



Tin Cup Civic Association

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President's Message

Last year marked the 100th anniversary of our family owning our cabin in Tin Cup. My great-uncle Jim purchased it after first coming to Tin Cup in 1897, when his nephew—my grandfather—began bringing the family out for summer vacations. Our roots here run deep.

Growing up in the 1950s and '60s, my family traveled from Chicago to spend two weeks in Tin Cup every summer. We explored, fished, jeeped, and fell in love with the mountains. But with such short visits, we never became very involved in the community.

As an adult, I fell into a similar pattern. Even while living in Denver for 20 years, I loved coming to the cabin—but work and life limited how much time I could spend here, and my involvement remained minimal.

After moving to Los Angeles, my wife and I a few years ago, had the opportunity to spend three summers in Tin Cup. That changed everything. For the first time, I began to truly experience Tin Cup not just as a place, but as a community.

We started attending TCCA annual meetings more regularly—something that had been hit-or-miss for decades. At one of those meetings, friends encouraged me to put my name forward for the Board of Directors. I did, was elected, and shortly afterward found myself appointed president. It wasn't something I expected—but I'm glad it happened.

I quickly discovered that the board is made up of dedicated people who care deeply about Tin Cup. Our responsibilities include maintaining the Town Hall, the cemetery, and the water ditches. Just as importantly, our charter calls for us to "promote social interaction among residents" through gatherings and events.

We work to bring people together through Friday night dances, potlucks, historical talks, and more. But these only succeed with community involvement.

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We've heard some say that people don't feel connected to TCCA—but we don't often hear the specifics. If you have thoughts, ideas, concerns, or suggestions, I'd truly like to hear them.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at tcarroll14@gmail.com.

Thanks for being part of this community.
Tom Carroll

Local Updates

Cottonwood Pass is scheduled to be open for vehicle traffic on Friday, May 22, at the beginning of the Memorial Day weekend.

Annual Tin Cup Art Fair

The Annual Tin Cup Art Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Friday, July 3, 2026**. Additional information and updates can be obtained from Janet Grenawalt, 505 320-6598, or janelli_1960@hotmail.com

Closings & Openings for the Summer

As of this writing, Frenchy's Restaurant and the Tin Cup Store plan to be open this summer, with exact dates to be determined - most likely, Memorial Day to Labor Day.

What is the Tin Cup Civic Association?

The **Tin Cup Civic Association (TCCA)** was incorporated in **1950** to:

- Promote the well-being and heritage of the Tin Cup community
- Maintain the **historic Town Hall** (built in **1903**)
- Manage and preserve the **Tin Cup Cemetery**
- Oversee and maintain **Water Rights**, including irrigation ditches that run through town
- Preserve **historical artifacts** and documents related to Tin Cup's early history
- Foster **community interaction** through potlucks, dances, and educational talks

How is TCCA Organized?

The TCCA is managed by a **7-member volunteer board**, each serving a **three-year term**. Board members receive **no compensation** and serve out of dedication to the Tin Cup community.

Key Committees and Community Involvement

Cemetery Committee – led by a dedicated chairperson

- Oversees cemetery upkeep, including summer **workdays** for fence repair, tree thinning, and slash removal

Ditch Committee - run by two committed volunteers

- Manages **spring ditch opening** and **fall shutdown**
- Ensures proper flow and preservation of this critical water resource

Stewardship of the Town Hall

The historic Town Hall is a centerpiece of TCCA responsibility. Recently, a **new front deck** was constructed—**entirely by community volunteers**—to improve both function and appearance. Ongoing maintenance is essential due to the age of the building. See the next page for the major projects we are working on. We need your input!

Who is a TCCA Member?

If you **own property in Tin Cup and are listed on the deed**, you are entitled to be a **member of the TCCA**.

You have a voice in what the association does. Your ideas and involvement are essential to preserving the community and shaping its future.

Get Involved!

If you haven't participated in TCCA activities before, we'd love to have you join us. Whether it's attending a potluck, helping at the cemetery, or volunteering for a committee, your **involvement strengthens our community**. Let us continue to make Tin Cup a special place—for ourselves and for generations to come.

Town Hall Improvement Projects Update

Overview of Current Projects

The TCCA Board is making significant progress on two major improvement initiatives for the Town Hall: replacing the building's roof and repainting the exterior. After a series of inspections and discussions, we determined that the roof and the exterior paint are the most pressing concerns that need to be addressed. The Board agreed that hiring professional contractors for these projects would ensure the highest quality outcomes.

Town Hall Painting Project

One of the primary challenges facing the painting project is the likely presence of lead-based paint on the building, along with the condition of the existing wood siding. The Board is fully committed to adhering to all rules and regulations regarding the safe removal of lead-based paint. Addressing these issues is essential to maintain the safety and integrity of the Town Hall.

Funding and Timeline

Fortunately, several benefactors have pledged to fund the painting project. The Board has already developed a comprehensive scope of work and has initiated conversations with several contractors. The paint removal and repair of wood siding are expected to be especially labor-intensive. The Board will closely review how each contractor proposes to meet the project's requirements, and once bids are received, references and examples of previous, relevant experience will be requested. The goal is to have the painting project completed by the end of the summer season.

Town Hall Roofing Project

The roofing project is considered straightforward, based on consultations with a local roofer who has extensive experience in the Tin Cup area. The planned work includes the installation of new sheathing, underlayment membrane, and metal roof panels. The initial estimate for the roofing project is about \$100,000. Last fall, the same contractor performed interim "glue and screw" repairs to tighten and seal loose screws and panels. While these temporary measures do not eliminate the risk of leaks, they provide some additional time before the full roof replacement becomes necessary.

Funding and Timeline

To help offset the cost of the roofing project, the Board submitted a grant application to the Gates Family Foundation this spring. A decision on the grant is expected in about a month. If the application is not approved, the Board may seek donations from other benefactors to help cover the expenses. The target for completing the roof replacement is next summer.

Charles Gates, the founder of Gates Rubber Company, came to Tin Cup in the early 1900's and was the head mining engineer at the West Gold Hill Milling and Mining Company. It is said that he had always had a fondness for his time in Tin Cup and the foundation has provided grants in the area. We hope to get good news from them and that they will provide a grant for the roof project.

Friday Family Night/Dances @ the Town Hall

Friday night dances will be returning in full force this summer! Thanks to several volunteers stepping forward there should be a full slate of dances starting in mid-June going through late August. We want to thank everyone who is willing to lead the dances and continue the long history of this Tin Cup activity.

Keep an eye on the Town Hall sign board for information and when the first dance will be held. In general, the dances start at 7:30 pm and last until around 10:30 pm, with free lessons from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm. If you want more information, contact Shawn or Sarah McCormick. Their number is 970-641-8045; Shawn's email is mshawn77@yahoo.com. Bill and Shellie Womble will also be assisting with the dances this summer.

TCCA Potluck Dinner is Back!

We invite everyone to join your neighbors on Saturday, July 25 for a Pot Luck Dinner in the Town Hall at 5pm. The Annual Meeting of TCCA is that afternoon and we hope you all join us for that to hear about the major projects going on and provide us feedback. If you don't attend the meeting we still hope you will come to the Pot Luck.

TCCA will provide the main dish, so please bring your favorite salad, side dish, dessert or anything you would like.

Board Members Wanted

There are two Tin Cup Civic Association Board of Directors positions expiring currently held by Kurt Von Fay and Paul Bell..

Come to this year's Annual Meeting to find out all the latest!

Please consider serving on the Board. The success of the TCCA over the years has been due to the dedication of numerous members who have stepped up and been willing to serve. If you have any questions about being on the Board, please contact any Board member.

Dues or No Dues, that is the Question

At last year's annual meeting, there was a discussion of whether to reduce the amount of dues for members of TCCA or eliminate them altogether. The Board discussed this and based on the By-Laws we cannot eliminate the dues.

Every property owner in Tin Cup is automatically a member of TCCA, but the ability to vote at a meeting on any issue is based on whether the member has paid dues for that fiscal year. This also allows us to determine a quorum at a meeting. This makes it impossible to completely eliminate dues unless we totally change the By-Laws.

Current dues are \$25 per year. We don't believe this is an excessive amount and helps to cover the yearly expenses that we have. The By-Laws state we can change the dues but an increase or decrease of more than \$5 requires approval of the membership. If you would like to explore more discussion on this issue, please come to this year's annual meeting on July 25.



Tin Cup Cemetery News

Greetings from the Cemetery Committee:

We are near completion of our purchase of the 1.71 acres of Catholic Knoll from the Forest Service. This has been a long and arduous process but will be completed soon. We will be very happy to have this behind us.

There will be no cattle grazing in the Tin Cup area this year so we don't have to worry about the fencing.

Last fall, the Boot Hill grave fence was rebuilt by a historical preservationist, Sarah Mees. This turned out very well and we are entertaining bids for additional grave fence rebuilding.

We are in the process of repainting the letters on faded wooden grave markers. See pictures about the process.

Other plans include continued clean-up of Protestant Knoll's slash & dead trees and researching grave information for placards.

If your family has any old cemetery pictures or information that we can use, we'd love to have them.

For information on Cemetery plots/memorials, please see "More/Documents" on the TCCA website.

The Cemetery Committee: Sally Kuisle (Chair), Kelli Shedden, Jeff Haynes, Cindy Olive.



Water Ditch Committee

Jeff Haynes and Wendy Trentaz of the Water Ditch Committee will be in Tin Cup on Saturday, May 23th, 2026, at the start of the Memorial Day weekend. The Committee plans to open the ditches at that time, weather permitting. Anyone in town on that date, please lend a hand. If any of the ditches run by your property and you have an opportunity before Memorial Day, please remove any obstructions and clear a path for water flow. If weather or other circumstances dictate a different date for opening the ditches, the Committee will provide an update through email and other channels.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Attention new, old, and prospective members of the Tin Cup Civic Association: the Annual General Meeting this year will be held at the Town Hall in Tin Cup on **July 25th, 2026, at 1 p.m.** If unable to attend, please send your proxy to the Secretary naming WHO will represent you, and your address in Tin Cup. You must be listed **ON THE DEED** to be a voting member and **MUST** pay the \$25/year dues of the Association before the Meeting comes to order.

TCCA Dues and Proxies

The Board would like to request that everyone consider submitting dues this year. The rental of the Town Hall for Chapel Services is our biggest source of revenue. To ensure continued health of the TCCA, we ask you to consider paying dues even if you don't plan on voting at the Annual Meeting.

Payment of dues and voting proxies may be mailed any time up to 2 weeks BEFORE the Annual General Meeting (by July 11, 2026) to: TCCA, P.O. Box 501, Almont, CO 81210. After that, please bring dues and proxies to the meeting. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. (Proxy form is below.) **Joe Grenawalt, Treasurer**

GENERAL PROXY

Be it known, that I, _____, the undersigned Member of the Tin Cup Civic Association, hereby constitute and appoint _____ as my true and lawful representative and agent for me and in my place and stead, to vote as my proxy at the Annual Meeting of the Tin Cup Civic Association, to be held on July 25, 2026 or any adjournment thereof. WITNESS my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Signed _____

Tin Cup Address: _____

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