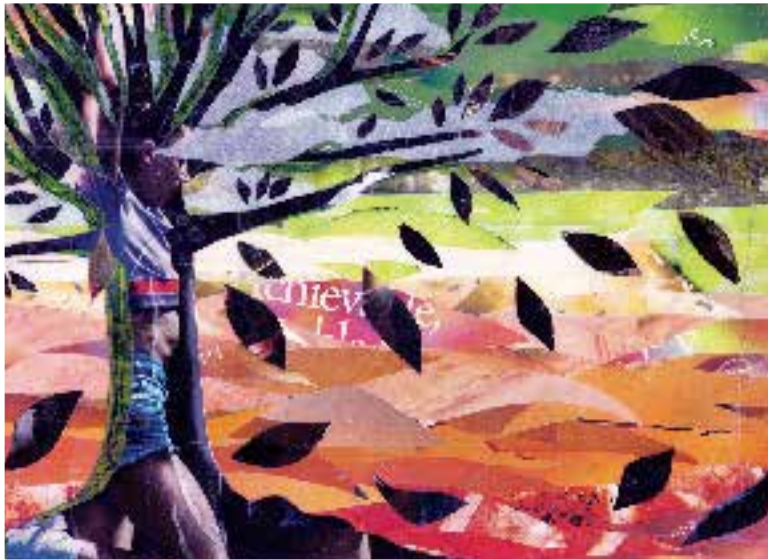


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Fall Tree by Phoenix Bunke



PART 2:

FIREFIGHTING & MORE

By Tessa Barkan

In this mini-series, we explore the development of the Boulder Volunteer Fire Department from its inception to today. The first installment looked at the initial organizing of the department, beginning in the 1980s through the mid-1990s. By the end of the decade, the number of volunteers was increasing, as was the department's access to better equipment, more comprehensive training, and their overall impact on the town.

"We fought fires in t-shirts and blue jeans in those days," said Sam Stout, referring to when he began volunteering for the Boulder Fire Department in the early nineties. Even by the end of the decade, though the Town and early fire chiefs had secured funding to build a fire house, buy a first truck, and offer their first courses, volunteers were still doing their best with minimal gear and training.

"Ray Harshman became chief around then, and he did a good job of getting things going and getting people down to show us how to operate the truck," said Stout. They still, however, lacked the proper turnouts. "Our stuff was very well-used at the time. I basically had to hang on to my helmet to keep it on my head because it was cracked in multiple places," said Shelly Ripplinger, another volunteer.

After Harshman, Kevin Eastman took over as Chief. In 1999, the department purchased a custom truck, with Boulder's specific needs in mind. It could be operated by a small crew, even by a single firefighter before others arrived on the scene. The cost was \$156,205, and it was paid for by a \$150,000 grant from the Permanent Community Impact Board, with the remainder paid by the Town. "This is still the truck we have now," Stout said. "It was more advanced than any in the county at the time because we added foam to it, which gives you about three times the efficiency. They also put a monitor on it so you could sit on top of the truck and spray from there."

Around the same time, Brad Timothy reached out to connections that he had in Carbon County to procure higher

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PEACH SALSA RECIPE

Shared by
Colleen Thompson

- 6 cups fresh peaches
- 3 tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups red onion
- 4 med. Jalapeño peppers
- 1 lg. red sweet pepper
- 1/2 cup cilantro
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 3 tbsp. honey
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1-2 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tbsp. salt

Peel & dice peaches. Dice tomatoes, onions, Jalapeños, sweet pepper, and cilantro.

Combine all ingredients in a large pot. Bring to a boil for 5 minutes. Ladle hot salsa into pint jars and process for 10 minutes in hot water canner.



9TH ANNUAL BOULDER HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 12th!



Hey Boulder Town, remember to come on out with family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy a day of fun, learning, and festivities at this year's Harvest Fest.

Let's celebrate and give thanks for another season of hard work and can-do attitude, abundance from our gardens and fields, and our strong, dynamic community.

Free workshops, presentations, music, art, and food. A few examples of the day's events include: apple cider pressing, a vinegar-making workshop, felting with kids, and a local foods potluck. But there's so much more!

Please check out our website for ALL the details at: boulderharvestfestival.com



VERMICULTURE

By Destinee Rugar

Vermiculture is the process of making compost with the help of red wiggler worms and other microorganisms. Vermicompost is known to have five times more nitrogen, seven times more phosphorus, and 11 times more potassium than regular compost. It also has exceptional structure, porosity, aeration, and moisture holding capacity. In as little as three months, this fantastic method of composting creates a beautiful and beneficial soil additive that your plants will love.

Worm castings, or worm poop, can be used in many ways. Around the house, the castings can be used at the base of established house plants to give them an extra boost. Another great way to use your castings is to put some in the hole before you transplant your garden veggies. You can also make a compost tea to pour around the base of plants or to use as a foliar spray.

There are many types of "wormeries," or the place where your worms will live. A wormery can be purchased online or you can easily make one yourself. Worms thrive at temperatures around 64 to 75 degrees. A closet or insulated storage room is a great place to keep your worms.

Having worms is a fun and easy way to recycle cardboard or newspaper and compost food scraps at home with little effort. You can make bedding for your worms by cutting strips of cardboard and soaking them in water. The cardboard should be wet but not dripping, like a wrung out sponge. Too wet of an environment will lead to mites in your boxes. If your box gets mites, just leave the top off for a couple hours and turn the contents of the box with your hands to dry the box out a bit once a week. A large box of worms can eat about one 12oz container of food a week. Add food to the corners of the box and cover it slightly. They do not eat dairy products, meat, onions, garlic, raw potatoes, or citrus. Over time you will get to know your worms' favorite foods and different foods that they do not care for.

You can get your own worms online or find a friend who will share some of theirs with you. Happy worms will double their population in three months, so starting with a handful can be enough. Check your worms weekly for troubleshooting and feedings to ensure maximum compost productivity.

Happy composting!



HATS OFF TO ELIZABETH!

By Tessa Barkan

“When you are struggling on one thing, she’ll take time to teach you and make sure you understand it, even if she has to teach you the whole lesson again,” says Ellie Nelson.



Whether or not you have, know, or are a child in Boulder, you have probably been invited to an event organized by Elizabeth Julian, Principal of Boulder Elementary School (BES) and Vice President of the Boulder Arts Council. Graciously and tirelessly (her black SUV can be seen in the school parking lot day and night, weekend, and over school vacations), Elizabeth works to provide educational and community-building opportunities for both youth and adults alike.

Elizabeth and her husband Troy have been living in Boulder since 2008. Prior to this time, she taught at various experiential education programs throughout the country, and was a wilderness guide. In 2013, she took a job as a paraprofessional at BES, and stayed in this role for a little over a year. When the Head Teacher position opened, she was hired and has held this position since. “I’ve chosen to live in Boulder and want to support the community,” Elizabeth says. “I have an education and a skill set so this is my offering.”

As Head Teacher and Principal, Elizabeth holds a huge amount of responsibility for not only the education of students, but also for the functioning of the school as a whole. She acts as the school’s secretary and administrator, handles school finances, updates the website, sends out news bulletins, organizes professional development workshops, attends meetings to advocate for students and staff, and brings in enrichment opportunities. On top of these responsibilities, she teaches preschool through sixth grade students five days a week. She fosters individualized interests and utilizes a Responsive Classroom approach, which encourages the creation of community and manages the classroom through modeling positive behavior.

“She is doing an exceptional job at Boulder school with the children and their education.

I feel she is the best,” says Caroline Gardner, a BES parent. Within all of her responsibilities Elizabeth acts with grace, constantly demonstrating creativity, patience, and flexibility, striving to provide students with the best learning environment possible. “When you are struggling on one thing, she’ll take time to teach you and make sure you understand it, even if she has to teach you the whole lesson again,” says Ellie Nelson, who graduated from BES this last May.

As I can attest to myself, her staff at the school find her to be supportive and caring, nurturing both students and employees to be their best selves. “She is an incredibly generous person. As a boss she has continually encouraged and supported me to grow,” says Molly Benson, who has worked closely with Elizabeth at the school for three years.

This past May, Elizabeth was recognized as one of only ten statewide recipients of the Utah Education Association Excellence in Teaching Award. “She’s developed into such a positive influence over there, in the community and in the school,” says School Board President Mike Savage. “She’s a good teacher, and an example to us all,” says Myron Cottam, another School Board member. “I would love to have her teach my kids,” he continued.

Outside of the school, Elizabeth’s force can be felt in events that foster the arts. “Elizabeth is not only the Vice President of the Boulder Arts Council, but she’s always played a significant role as someone who promotes arts education and is constantly looking for opportunities in that arena,” says Dianne Oberhansly. “She also strongly advocates for widespread community inclusion and for art experiences that are free to all in Boulder. She’s a hard worker and a well-respected voice on the Council.”

She acts through other avenues in town as well, striving to bring residents closer together. In addition to holding public events at the school, she is a volunteer librarian. Last November, when a vacancy opened on the Planning Commission, she stepped up to fill the gap, and she is also currently running for a seat on the Town Council. “I believe in serving and being an advocate for the community,” Elizabeth says. Elizabeth inspires us to look at our own strengths and evaluate how each of us may contribute to the guidance of our youth and the cohesiveness of our community. *Hats Off!*

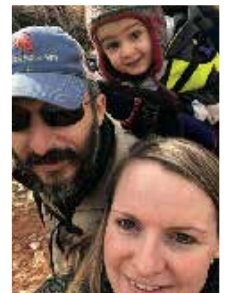
BCA NEWS

The BCA board would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Caitlin Gorman, Board Member, for her time and contributions to the BCA over the last three years. Caitlin’s skill set streamlined meetings, her photographs have brought insight to events, she tailored letters of thanks to our supporters, and guided the trajectory of initiatives. She also participated as a volunteer in the BES library catalog project and has tutored students in town.

While moving may have precipitated her role change within the BCA, Caitlin has graciously offered to continue copy editing the *Sage Page* and looks forward to keeping in touch with our community!

Caitlin will surely be missed as a part of the Boulder Community Alliance Board and the community; we wish her the best!

— BCA Board



FIREFIGHTING & MORE ...continued from cover

quality gear. “My brother worked out of a department there, and they had to replace their turnouts every year,” he said. “We also got a bunch from the Fire Chiefs Association, like breathing tanks.” Around the same time, Eastman brought back hoses, nozzles, and lights from a parts place in Salt Lake. “We probably ended up getting in excess of \$100,000 worth of equipment,” said Stout.

Basic Fire Trainings, as well as Structural and Wildland Trainings were also offered. “The Fire Academy came down and filled a whole building with smoke,” said Stout. “We had people driving down the street calling the cops saying the building was burning down, but it was just us training.” Ripplinger described how in the training, “You’d have to crawl around on the floor. They’d twirl you around a few times so you didn’t know which way you were going and then you’d have to find your way out using the feel of the hose.”

These were challenging days for the ten or so volunteers who attended, most of whom had never been in a fire before. “I had gone on two or three runs, but when it came to the training, I learned I was claustrophobic,”

said one attendee. “I wanted to help but learned that I’d be better off doing other jobs, like traffic control from outside.”

These other jobs were essential. “Being a firefighter you do more than just being a firefighter,” explained Ripplinger. “Especially here, because we’d have to be the ones stopping cars and having people wait. We’d also have to flag helicopters coming in sometimes.” Timothy added that the crew also “worked with county search and rescue and answered EMT calls.”

Amidst this huge responsibility, trainings continued. Josey Muse joined the fire department in around 1998. “There was a lot of local interest in the volunteer program then,” said Muse, who attended most of the trainings. “There were no structural or wildfires while I was involved, just some dumpster fires.” Yet participating in the trainings, particularly the Wildland Training, sparked her interest in



BOULDER AREA RESIDENTS FACING UP TO THE DANGER OF WILDFIRES

Prepared by Judith Geil, Boulder Town Wildfire Council Member

It has been just over a year since Boulder Town Council voted to establish a Fire Council (now more appropriately named the Wildfire Council). Thanks to the assistance of Bevin Killpack, our Five County advisor, Terry Delay, US Forest Service, and Josh Soper, Garfield County Fire Warden, Boulder Town has, as of July 2018, a State of Utah Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan. While much work is still needed to meet many of the agreed upon objectives, one area that has received much attention and now increased community action, is individual property owners and renters taking personal responsibility to establish defensible spaces around their structures and property lines. Here are a few of their stories.

My name is Scott Aho. I'm a newcomer to the area. I purchased a Black Boulder Mesa property. Soon after moving into my home, I began reading about all the area wildfires, especially the Paradise Valley disaster in California. I became uncomfortable thinking about my situation and I began attending the helpful informational meetings offered by the town's newly formed Wildfire Council. I decided I needed to take personal responsibility for reducing the fire hazards on my land. Black Boulder Mesa residents are unique in one area in that we must work with restrictions in place regarding the management of the surrounding conservation easement. I invested in a heavy-duty handheld brush cutter (with a

shoulder harness and an option to change out the cord for a blade). I am most satisfied with the relative ease of manipulating the tool and with the results of my efforts. I look out and see what I call a natural but managed landscape.

My name is Todd Campbell. I own property in the area referred to as the Upper Draw. I am aware of the dangers of wildfires in our area, but the field fire in the Draw a year or so ago brought the problem home. I began paying attention to the willow choked areas around the irrigation pond. I began working on reducing the plant density late fall of 2018 and worked through April of this year. Using a tractor, loppers, chainsaw, and a propane weed burner, I logged in over 500 hours. I know this is a repeat project for every winter. However, this season's growth is probably 1/3 the mature growth I cut last winter, so the ongoing project is of a lesser scope. I would like to hear suggestions for ways to minimize the work and modify the vegetation. I have thought about a controlled burn, but not sure how feasible or if such a project would be supported by neighbors or our fire response team.

My name is Chris Bigler. We purchased a home and 10 acres in the Draw 5 years ago. However, we do not have any farming equipment, nor enough water to farm the acreage so it grows a bumper crop of weeds.



Volunteer firefighters test the new brush rig by burning yard debris at the town dump in 2008.



firefighting. In 2000, Muse started working for the BLM out of Moab as a seasonal firefighter, and then began to do it year-round, kicking off a fifteen year career. Muse saw firefighting as a great opportunity for camaraderie and physically active outdoor work. "Starting as a volunteer can open the doors," she said.

In about 2001, Katie Coleman joined the department. "We had that house [up on Black Ledge Mesa] and there was a hydrant in front and a hydrant in back, and I wanted to learn what to do with it," she said. "If anything were to go wrong up there, could I wait half an hour for someone to find my place? Would it be too late?"

In 2003, Katie was appointed Chief by Mayor Keith Gailey. Gailey was a retired insurance agent and wanted an Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating for the town, which is given based on assessment of risk. A better fire department means a lower ISO rating, which reduces insurance rates for all residents and businesses in town. "To get the rating, you need a certain number of training hours," explained Coleman. "We worked really hard on pulling two or three years of training together... We also started going to Winter Fire School." These trainings included further Wildland Training, as well as Backcountry

First Aid, Large Animal Rescue, and machine operation. "You need to know so much," Coleman said.

In 2005, with the help of Pete Schauss, a former professional firefighter who had just moved to Boulder, the Town applied for the rating and received a 6-9, which was at that point one of the better in the county. "Getting that in place was a really big deal, and I had a lot of fun with the training," said Coleman. "All of this made me realize that there's a job to do, not just a fire to put out." Coleman, like Muse, also appreciated the camaraderie on the job. "It's really nice to go out with a bunch of good people on a call, and you know everyone's watching out for one another," she said.

By the early 2000s, the department had garnered better gear and equipment, and was offering high quality training. It had also grown to support the community in novel ways, by receiving the ISO rating, and by providing an outlet for residents of different interests to come together.

In the third installment, we will look at the most recent stages of development, with the addition of new volunteers and leadership, as well as the procurement of new wildland gear and trainings.

We have spent our time cultivating plants and trees and greening up the area close to the house.

We had part of a field burn a couple of years ago. The quick work of neighbors averted a disaster. Even with having the fire, our awareness of fire issues and their dangers, is credited totally to Judith Geil. She may be small, but she is a force to be reckoned with and fierce when it comes to wildfire and the need to be proactive. I have yet to run into her without a reminder of the Wildfire Council's goals. Thanks, Judith. Our community is fortunate to have many people willing to serve on various committees that make our town and area a safe and wonderful place to live. Our draw property had so many tumbleweeds last fall, it took us forever to clear them. They were almost ceiling high in one area of the barn.

We have a Swisher Brush Hog. It is amazing, but it is only a 24-inch blade. I decided to brush hog the edges of the field to get the tumbleweeds and high grasses out and to be able to actually see our risers. My incredible neighbor, Bob Mackey, must have been worried that I was trying to do all 10 acres. Maybe he took a look at me and I looked like death after three trips around the property jostling the 400 lb. brush hog. One day when I was recovering from the brush hog work and not in the Draw, Bob used his

tractor and weed cutter to clear my fields. Isn't that amazing? Such an act of kindness and service. So, of course, I needed to pay him back, so I decided to clear some fence lines on his property, although Bob and Chyleen had done most of their acreage already. I think Chyleen went through 4 weed whackers. It is hard to pay back Bob and Chyleen because they always keep a high balance in their service account.

I am not sure if we will ever be able to obtain enough water to keep the fields green, but awareness of the fire danger is making us research possible solutions. We have realized that we need to take care of the issue in the spring.

This process took lots of time and energy. Unfortunately, the tumbleweeds are growing along the road again. To quote Newman, "...because the mail never stops. It just keeps coming and coming, there's never a let up. It's relentless. Every day it piles up more and more...!" Thus is the plight of a Boulder landowner.

The Wildfire Council meets monthly. Look for announcements on the Peg Board or contact Judith Geil at judithgeil@gmail.com to be added to the Wildfire Council contact list. Every person with land is encouraged to attend.

SAGE SPOTLIGHT: MY DAD

By Ellayna LeFevre

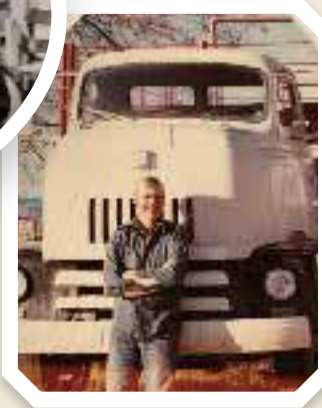
Living with my dad is sort of like being on a constant roller coaster ride. Dell LeFevre was born to Mac and LeNora LeFevre in Boulder (east of Sam Stout's house) after they had waited 6 years for him. I guess by that time they were desperate and were willing to accept whoever was sent to them. When he was a little boy, his hands were always busy getting into things they should not and then accidentally breaking them. Finally in desperation his mother taught him how to embroider so he could keep his hands busy. He was always in trouble of some sort so his mother would send him down to the willow patch to cut his own willow for his "willering." All the way down to the willow patch, he would try to figure out if he should cut a big thick willow or a little thin one...then he would practice on himself all the way home how he could yowl and carry on for the most benefit in making his mother believe she was inflicting great pain.

In school he was left-handed so he had a real struggle because teachers at that time believed children should be right-handed. Their solution was to tie the left hand behind the student so they learned to write with their right hand. Unfortunately it did not work with Dad... he is still left-handed!



My Dad served in the U.S. Army, and it was a roller coaster ride there also. Although he was stationed in Alaska, he somehow figured out how he could still practice being a rodeo star. Somehow he was injured and I was never sure if it was from a rodeo accident or something to do with the military. It was serious enough that he was sent to California and spent 9 months in the hospital. Can you imagine the trouble he got into? One story details how he and a buddy tried to put a ladder through the windows between two buildings so they could peek into the windows of the WAC (female women of the military). Guess what happened? Fortunately no bones were broken. He has seen every movie produced in that time period because the ambulatory patients were able to go to a movie every afternoon and it only cost 5 cents. He also had a job cleaning a movie studio with a buddy...and that is another story in itself.

Dad always dreamed of owning a ranch and that is what he worked toward. He worked 14-16 hours a day, 365 days a year, moving all over the United States, drilling rigs and saving money. The only



days he had off were when the rig was broken down or they were moving locations. He stayed with this job for about 10 years and

by then my mom was ready to move to Boulder and live on a ranch with him. He did however take his wayward ways with him to work. You'll have to ask him about the time he ran into the back of a lady's car because he was busy looking at the cop car following him. He had something he shouldn't have had in his trunk....

He served as Garfield County Commissioner for 26 years and on the Garfield County School Board for 12 years. He is currently retired, living his dream. I have been able to spend the last two summers working with him. I have a hard time keeping up...one minute I am getting ready to change water and the next we will be chasing cows up the road. The only time things slow down is when he goes to sleep. In all of the conversations I've had with my dad, he has always told me that he worked 7 years for my Mom's family when he was younger and it is the best thing he's ever done.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

By Peg Smith,
Secretary, Boulder Town
Planning Commission

You may not have heard that Boulder has its 2019 General Plan.

Its anticlimactic Town Council approval last month belies the two years of commitment and work that went into its formulation. Not to be dismissive of the final approval! That's part of the process. But the real work started in 2017 with Rural Planning Group's meetings with Boulder residents; then with Planning Commission's creation of community work groups that met throughout Winter 2018 resulting in documented ideas, suggestions, requirements, and desires. More community meetings, more public comment sessions in Planning Commission, and then the final six-month push with Commissioner Josey Muse and her GP work group that parsed each of the previous groups' reports and considered every item for the General Plan revision.

At least 50 residents took part in the 2018 community groups. They included old timers and newcomers, ranchers and artists, from Boulder Town to Salt Gulch to the Draw and Deer Creek. Neighbors meeting each other for the first time, people talking with people they'd never previously sat down with. Many participants commented afterward that, if nothing else resulted from the effort, it was worth it to make the space and time to meet with each other and share thoughts on a topic of common concern—what kind of Boulder do we want to see over the next five, ten, twenty years?

In the end, some things remained constant: Boulder area residents want this place to remain a quiet, rural, ag-centered village that supports ranching, local enterprises, and cottage industry.

STAY INFORMED: ROTENONE APPLICATION HALTED BY CONCERNED COMMUNITY

By Tessa Barkan



Screenshot from video footage by Bryant Shakespeare of Spectacle Lake on Boulder Mountain top in the spring of 2019.

Due to local opposition, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) and the United States Forest Service (USFS) will no longer, at this time, be applying rotenone to East Fork Boulder Creek, as part of their Native Trout Restoration Project. This milestone in the decade-long fight to prevent the further application of poison to Boulder Creek is a monumental example of how voices in a small community can change large-scale government policy.

The use of rotenone, a piscicide with links to Parkinson's Disease and ecological disturbance, is a ubiquitous fish management strategy throughout the nation. The Colorado River Cutthroat Trout (CRCT) restoration project in Boulder Creek aimed to eradicate all fish from a section of the stream, including remnant CRCT populations, as well as target non-native fish species, many of which were introduced into the creek by the UDWR in the 1940s for sport fishing. CRCT, along with non-native sterile fish for sport fishing, would then be reintroduced.

In 2009, when rotenone was first used on the West Fork of the creek, no notification was provided to the town residents living downstream. The project was brought to the town's attention by two residents who were hiking by the creek and came across hundreds of dead fish.

The Utah Water Guardians (UWG) was subsequently formed, with the mission of protecting the local watershed from further poisoning. Community organizations also voiced their opposition to the project, including the Town Council, Boulder Community Alliance, Boulder Skills Foundation, and most of the businesses in town. With the combined efforts of these groups and the individuals who wrote letters to the involved government agencies, engaged in prayer and ceremony, attended public meetings, and signed a petition against the project, the UDWR and USFS have deemed the project "not feasible at this time."

"What's happened is a delay," said Richard Hepworth, the UDWR representative on the project. "We're still trying to do it but for now, because of some of the concerns of the public, we'll move on."

A place that is welcoming to visitors and their "quiet use" of the area, but neither encouraging or nor dependent on industrial tourism. A place where young people and families have places to live and do their work, have a school, and enjoy the little extras that make Boulder unique.

"Places to live and do their work"—those are the heavyweight topics the Planning Commission has most recently been grappling with. One thing doesn't really happen without the other.

What ordinance changes might encourage or incentivize the growth of desirable and needed local services? Do our current land use zones reflect our General Plan objectives? How can the town encourage housing for teachers, younger people and families, or the multi-gig employed

without inadvertently creating an easy path to a Boulder second home?

Right now, Planning Commission is looking at the Table of Uses in the town's Zoning Ordinance. The ToU defines the permitted, conditionally permitted, and unpermitted land uses for each of the town's current five zones: high-, low-, and medium density residential; commercial, and "greenbelt"/ multiple use (GMU), along with the definitions of each of those uses.

The Table of Uses, only a couple of pages at present, actually forms the foundation of the Boulder that will take shape over the next many years. What types of uses are allowed?

Public concerns about the project came from a number of angles, including public health, especially the connection between rotenone exposure and Parkinson's Disease; the use of this area by local outdoor-based businesses and ranchers for grazing; the ecological effects on the life in the creek and the cascading effects up the food chain; and the intrinsic value of water, as stated by UWG, "as a life giving presence."

Though the research cases cited by each side about the potential impacts on ecology and public health are often conflicting, public reaction perhaps came down to one essential point: as Matthew Cochran, a founder of UWG, put it, "You just don't poison your water supply. People understand that."

The information about the halt on the project originally came from a public letter from Garkane to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in which it states that Garkane has been released from their contractual obligation to support the project, part of their re-licensing agreement in 2007. The same document lists other areas that are being considered for non-native fish chemical eradication, including North, Oak, and Pine Creeks. UWG have also been told that Deer Creek and Calf Creek are possibilities.

The alternate areas proposed by the USFS and UDWR are not located directly above town. In other places in which people have fought the application of rotenone to an area not upstream of a town, campaigns have been unsuccessful. Many accomplishments have already been attained by the unified voice of residents over the last ten years. If the Boulder and Escalante communities continue to stand for protecting the watershed as a whole, as UWG put it, protecting the water "for its own sake," then this case could serve as a precedent for changing large-scale management practices towards wild water.

Where? Under what conditions? Are new zones needed to accommodate new land uses?

I'm posing these as questions, because that's what they are right now. Coming up with the goals and intention was the purpose of the General Plan. Putting those goals into action is the work of town ordinances and what they encourage, discourage, or prevent.

Your voice is always welcome at Planning Commission meetings. Each meeting provides at least two opportunities, in addition to any public hearings, for public comment or questions. The Planning Commission meets the second Thursday of each month, at 7 pm during MDT and 6 pm during MST.



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Dear readers,

The stories about Dell that circulate around town are so nearly mythical they are difficult to believe—except that he keeps on creating new ones so they must be true! If his mother LeNora (who wrote the Boulder book) were alive, she could probably write a whole other book just about her son! That said, hopefully by the time you all read this issue he has recovered well from his shoulder surgery, an injury he received riding the range on his allotment down by the lake near Grand Bench. The legend continues...

— Josh Ellis, *BCA Board President*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1st Thursday (OF EACH MONTH)

Boulder Town Council Meetings | 7 pm
Boulder Community Center

2nd Thursday (OF EACH MONTH)

Planning Commission Meetings | 7 pm
Boulder Community Center

NOTE: 7 pm during MDT and
6 pm during MST

2nd Sunday (OF EACH MONTH)

LDS Church Potlucks

2nd & 4th Thursday

(OF EACH MONTH)

Senior Citizen Dinners/Lunches
Boulder Community Center

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Genealogy Research Resources
Open to Public | LDS Church
Tues. 8:30 pm & Wed. 9 am

Tuesdays | Volleyball

6 pm | Anasazi State Park & Museum

Wednesdays | Yoga

6–7 pm | Escalante Showhouse

September 26–29

Spirit Dive Retreat with East Forest
Boulder Mountain Guest Ranch

October 1–5

Journey to Bliss Retreat with John McKinley
Boulder Mountain Guest Ranch

October 3-6

Cliff Notes Writing Conference

October 12

Boulder Harvest Festival
Red House Farm

October 12

Escalante Canyons Marathon

October 21–27

Jim Bennitt Yoga Retreat
Boulder Mountain Guest Ranch

November 30 & December 7

Boulder Holiday Market
Vendors Wanted!

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Our Mission:

To actively champion the unique and vibrant community of Boulder and its spectacular, fragile landscape.



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BOULDER EMT SQUAD 507

Urgent! Volunteers needed to support the current crew. Signup and train this winter. Please contact Tammy Barton, EMS Director at (435) 690 - 0137 or email at tammyjobarton@yahoo.com for more information.

