bedroom. Funds from the increase will go toward affordable housing projects.

We're excited to announce that Town received \$1.3 million in State funding to complete the "Halfway Pathway" trail that will connect Granby to Fraser. 2024 also brings the addition of two new small parks along Agate Ave. We're looking forward to the changes the coming year brings.

Ted Cherry
Town Manager



A FRIENDLY REMINDER

There is no overnight parking on Town streets during winter. This is to allow the equipment to clear snow in the early morning hours without impairment. Please help them out by making sure garbage cans, campers, vehicles, and other obstacles are off the roads from 2:00AM-7:00AM.

When plowing is required, snow berms may be created along driveways. Crews do their best to keep this to a minimum, but it often cannot be avoided. Removal of the berm is the responsibility of the property owner. It's also important to remember that when shoveling snow, it can not be thrown into the streets. It's best to pile it in your own yard.

Thanks for your cooperation!

SHOUTOUT TO THE STAFF

We'd like to thank the following employees who reached anniversary milestones in 2023:

20 Year Anniversary

Elliot Lauber, Asst. Rec Director

Deborah Hess, Town Clerk

5 Year Anniversary

Jacob Fisher, Patrol Officer

Rich Carlson, Code Enforcement

Jordan Ennis, SSA Superintendent



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 9 - Board of Trustees Meeting
Jan. 11 - Axe Throwing League Open Throw Night
Jan. 18 - Granby Municipal Court
Jan. 18 - Teen Night Out
Jan. 25 - Family Black Light Dodgeball
Jan. 23 - Board of Trustees Meeting
Jan. 26-28 - 3 Lakes Ice Fishing Contest
Feb. 3 - Daddy/Daughter Dance
Feb. 5 - Planning Commission Meeting
Feb. 13 - Board of Trustees Meeting
Feb. 15 - Granby Municipal Court
Feb. 22 - Kids Night Out
Feb. 27 - Board of Trustees Meeting
Mar. 4 - Planning Commission Meeting
Mar. 12 - Board of Trustees Meeting
Mar. 16 - Adult Photo Scavenger Hunt
Mar. 21 - Granby Municipal Court
Mar. 21 - Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt
Mar. 26 - Board of Trustees Meeting
Apr. 1 - Planning Commission Meeting
Apr. 2 - Volleyball Challenge Open Gym
Apr. 9 - Board of Trustees Meeting

WATER DEPARTMENTS

North Service Area: Rates increased with the new year. The 2024 quarterly facility fee is \$298.66 plus \$12.47 per 1,000 gallons used.

South Service Area: Rates remain the same covering both water and sewer at a flat quarterly rate of \$318.77. Granby Ranch lots also pay the \$55.00 DeBerard Draw Fee.

West Service Area: Sun Communities is billed at \$44.01 per 1,000 gallons used.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Current and upcoming programs include:

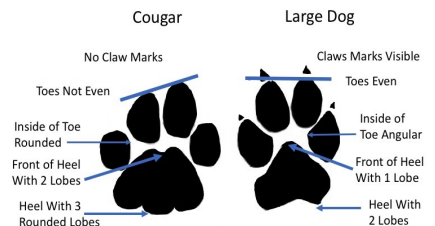
- * Youth Day Camps
- * Youth Volleyball
- * Youth Basketball
- * Youth Dance Classes
- * Youth Tumbling Classes
- * Youth & Adult Karate Classes
- * Youth Nordic Skiing Club
- * After School Program
- * Teen/Kids Night Out
- * Family Dodgeball Night
- * Daddy/Daughter Dance
- * Adult Photo Scavenger Hunt
- * Adult Fitness Classes
- * Adult Axe Throwing League
- * Adult Co-ed Volleyball
- * Full Moon Ski/Snowshoe
- * Outdoor Education Classes
- * Adult Spanish Classes

For additional information or to register for a program, visit granbyrec.activityreg.com or call 970-887-3961.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

It's that time of year when deer and their predators are likely to become more active around town. Mountain lion tracks were already spotted in town in Dec. There are simple things you can do to deter encounters such as avoid feeding any wildlife and when dark, turn on outdoor lights before letting pets out and do not leave them unattended.

Mountain lions (aka cougars) have been a part of our local ecosystem for years. They are solitary and occupy large home ranges (30-100 sq. miles). Often times, relocation is not the solution as another may claim the vacant range. If you encounter a cat, stay calm, speak in a firm tone, appear large, and slowly back away while facing the animal.



TOWN CLERK

Board of Trustees meetings occur the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Planning Commission meetings are held on the 1st Monday of every month unless there is a holiday. In such case, they are held the 2nd Monday of the month.

Contact dhess@townofgranby.com for questions or to be added to the agenda.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The 2024 budget was adopted by the Board on November 14, 2023 and is available for review online. A few notable changes include:

- The bond for the Grand Elk System Development Fee has been paid back in full ahead of schedule. The annual fee is now dissolved.
- Increased water rates in the North Service Area and Moraine Park.
- The fees for short-term rentals increased to \$728/bedroom. Money from increased revenue will in turn be used to help build affordable housing in town. If you haven't already done so, you can register your STR at townofgranby.com/str.