



**BLUE RIVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONTH**

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

5:00 PM

0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO

Agenda

The public is welcome to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom.

The Zoom link is available on the Town website:

<https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>

Please note that seating at Town Hall is limited.

Call to Order, Roll Call

Work Session

This Work Session is to discuss

- I. Discussion about Home Rule

Approval of Consent Agenda

- II. Minutes

- III. Approval of Bills-\$56,980.05

Communications to Trustees

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- IV. Plow Contract Public Comments

New Business

- V. Elevated Health Presentation

- VI. Plow Contract 2025-2026 Bids

Continuing Business

Reports

VII. Mayor & Trustee Reports

VIII. Attorney Report

IX. Staff Reports

Other Matters Brought Before the Trustees

Executive Session

X. Executive session pursuant to CRS Section 31-6-402 (b) and (e) to receive legal advice and instruct negotiators concerning the status of an approximately 4 acre property adjacent to the town and the proposal to annex the property.

Adjourn



Staff Memorandum Not Confidential

From: Robert (Bob) Widner, Town Attorney

To: Mayor & Board of Trustees
Michelle Eddy, Town Manager

Date: May 13, 2025

Subject: Home Rule - Advantages and Disadvantages

This memorandum summarizes the basic background of Home Rule and outlines some of the key advantages and disadvantages of becoming a home rule municipality.

Background

There are two basic forms of municipal government in Colorado: Statutory and Home Rule.¹

- Statutory. A statutory municipality is largely controlled by the state statutes adopted by the state legislature (hence the name “statutory municipality”). By statute, the state legislature has granted statutory municipalities the basic powers to manage many common local matters (such as basic zoning, subdivision, and finance). Where a power is granted by the state legislature, the statutory municipality must act in accordance with the limits of those state granted powers. However, if the state legislature has not granted power to statutory municipalities to act on a certain topic or matter, the municipalities must generally seek to change the state laws through new statewide legislation.

The state legislature not only controls the powers of a statutory municipality, but the state also controls much of the municipal organizational structure. A statutory municipality must, for example, follow the state legislature’s laws which require a mayor, a certain number of trustees or councilmembers, the election of the governing body in specific ways depending on population, the election or appointment of a municipal clerk, an attorney, a judge, and a marshal/police chief, together with state imposed qualifications for these municipal offices. Statutory municipalities cannot deviate from the state’s municipal organizational requirements.

- Home rule. Home Rule is authorized in the Colorado Constitution.² Home Rule is a form of government that places the primary control of the municipality under the power of the local citizens rather than the state government. A home rule municipality will draft and adopt a

¹ There is a third known as “territorial” which is limited to the Town of Georgetown, Colorado’s first municipality incorporated prior to the state’s creation.

² See Colorado Constitution, Article XX, § 6 (and § 9 for municipalities under 2000 population)

“charter” that will serve as the municipal constitution. The charter will supersede many of the state legislatures’ laws which limit the local power and the organizational structure of the municipality. Through the locally drafted home rule charter, the citizens will decide the general powers that the municipality will exercise, the manner in which these local powers will be exercised and decide the local organizational form of the municipal government. Once created, a home rule municipality is limited by state laws that pertain to a “matter of statewide interest.”³

Advantages and Disadvantages of Home Rule

Advantages:

The primary advantage of becoming a home rule municipality is to afford the citizens the flexibility to control their own government. Many citizens find that home rule is the embodiment of the principle that the best government is the one that is closest to the people – and that the state legislators from distant counties and municipalities are not equipped to know or understand local needs.

Some specific advantages are often cited as additional justification of becoming a home rule municipality include:

- Create its own form of government and administrative structure, such as, and not limited to, the size of the governing body; powers of elected and appointed officials; and terms of office of the members of its governing bodies.
- Establish its own procedure by which ordinances and resolutions may be adopted including adopting codes by reference and determining what actions will be taken by ordinance, resolution, or motion.
- Create and enforce a local code of ethics instead of being subject to the authority of the Colorado Independent Ethics Commission (IEC). The IEC determines and interprets the statutory municipality’s ethical requirements and obligations. The IEC is authorized to enforce the state’s ethics requirements against statutory municipalities and to impose penalties against the officials of statutory municipalities. Home rule municipalities may enact a local code of ethics and locally enforce their local code.
- Establish, within certain bounds, municipal court procedures.
- Establish, within certain bounds, the local election procedures and voter qualifications.
- Exercise broader and more flexible land use, zoning and planning powers.
- Exercise greater local authority over the eligibility and qualifications of municipal officers and employees.
- Within certain limits, create new tax sources to meet local financial needs. (Although home rule municipalities may decide what types of taxes may be imposed, the requirement for a local vote to impose any new taxes will remain a requirement for a home rule municipality.)
- Collect tax locally and enforce sales tax locally. (Although a home rule municipality may locally collect and enforce its local taxes and tax code, it is not required to do so and may

³ Very generally, a “matter of statewide interest” is a matter where uniformity among all municipal governments is necessary to ensure a workable statewide regulatory framework. One example is the regulation of the transportation of firearms in vehicles. It is arguably necessary to leave that matter to state control because allowing local governments to prohibit (or to allow) firearms to be transported in vehicles would create a situation where the transportation of the firearm is legal, and then illegal, and then legal, as the vehicle moves through different jurisdictions.

continue to require the state department of revenue to collect, remit, and enforce local taxes.)

- Provide a method for the simple and expeditious transfer of funds among municipal departments.
- Establish its own maximum debt limitations or have no maximum limit.
- Establish its own time limitations for the repayment of municipal bonds.

Disadvantages:

- Creating a home rule municipality involves costs for drafting and adopting a home rule charter, organizing and managing the home rule charter commission, publishing required notices, conducting charter commission and charter elections, and attorney's or other consultant's fees.
- If the charter is drafted too narrowly, the charter may limit the potential flexibility of the home rule municipality to a greater degree than state law.
- Dissatisfied citizens may propose voter approval of charter amendments which can limit a home rule's authority to act (i.e., impose amendments which cannot be changed or repealed without a subsequent vote of the people).
- Some citizens advocate for the goal of "limited government." These citizens see home rule as antithetical to that goal.



BLUE RIVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MONTH

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

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Minutes

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Call to Order, Roll Call

Mayor Decicco called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Nick Decicco

Trustee Jonathon Heckman

Trustee Noah Hopkins

Trustee Ted Slaughter

Trustee Barrie Stimson

Trustee Ben Stuckey

Trustee Jodie Willey

Also present: Town Manager Michelle Eddy; Town Attorney Bob Widner via Zoom; Deputy Clerk John DeBee; Chief of Police David Close.

Work Session

This Work Session presentation by Ruby Placer/Lodge By The Blue

I. Ruby Placer/Lodge by the Blue Presentation

Representative Bobby Craig, Arapahoe Architects presented information for the buyers of Ruby Placer and Lodge by the Blue presented information on their potential development ideas and potential annexation into the Town of Blue River. They are seeking to be annexed into the Town of Blue River as a mixed-use development.

Discussion of the various elements presented. Discussion to move forward with next steps.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Decicco moved and Hopkins seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Minutes March 18, 2025

III. Approval of Bills-\$87,078.41

Communications to Trustees

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No comments received.

IV. Written Public Comments

New Business

V. Spruce Creek Road Bid Review and Approval

Representatives from Muller Engineering presented the bid obtained for Spruce Creek Road. The bid total came in at \$519,129 and the engineers recommended approval. It was noted the staff is requesting traffic be closed to local traffic only for Crown Drive and a complete closure of Spruce Creek Road for the project that is expected to last 18-20 days.

Decicco moved and Heckman seconded to approve the bid of \$519,129 by Columbine Hills Construction for the infrastructure improvements on Spruce Creek Road. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval for Town Manager to Run for Re-election on the Colorado Municipal League Executive Board

It was noted that Town Manager Michelle Eddy currently serves on the Colorado Municipal League's Executive Board and is seeking re-election. Decicco moved and Stuckey seconded to approve the letter of endorsement for the Town Manager to run for re-election on the Colorado Municipal League Executive Board. Motion passed.

VII. Discussion of Changes to Nonconforming Structures

Attorney Widner reviewed the challenges of existing non-conforming lots and their ability to add on to their homes. He discussed options to make these non-conforming lots conforming as they exist today or leave them as they exist today. Discussion of options of what to consider. Discussion to allow a rebuild in a disaster situation in the existing footprint but not to allow a home to be more non-conforming in a non-disaster scenario. Discussion to bring back at later date.

Ordinance Consideration for Approval

The public is invited to provide comments on Ordinances introduced to the Board of Trustees. Public comments may be provided in person or may be submitted in writing by the second Tuesday of the month by 5:00 p.m. Speakers are limited to no more than 5 minutes per speaker and only during the public hearing portion of the discussion.

VIII. Ordinance 2025-05 Establishing Residential Conservation Zone District

Mayor Decicco opened the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Dan Cleary-Rustic Terrace stated he supported the ordinance but recommended adding

additional zone districts with different size options.

Mayor Decicco closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

Discussion on whether it is necessary at this point and how it works. It was noted that this zone district wouldn't be applied unless the Trustees decided to apply it. Discussion to add additional zone districts for other sizes.

Willey moved and Decicco seconded to approve Ordinance 2025-05 Establishing Residential Conservation Zone District. Motion passed. Stimson voted to oppose.

IX. Ordinance 2025-06 Amendment to the Land Use Code Concerning Construction Rules

Mayor Decicco opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Manager Eddy reviewed the ordinance that was discussed in March as well as comments from the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation.

Mayor Decicco closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Discussion of the potential amendments. Discussion to remove the porta potty screening and change to maintaining a clean site removing the weekly removal of trash.

Willey moved and Decicco seconded to approve Ordinance 2025-06 Amendment to the Land Use Code Concerning Construction Rules as amended to remove the portal potty screening requirement and requirement to have trash removed weekly and change to when dumpster is full. Motion passed unanimously

X. Ordinance 2025-07 Administrative Penalty Authorization

Mayor Decicco opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Decicco closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

Manager Eddy and Attorney Widner explained the reason for the ordinance and process.

Decicco moved and Hopkins seconded to approve Ordinance 2025-07 Administrative Penalty Authorization. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions

Reports

XI. Mayor & Trustee Reports

Trustee Slaughter noted the Wildfire Council will meet May 8th to review grant applications.

XII. Attorney Report

Moratorium for Certain Development Expiration

Attorney Widner reviewed the status of the current moratorium that will expire April 17th and next steps. The study will be brought forward in May.

XIII. Staff Reports

Deputy Clerk John DeBee reviewed the recent bus survey results.

Other Matters Brought Before the Trustees

XIV. Board of Trustees Retreat Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Executive Session

Decicco moved to adjourn into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice concerning a CDOT preliminary proposal to locate a chain-up station on Highway 9 outside of Town limits. Hopkins seconded at 7:08 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Decicco moved to adjourn out of executive session pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice concerning a CDOT preliminary proposal to locate a chain-up station on Highway 9 outside of Town limits with no action taken and to adjourn the regular meeting. Heckman seconded at 7:27 p.m. Motion passed unanimously

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted:

Michelle Eddy, MMC
Town Clerk



BLUE RIVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MONTH

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8:00 AM

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Call to Order, Roll Call

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

PRESENT: Mayor Nick Decicco

Trustee Noah Hopkins

Trustee Ted Slaughter

Trustee Barrie Stimson

Trustee Ben Stuckey

Trustee Jodie Willey

EXCUSED: Jonathon Heckman

Also present: Town Manager Michelle Eddy; Town Attorney Bob Widner

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

A. Reflect 2024 Accomplishments

Spruce Creek Road

Speed limit reduction

Chain Station

Land Purchases

Trail connections

Setback regulations

Pothole Repairs

Hiring of a Code Ambassador

B. Common Retreat Themes-8 minute discussion

Document provided by Town Attorney Widner with rules and themes to help frame the retreat.

C. Priority Setting

A world cafe session was held to identify challenges and priorities.

Challenges identified:

- Lot density/managing property development
- Roads/maintenance/drainage (plowing; culverts; spring run-off; bus stops; bike/walking path; shoulders)
- Short-term rentals
- Water resource management
- Wildfire Risk Awareness
- Code consistency/enforcement and enforcement equity
- Tarn management
- Public transit/safe access along Hwy 9
- Managing town growth outside of town limits

Priorities identified:

- Roads
- Property development
- Annexation
- Hwy 9 improvements
- Safe transit/access
- Blue River Trail
- Ordinance Enforcement
- Water study
- Short-term rental enforcement/education on expectations and code enforcement

Top priorities identified for 2025

1. Roads

Goal Statement: Create a strategic multi-year roads plan to ensure there are safe high-quality roads throughout town.

2. Property & Land Management

Goal Statement: Preserve community and environment through land use and development regulations.

3. Short-term Rentals

Goal Statement: Preserve the balance of property owners/residents with the experience of the visitor by minimizing the impact on the community.

12:00 p.m.-Lunch

D. Working Session

1. Code of Ethics

Attorney Widner reviewed options for developing and adopting a code of ethics and reasons the town should consider it. Discussion of the benefits of being home rule for the code of ethics as well as other benefits.

There was a review of liability and how the board should conduct business.

2. Lines of Communication

Attorney Widner provided information on how lines of communications should take place between Trustees, Manager and Staff.

1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

E. Review & Highlight Rules of Order

Discussion and review of the rules of order.

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

F. Executive Session

Trustee Willey moved to hold an executive session pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice concerning the statutory procedures for annexation and the application of the procedures to a proposal to annex of the Lodge by the Blue property at 12:50 p.m. Trustee Hopkins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Slaughter moved to adjourn out of executive session with no action taken at 1:46 p.m. Trustee Hopkins Mayor Decicco. Motion passed unanimously.

The special meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michelle Eddy, MMC
Town Clerk

Bill Payment List

Town of Blue River

April 2025

DATE	NUM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
1072 Bill.com Money Out Clearing			
04/04/2025		Galls, LLC	-153.96
04/04/2025		Summit County Animal Control	-551.25
04/04/2025		Fresh & Clean Ltd.	-103.00
04/04/2025		Summit Fire Authority	-2,527.35
04/11/2025		Pine Cove Consulting, LLC	-1,000.00
04/11/2025		Timber Creek Water District	-250.00
04/11/2025		Amazon Capital Services	-419.85
04/16/2025		Summit County 911 Center	-25,821.00
04/15/2025		Accent Branding Solutions	-374.75
04/16/2025		Widner Juran LLP	-5,022.50
04/16/2025		Colorado Department of Agriculture	-55.00
04/15/2025		Galls, LLC	-12.68
04/16/2025		Charles Abbott Associates	-983.06
04/16/2025		Muller Engineering Co	-14,990.75
04/18/2025		Early Childhood Options	-4,654.33
04/30/2025		Galls, LLC	-60.57
Total for 1072 Bill.com Money Out Clearing			-\$56,980.05
TOTAL			-\$56,980.05

info

From: Rachael Gordon <rachaelgordon@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 12:01 PM
To: info
Subject: Re: Need to sign up for newsletter and leave feedback regarding town snowplow

Yes,
Thank you, I think they are doing a good job, and have not had any issues. Would prefer to stay with the current company.

I am getting the newsletter-TY.

Thanks,
Rachael

On Apr 30, 2025, at 9:36 AM, info <info@townofblueriver.org> wrote:

Rachel
I'm just following up to see if you had any comments on plowing you wanted to be sure to pass on to the Trustees.

Thanks

Michelle Eddy, MMC/CPM
Town Manager/Clerk
970-547-0545 ext. 1/ Cell: 970-406-2430
<https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rachael Gordon <rachaelgordon@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 6:33 PM
To: info <info@townofblueriver.org>
Subject: Need to sign up for newsletter and leave feedback regarding town snowplow

Hi,

info

From: Amy Duncan <seeamyhunt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 1:05 PM
To: info
Subject: Plow bid in crown neighborhood

Hello,

I hope I am writing to the correct email. If I am not, would you mind directing me to the appropriate contact?

My partner and I live in the Crown neighborhood and were made aware that the plow job is up for bid. I wanted to voice our positive opinion on the current plow company, as they have learned our neighborhood and have done a great job. We have no complaints and would love to see the current plow company stay.

Thank you

Amy Duncan & Woody McKnight

info

From: Doug O'Brien <dougobrien75@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2025 8:25 PM
To: info
Subject: Plow contracts up for bid

Hi, I would like to comment on the existing snow plow company and commend them for doing a good job this winter. Our town has its challenges during the unpredictable winter season. Overall I think Highland Investments plow service has met these obstacles as best as possible. I hope they will continue to be our choice fir snow removal service going forward. Thank you, Doug O'Brien 0461 Crown Drive 970-485-3129

info

From: Helen Schneider Lemay <helens@sgmeet.com>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2025 8:26 AM
To: info
Subject: Snow Removal

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

To the Town of Blue River:

I understand the contract for road snow removal is up for renewal. I would like to ask that you continue the services with the current contractor. They have been very diligent and done a very good job. I know it takes a few years to get the route and needs down pat but I am very pleased with their services. I live on Crown Drive and without good, efficient snow removal on my road, I would not be able to get out during snowstorms. Please consider strongly keeping the current contractor for snow removal services.

Helen Lemay
266 Crown Drive

info

From: Scott Jackman <sjackman4545@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 8:16 PM
To: info
Subject: BR plow contractor feedback

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Hello,

As a resident of Blue River, I wanted to provide my feedback regarding the contracted snow maintenance services we experienced this winter in BR. My wife and I are happy with the services provided by Highlands Investments. Plowing snow and maintaining roads at this elevation can be challenging. Overall we're happy with HI services provided, and support their ongoing contract with BR. Thank you.

-Scott Jackman, 26 Nugget Ln.

Sent from my iPhone

info

From: Henry Velasquez <mustang@centurytel.net>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 8:56 PM
To: info
Subject: Re: Quarterly Taxes Are Due & Code Requirements

Hi ,
would like to thank the town for the best plow job in forty years of home ownership we usually have 6 to 12 inches of slush going to louse placer road. Thank you please pass on to the road crew .

----- Original Message -----

From: [Town of Blue River](#)
To: musstang@centurytel.net
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 9:11 AM
Subject: Quarterly Taxes Are Due & Code Requirements

Blue River News

The Town of Blue River endeavors to nurture our serene mountain community by conserving our natural residential environment, promoting unity with our neighbors and surroundings, channeling the voice of our residents, and enhancing the quality of life for all.

We hope you find this newsletter informational and invite you to visit our website for all information related to the Town of Blue River.

[Visit our Website](#)

Blue River Short Term Rentals

The Town of Blue River requires that anyone wishing to rent their home on a short-term rental basis to obtain a license. The Town has several regulations concerning short-term rentals. Below is a list of regulations. Please note, this information is on the applications, website and is distributed through all newsletters.

NEW LAWS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025

In November, the Board of Trustees updated the short-term rental regulations as it pertains to advertising. Beginning January 1, 2025, ALL short-term rentals must post their Blue River License on ALL ads. This includes on platforms with lodging companies, Airbnb and VRBO. Failure to place the number on the ads will be considered a code violation.

DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE: MARCH 1, 2025

PROPOSER'S CERTIFICATION

Note: return this page with your proposal.

The undersigned, as an authorized agent of the proposer, hereby certifies that the proposer (initial all):

(DA) has received 0 addendums;

(DA) is familiar with all instructions, terms and conditions, and specifications stated in this RFP;

(DA) is qualified to perform the work and services outlined in this RFP;

(DA) will hold the proposal valid until August 11, 2025 (date);

(DA) has clearly marked and segregated any information that proposer requests be held as confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information not subject to disclosure by the Town under the Colorado Open Records Act (Section 12 of INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS).

Highland Investments Inc.

Company Name

PO Box 1646

Mailing Address

Gypsum, CO 81637

Town, State, Zip Code

75-3046496

Federal Employee ID Number (FEIN)

Corporation

Type of Entity (Sole Proprietorship, LLC, Partnership, LLP, Corporation, etc.)

Web site (if applicable)


Authorized Signature

David Allan

Printed Name

President

Title

970-485-2945

Phone Number

Fax Number

highlandexcavating4@gmail.com

Email Address

Qualifications and Experience:

Highland Investments has 30 years of plowing experience in and around Breckenridge, CO. They also having been plowing Blue River for 10 years. This includes street plowing and sanding, then push back and pack removal in the spring.

Profile:

Highland Investments has approximately 10 machines and 6 employees available for plowing and construction contracts.

References:

Attached

Certificate of Insurance:

Attached

Highland Excavating Reference

Kyle Gosnell <kylegosnell@yahoo.com>

Sat, May 3 at 6:40 AM

To: highlandexcavating4@gmail.com <highlandexcavating4@gmail.com>

Hi Dave,

I am happy to be a reference for you and your team.

To anyone and everyone I am highly recommending Dave and his team as they have provided critical services to our community in Mountain Meadows for many years now.

Mountain Meadows requires a minimum 2 mile long plowed road with many turn around points, pass points and technical driveways.

We have residents who live full time in Mountain Meadows technically in the backcountry so we depend on Dave and his team to be able to access our properties all winter safely.

He and his team are not only good at what they do they are responsive as well whenever we need them.

They are top notch and if anyone has any questions I am happy to provide more detail.

Many thanks,

Kyle Gosnell

President Mountain Meadows Association

(970) 485-0209

FW: Quarterly Taxes Are Due & Code Requirements

5 messages

info <info@townofblueriver.org>

Tue, Apr 15 at 10:39 AM

----- Forwarded Message -----

Michelle Eddy, MMCO/CPM

Town Manager Clerk

510-547-6043 EXT. 1000 | Cell: 510-400-2430

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From: TOWN OF BLUE RIVER
To: info@townofblueriver.org
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 9:11 AM
Subject: Quarterly Taxes Are Due & Code Requirements

SNOW ALLEY CONDO ASSOCIATION

1818 Airport Road
Breckenridge, CO 80424

To Whom It May Concern:

Snow Alley Condo Association has used Highland Investments for it's snow plowing needs for the last 5 years. Snow Alley is a commercial association consisting of two buildings, 3 parking lots and a back alley.

We would highly recommend Highland Investments for snow plowing. We find them to be timely, thorough, and responsive during normal monthly snowplowing, as well as to extras that are required from time to time.

Sincerely,

Kristin Byrne

Vice President, Snow Alley Condo Association

Sample Cost Estimate

2025 Services	Amount	Rate	Total
Snow Plowing, Normal Sanding & 2 Pack Removals	Will Plow November 1, 25 - April 30,26 when 4" or more of snow in a 24 hour period	50,707	304,242
Extra Services			
As Requested - Hourly Costs			
Equipment Rates:			
938M		200	
624J		200	
Grader		304	
Sander		145	
Labor Rates:			
Foreman		60	
Operator		45	



Blue River Manager Report

May 2025

Submitted by: Town Manager Michelle Eddy

Colorado Municipal League Update

- Registration is still open for the annual conference that will be held June 24-27th in Breckenridge. As of this report Mayor Decicco, Trustee Slaughter, Manager Eddy, Attorney Widner and Deputy Clerk DeBee have registered to attend.

Defensible Space, Chipping & Right-of-Way Grants

- The Town submitted six projects to the Wildfire Council which were recommended for approval to the Board of County Commissioners.
- The right-of-way grant work identified in 2024, will have work completed this summer. Anyone wishing to have trees within the right-of-way for hazard mitigation removed should contact Town Hall for a project review. So far there are 28 homes and Spruce Valley Ranch that have agreed to tree mitigation.
- Summit County is once again hosting the Chipping Program. The chipper will be working Blue River July 7-11th with work in Spruce Valley Ranch June 30-July 3.

Blue River Watershed Group

The Town is participating in the Blue River Watershed Group which is working to identify post fire hydraulic hazards. The group is currently obtaining all of the funding for the project and has started to identify some key area concerns.

Countywide Evacuation Assessment Plan

The Town is participating in the Countywide Evacuation Assessment plan. Information on the work and a public survey is available here: [Summit County Comprehensive Emergency Evacuation Assessment](#)

Safe Streets

After discussion with the County who is working on a Safe Streets Plan to cover all of Summit County, it was determined to wait for that plan to be completed before moving forward. The plan has identified areas in Blue River as a priority. Once the plan is completed, the Town will be in a better position to apply for project funds to address the safety issues identified in the plan.

Mountain Energy Coalition

The Town is participating with the Towns of Breckenridge, Dillon, Frisco, Keystone, Silverthorne and Summit County in appealing to the Public Utilities Commission on an Xcel request. Synapse has been hired to consult on the process. An intergovernmental agreement will be brought forward for review by the Trustees.

Spruce Creek Road Project Update

The Town has been meeting with Muller Engineering and Columbine Hills preparing for the upcoming project on Spruce Creek Road. Due to weather conditions, the anticipated date of starting is June 9th. The project is anticipated to last 28 days with a full closure of Spruce Creek Road and Crown closed to local traffic only. The project is scheduled to be

completed before the 4th of July holiday, however plans are in place to open both roads for the holiday if work is not fully completed. Messaging is being developed for the public, website as well as hiking trail apps. Breckenridge will help push the messaging through the tourism office and the USFS has placed information on their website. A local pass will be issued to local residents, rentals and contractors.

Upcoming Events

Clean-up Day, Saturday May 31st 9 a.m.

Trash bags will be available and residents are encouraged to pick up trash along roads and neighborhoods. There will be a free hard recycle station at the County Commons.

Treasures, Trash & Cash

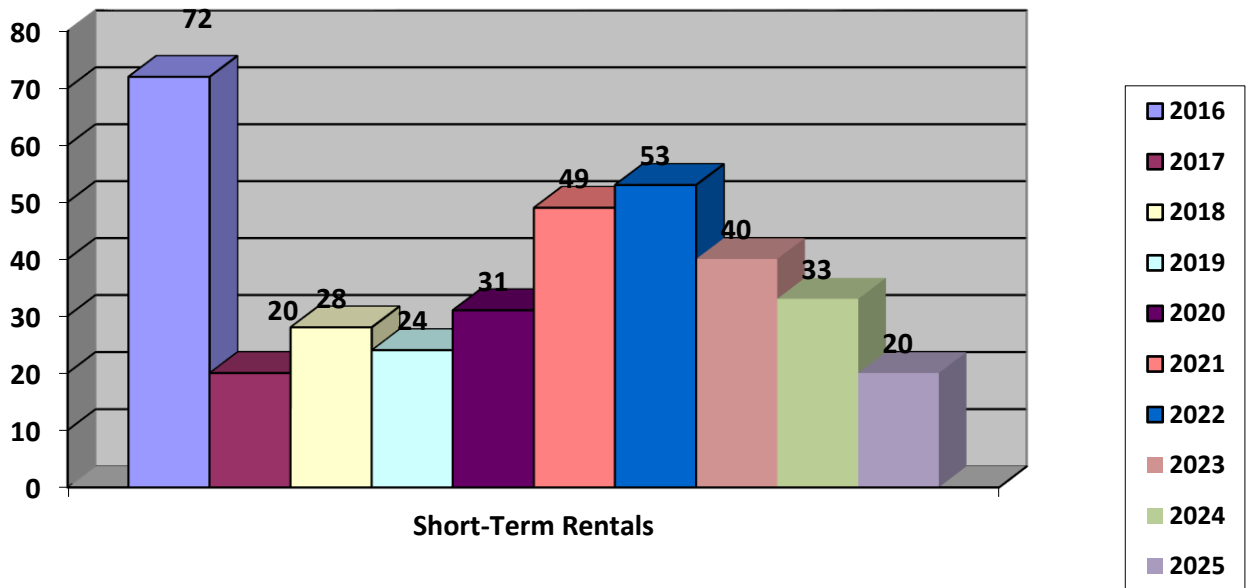
In conjunction with clean-up day, the Town of Blue River is excited to host the first annual Treasures, Trash & Cash. You may set up in a parking space at Town Hall or host at your home. The Town will work to get the word out of the town-wide yard sale by creating a map to be published on our social media sites and website. Space at Town Hall will be by reservation and open to the first 15 residents. To reserve your spot, email info@townofblueriver.org. Want to host a yard sale at your home? Email info@townofblueriver.org with your address by Wednesday, May 28th to be added to the Treasures, Trash & Cash Map. Residents may also set up at Town Park or at the school bus stop on Blue River Road.

Trails Day, Saturday, August 16th

A Trails Day event is being put together in partnership with the Town of Breckenridge and Summit County. The work will include trail rerouting and rebuilding the bridge off of the Bonanza lot. Volunteers may sign up at info@townofblueriver.org. More information to come soon.

Blue River East Fire Mitigation

The Blue River East Fire Mitigation project is on schedule to be conducted in mid to late July.



Town Statistics

Facebook Page Likes
 Town-1,300
 Police Department-915
 Instagram-1,265 followers
 Threads-218
 Residents on Email List-1,052
 Blue River News-1,238
 TextMyGov-156
 Business Licenses-260
 Lodging Registrations Issued-224

Building Statistics-April 2025

Permits Issued: 18
 YTD Total: 34
 Inspections: 28
 YTD Total: 157
 New Construction: 0
 Certificate of Occupancy: 5

Financial Summary Report

Prepared by: Michelle Eddy, Town Manager

Month Ending April 30, 2025

Quarterly revenues are currently up 6.23% to budget primarily under the lodging taxes, natural gas franchise fees and lodging registrations. Expenses are below budget by 1.54%.

Reserve Accounts

Unrestricted

Reserve accounts Alpine Bank:	\$1,499,376.50
Colorado Trust Assigned to Capital:	\$3,227,088.05
Colorado Trust Assigned to Broadband:	\$217,747.61
CSAFE:	\$100.00
Illiquid Trust Funds:	\$1,187.42
Total Unrestricted	\$4,945,499.58

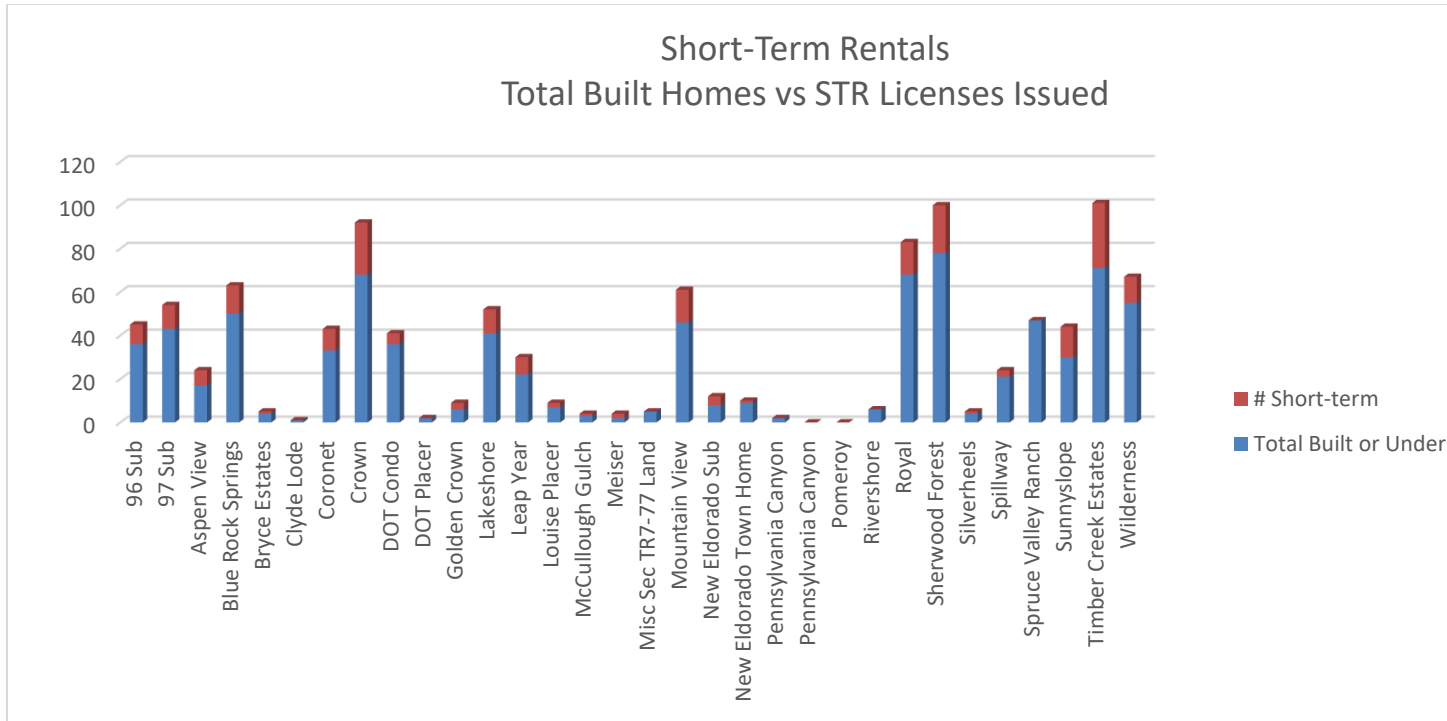
Restricted

American Rescue Plan Funds:	\$188,328.78
Conservation Trust:	\$166,425.68
Total Reserves Restricted	\$354,754.46

Annual Revenue

Year	Sales Tax	Lodging Tax
2016	\$264,757.05	\$123,742.00
2017	\$237,468.92	\$126,585.55
2018	\$286,968.54	\$155,511.07
2019	\$425,616.72	\$166,883.33
2020	\$842,141.13	\$176,339.81
2021	\$844,558.23	\$228,743.34
2022	\$1,002,256.27	\$327,762.62
2023	\$996,818.50	\$303,230.72
2024	\$1,064,654.64	\$383,711.68
2025	\$355,033.15	\$175,214.98

Short-term Rental Locations





Town of Blue River Memorandum

TO: Mayor Decicco & Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: John DeBee

CC: Town Manager Michelle Eddy

DATE: 04/30/2025

SUBJECT: Summit County Transit Advisory

Mayor & Trustees,

Staff attended the monthly Summit County Transit Authority meeting on April 30, 2025.

Meeting Summary:

- Financial
 - Countywide sales tax collections are down and the current period comparison with 2024 indicates an 8.1% decline. The portion of collections that are appropriated to mass transit show a 7.65% drop.
- Operations
 - The Summit Stage began operating under their summer schedule on April 20. The buses are equipped with bike racks during the summer season.
 - Ridership for the Blue River commuter is still down compared to 2024.
 - All 65 full-time shifts are currently being covered. New driver applications are being received prior to the spring/summer advertising campaign.
 - The charging stations for the electric buses are not functioning. Summit Stage staff is diligently working with three different companies to secure parts for the repairs. Staff is confident the parts will be received and the chargers along with the electric fleet will once again become operational soon.
- Planning
 - Discussion about the new Transit facility included:
 - The Building permit was submitted on April 16 and is under review. The estimated review time is four weeks. The grading permit has been issued and excavation activities have begun. They are expected to take approximately 45 days. A stormwater line running through the building footprint is scheduled to be relocated mid-May. The relocation of a fiber optic line is tentatively scheduled for the end of May between the hours of 2 am - 4 am



Town of Blue River Memorandum

TO: Mayor Decicco & Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Code Ambassador Ryan Cyphert

CC: Town Manager Michelle Eddy

DATE: May 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Code Enforcement April EOM

Mayor & Trustees

For the month ending April 30, 2025, the number and pace of violations assessed slowed significantly with the end of the snow season. From March being our busiest month of the year so far, to a total of only 2 visible violations assessed for April.

At the beginning of the month we launched our street number visibility campaign in a bid to make the town safer and bolster emergency response. Under the Town Manager's direction, I scoured town to make a database of all the properties in need of updated 911 addressing. Once located, we sent a violation warning notification email informing the property owner of our mission and educating them on how to satisfy the notice with a free sign. I sent exactly 202 email notices and notified 30 more, without email contacts, through mail.

Breakdown

Street parking	1	50%
Trash	1	50%
911 Addressing Emails sent	202	

Takeaways

As expected, the two violations we assessed were split evenly between Trash and Street Parking. Street parking slowed due to much lower visitation numbers in April. Most vehicles found to be in violation are witnessed on my daily rounds. Not all instances received violations if able to remedy.

The trash violation was due to bear activity. The container was toppled and trash strewn across the property. I am seeing more active signs of bears this month, including being face to face with one on my own property. Keep your cans inside.

My efforts to catalog all STRs in town and associate them with their respective VRBO/AirBnb listings for compliance with town code, occupancy limits and license number inclusion has culminated with 111 potential violations. I will follow-up in my May report.



End of Month Report: April 2025

Calls for Service

Total number of a calls: 177

Top 10 calls as follows:

Traffic Stop	134
Motorist Assist	6
Other Agency Backup	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4
Animal Complaint	3
Parking Violations	2
Medical	2
Noise Complaint	1
Domestic Violence	1
Road Hazard	1

Summary: Three motor vehicle crashes occurred on Hwy. 9 and were all DUI related. One intoxicated driver accounted for two of the crashes during one episode. CDOT was called in to remove multiple mature pine trees that were downed associated with one of these accidents to make the shoulder of the roadway safe again.

Arrests: 6 = misdemeanor
 Motor Vehicle Crash: 3 = 3 on Hwy 9
 DUI: 2

Citations Issued

Municipal = 24
 County = 10

Current Administrative Focus

- New Officer Training – The new hire is currently in Field Training.
- New Patrol Vehicle – The third and final new patrol vehicle is currently being built.

Report prepared by:
 Chief, David Close