



August did bring us some normalcy with kids back in school. While virtual learning has been an adjustment, I am grateful for the dedication of the teachers and schools to the kids in our community! Our summer event season is officially over. Thank you to everyone who attended the Food & Flick Drive-Ins and the 4th at Firestone. We are grateful to have support from the community and look forward to continuing to gather and celebrate safely as we plan for fall events.

A few notable actions that occurred last month:

Firestone Awarded \$1 Million Grant

The Town of Firestone secured a \$1 million grant from the State of Colorado for construction of a new Town Hall. The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) announced that the Town's grant application to the Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) was awarded and will be available when construction begins later this summer.

There's no question that our application was enhanced because Firestone residents approved ballot question 2A. It's important to the State that we demonstrate community support and a local match. 2A helped us do that. It's great to see these dollars coming back to Firestone.

Ballot question 2A asked residents for the ability to use existing and surplus revenues from the previously approved 0.6% sales tax being used to pay for the Firestone Police and Municipal Court Building. 2A won with broad support and is already helping fund long-needed facility improvements.

Town staff is preparing final options to finance the construction of both Town Hall and the Public Works facility and anticipates Board action later this summer.

Central Park Improvement Plan

The Board of Trustees discussed the importance of developing a master plan for Central Park and has started looking at next steps; including financing options, a public engagement process and developing a timeline. As more information is ready to be shared and how the public can be involved, it will be posted online and on social media.

Broadband Study Final Report and Recommendations

In August at a Board of Trustees meeting, the Board was presented with the final Broadband Study Report and Recommendations. Based on the survey and outreach data, the biggest issue facing Firestone is the lack of competition amongst broadband providers, including high cost and low customer service and inconsistent cell service. The Town of Firestone does not have an access problem; everyone who wants to purchase broadband services can do so. For more information and what the next steps are, visit www.firestoneco.gov/broadband.

Thank you for your continued support. It is an honor to be your Mayor.

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