



# Tin Cup Civic Association

## Spring 2019 Newsletter

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### President's Message

Change. That is not a word associated with Tin Cup very often. We all revel in the rich and fascinating history, the majestic scenery, the great people, blue skies, wonderful streams, and much more. Tin Cup has been the one consistent thing throughout my entire life. For that I am most grateful.

So, change is not something we are used to, but this year brings quite a few new things. First is that the Taylor Park Trading Post is changing owners. It will no longer be Cranors! Who that has any history in Tin Cup even imagined this would ever happen? Look for our article on the new owners.

Next is the Cottonwood Pass construction project will be finished this year. The western side of the Pass has been re-aligned and will be paved this summer. See more on this in our article on the Pass.

We even have a new bridge coming into town. The bridge closest to town has finally been replaced after many years of hearing it was going to get done. No official word on the other one but it is in great need of being replaced.

Another change is that the Board is putting together a trailer with a water tank, pump, hoses, and other equipment to help us in those instances where we need to address small fire situations. We will roll it out at the Annual Meeting and introduce everybody to the equipment and how to use it and where it will be available. Our thoughts behind this are we want to do everything we can to protect our town and this will be a good first line of defense if it is needed. More on this later in this Newsletter.

As usual, we on the Board welcome your input and we would really like to hear from you. Please email any one of us with your thoughts, ideas, or even gripes. We can't fix anything if we don't know about it. If you see any of us around town and we haven't met yet, please stop us and say hi and introduce yourself.

Please make sure you read the section on the proposed By-Law change. This is important, and we will discuss at the Annual Meeting. This will help in expanding our pool of potential Board members moving forward.

Great to be in touch again!!  
**Tom Carroll, President**

### Tin Cup Town Hall

Reservations for the Town Hall are booked by Joe and Janet Grenawalt. Their contact information is available later in this Newsletter. First come, first served – so if you have plans for the Town Hall, please let Joe or Janet know as soon as possible.

The form needed to reserve the Town Hall is located on the Civic Association website. The form includes information about rates, deposits, etc.

### Friday Family Night/Dance @ the Town Hall

Please consider helping with the Friday Family Night/Dance. We have volunteers that will host a few dances this summer but cannot ensure that we can have a dance each week. If you can help this summer, please let Sally know ASAP. No worries, you will have guidance and training so don't let that stand in the way of keeping this wholesome tradition going. Many thanks to Janie Mueller, Sara & Shawn McCormick, and Fern & Greg Ford for hosting last summer.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tin Cup Art Show

The Tin Cup Art Show will be held on Saturday, July 6 in the Tin Cup Town Hall, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you wish to participate, all artwork must be original and handmade by a local artist or family member. The entry fee will be \$15 per artist for a space inside the Town Hall.

This year, an outdoor marketplace will also be offered on July 6. Those who would like to sell items that aren't considered local handmade art are invited to set up outside on Town Hall property for a \$5.00 fee. This will not be a flea market or a yard sale. The following examples will include, but not be limited to: baked goods, Tin Cup related items, and craft items.

All art show and market fees will be used to purchase additional signs for advertising, which will be placed around Taylor Park the day of the show.

For more information, and to reserve your space, please call:  
Janet Grenawalt: 970 641-4082, or 505 320-6598.  
Ginger Riffel: 520 906-0588.

## Cottonwood Pass Opening May Be Delayed until mid-June.

From Gunnison Country Times, January 24, 2019:

“Another delay may be forthcoming for the opening of Cottonwood Pass. Gunnison County Public Works Director Marlene Crosby told Gunnison County Commissioners Tuesday that United Companies has asked county leaders to support an opening of the Pass between Buena Vista and Taylor Park on June 17. The project was expected to have been completed last November but was delayed until this coming spring, with final reclamation and paving occurring while single lane traffic is permitted. The contractor is now requesting that the Federal Highway Administration leave the road closed until the mid-June date. The \$30 million project was approved in 2016, when Gunnison County signed onto participate with \$1.5 million in local funding. “Once it’s open, it’s a popular route,” Commissioner Jonathan Houck noted.”

Our resident Cottonwood Pass expert, Gene Dodd, provided the following: “Last Winter, United Companies was able to convince Gunnison County into allowing them to keep the Pass closed until June 20th. We are still on track to complete by the end of July.” Marlene Crosby, Director of Gunnison County Public Works, provided June 22<sup>nd</sup> as the latest estimate for opening the Pass for one-lane traffic, to allow for paving to continue. Given the heavy snowpack, no one seems to know for sure.

## Fire Fighting Equipment

After several close calls last summer, the Board of Directors agreed to pursue some kind of readily available and easy to use fire-fighting equipment – to be available to all Tin Cup residents. Several options were investigated, including pursuit of a full-size fire truck. However, due to cost and potential liability concerns, the Board decided on a small trailer, equipped with a water tank, a pump, hoses, etc. This unit can be towed by a vehicle as small as an ATV, or a full size vehicle – almost anything with a 2” ball hitch. A sign on the unit will clearly state “Use at your own risk” and “No guarantee of operational success”.

Carl Hagans worked over this past winter to locate and procure the new equipment needed. The Board purchased a used small ATV flat-bed trailer, and a used water tank. Carl and Joe Grenawalt will work this spring to outfit the trailer and get it ready for use. The unit will carry approximately 60 gallons of water, and will have a pump that will draw from the tank, or from the Tin Cup water ditches. Specifics are still being worked out, but we expect the unit to be very easy to operate. We plan to demonstrate the unit at the next Annual Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Details for a storage location and how to access the unit will be determined, with input from the Annual Meeting to be considered.

The total cost of the fully equipped unit is expected to be approximately \$800. After last year, the Board believes this is a small price to pay for something that can put out a small fire BEFORE it gets out of control. Even with the great snowpack from this past winter, we do not want to lose our focus on something that could save our town – regardless of wet or dry conditions.

## New Owners for Taylor Park Trading Post

One of the most significant changes to occur in Taylor Park in recent memory is coming – the Taylor Park Trading Post will be operated by new owners starting this summer! The Cranor family, who have owned and operated the Trading Post since the 1940’s, have sold the entire complex to a couple from Conifer, Colorado – Ted and Tammy Brand. The Brands are originally from Scott City, Kansas, and over the years have spent substantial time in Taylor Park. Like the Cranors, the Brands plan to continue to run the Trading Post as a family business, with sons and daughters to be directly involved. All reservations booked under Cranor ownership will be honored, and the Brands plan to continue to operate the Trading Post as has been done in the past – with perhaps some minor changes and improvements as time progresses. The sale closed on May 3rd, and Ted & Tammy are residing at their new home. Welcome to the neighborhood!

The TCCA Board of Directors sent a letter to Bruce Cranor in March 2019 – thanking Bruce and his family for their outstanding contributions to Taylor Park and Tin Cup. Many of us are old enough to remember when the Trading Post was operated by the entire family, including Sherman and Edna – Bruce’s parents. For some of us, we still refer to the Trading Post as “Sherm’s”, in reference to the senior Cranor. Almost all of us have one story or another about how the Cranors assisted in a certain situation, or provided information, or did whatever they could to help. The final chapter in an incredible book is about to close, and the TCCA Board wishes to thank all the Cranors one more time – and wish them well in the future.

## Tin Cup Chapel

The Tin Cup Community Chapel began hosting worship services in 1950. Worship is a non-denominational Christian service with a variety of guest Pastors and Chaplains. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. from the first Sunday in June (**June 2, 2019**) through the first Sunday in September (**September 1, 2019**). Communion is offered on the second Sunday of each month and a pot luck meal and fellowship time is shared on the fourth Sunday of each month following the worship service. The Chapel is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization and donations are tax deductible.

## Contact Information for the Tin Cup Civic Association Board of Directors

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### Cemetery Updates

In August of last year, 15 volunteers participated in the annual Cemetery Clean-Up Day. Many projects were accomplished, including fixing fences, cleaning up old graves, chopping down dead trees, raking, and using the chipper to clear slash. All the hard work was much appreciated. **THANK YOU** to all who came out! The next cemetery cleanup day will be in 2020. However, there are always little projects to be done. Please contact Cheryl Rieger if interested in helping in and around the Cemetery.

In order for anyone to place the cremated remains and/or memorial stone in the Tin Cup Cemetery, the Tin Cup Cemetery Committee must approve your request. Only locations approved and marked will be honored. The deceased or immediate family needs to own property in Tin Cup or Taylor Park. The Guidelines and the Burial Request Form are located under the Document Section of the Tin Cup Civic Association website, or an application can be requested from Cheryl Rieger, the Chairperson of the TCCA Cemetery Committee. Should you need any questions answered, call Cheryl at 303-929-2296 (cell) or 970-641-0260 in Tin Cup. Please note that the \$300.00 fee to the TCCA will be used for cemetery maintenance and improvements. Full body burial is not permitted.

### Board Members Wanted

Two Board positions will be open this summer and we will be having an election at the annual meeting to re-elect/replace them. Tom Carroll and Janet Grenawalt are up for re-election this year. Tom is willing to continue, but Janet has expressed a desire to step down if anyone is willing to take her place. Please consider serving on the Board. The success of the TCCA over the years has been because of the dedication of numerous members who have stepped up and been willing to serve. A term on the Board lasts for three years. If you have any questions about being on the Board, please contact any Board member.

### Water Ditch Committee by Kelli Shedden

Back in October 2018, the Board of Directors decided to form a Water Ditch Committee (WDC) in order to facilitate management of the TCCA's most valuable asset – our water rights. The WDC will coordinate all Tin Cup water ditch activities, including opening and closing the ditches each year.

The newly formed committee, consisting of Jeff Haynes and Wendy Trentaz, hopes to clean up and trim back some willow and grasses throughout the Tin Cup ditches and head gate on Saturday, May 25, 2019 (Memorial Day weekend). Weather permitting, and as long as the snow has melted enough, the water will also be turned on that weekend. All volunteers are welcome to come out and help clean and prepare the ditches for the summer season! The Committee will finalize Ditch Guidelines that will be sent to all TCCA members later this summer. Finally, the water ditches will be shut off in late October this year.

If you are interested in joining the Committee, a few more members are needed to help maintain this wonderful asset to our town. Contact Jeff, Wendy, or Kelli Shedden (Board of Directors liaison).

## **Taylor Park Vegetation Management Project** by Sally Kuisle

For current information on the project, please go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53662> Be sure and click on the Analysis Tab to see more detail. Pam King, NEPA Specialist and contact person, states that this is a 10 year project that is still in the planning and analysis phase. They are forming an Adaptive Management Group of local stakeholders to work with the Forest Service over this 10 year period and would love to have a Tin Cup representative. Please let Sally Kuisle know if you are interested and she can give you that information.

Currently the Project Map shows large areas for “Fuel Treatment” around Tin Cup to the North and East. A summary of the Fuel Treatment definition is: To reduce stand density and break up canopy continuity to lower probability of a crown fire. Larger trees would generally be favored for retention. Visual quality of managed stands from neighboring areas is a consideration.

## **West Region Wildfire Council** by Sally Kuisle

For those of you that have significant trees/ forest on your property, please consider having your property evaluated for defensible fire mitigation. It is a process where your tree stand is evaluated and appropriate trees are tagged for removal. A private contractor does the work; it is a cost share program that averages a 65% rebate in cost after work is done. For more information go to [www.cowildfire.org](http://www.cowildfire.org) and click on site visit or call 970-615-7300. Right now, they are tentatively scheduled for a Site Visit in Tin Cup around Memorial Day and the more folks interested the better.

## **The Winter of 2018-2019** – by Joe Grenawalt

For those of us who spend time in the winter in Tin Cup, this past season was a bit different - and unique. First, compared to last year, we had an outstanding snowpack – 140% of average for the Gunnison Basin, according to the latest figures. Lots of snow made for a much better experience – except when the snow was the powdery sugar variety, which was the case through January and into February. These conditions made for challenging snowmobiling, as routine routes such as Napoleon Pass were not negotiated until early March. To the best of my knowledge, the Duncan Flats (Highline) road was not traversed at all by snowmobile!

Second, we had regular commuters into Tin Cup. A new cabin was built over the winter, with the building “dried-in” by late November. Dan Stewart’s crew (Andy, Doug, and George, who all live in or near Gunnison) actually drove their 4WD pickups in and out, five days a week, well into January. That was a bit different, seeing their vehicles (usually 2) arrive and depart each weekday. As we received more snow, their mode of transportation switched over to snowmobiles – riding from the Trading Post each day. That proved a bit cold, with some days starting at 20 to 30 below zero at the Trading Post. Just getting the snow machines started was quite a challenge, and then the wind chill was – shall we say – a bit brisk. Finally, the crew settled on driving a tracked Chevy Tahoe in and out – a much more “civilized” mode of transportation. In addition to the tracked Tahoe, Dan Stewart’s son Jeremy operated a snowcat, or groomer, on an as-needed basis. Under Jeremy’s expert control, this machine helped make for the road between the Trading Post and Tin Cup to be a packed, smooth, and very comfortable ride.

Speaking of the road – we placed orange-painted PVC poles along the route to help see the established and “compacted” road under windy and blizzard-like conditions. Amazing how many times these markers came in handy, for going off the established route – especially early in the season – could definitely cause problems for snowmobile travel, like getting stuck. We also shared “mail duty” – anyone who visited the Trading Post would usually pick up and deliver mail to neighbors in Tin Cup.

Finally, like most of Colorado, we dealt with an extraordinary avalanche season. We saw an avalanche bring rocks and trees about half-way across the ice on Mirror Lake, and we saw an avalanche essentially close Cumberland Pass between switchbacks 3 and 4 on the Tin Cup side. Caution was definitely the order of the day for any snowmobiling excursion.

During nearly 80 winter days (not consecutive) in Tin Cup, my wife Janet, our dog Willy, and I enjoyed the company of Ted & Annie Walker, Wendy Trentaz and her dog Ilene, Sally & Hans Kuisle, Terri Harris & Lynda Sandberg, Dan & Jeremy Stewart, and from Rainbow Subdivision – my snowmobiling partner Ed Hocker. What a great winter! We are already looking forward to snow again. Incredible beauty, no dust, no mud, essentially no traffic – can’t get much better than that.

Pictures of Tin Cup during this past winter can be found on the TCCA website, in a folder called Winter 2018-2019 under the MORE tab.

## Ideas for Adding Additional Eligibility for Board Members

### As a refresher here is what has been discussed in the past two years:

At the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Tin Cup Civic Association, a suggestion was made to allow family members of property owners to serve on the TCCA Board of Directors. Based on that suggestion, the Board has researched and discussed several ideas about how to expand the eligibility to become a Board member. Please read the information below and be prepared to offer your opinions and ideas at the 2018 Annual Meeting. (***This was pushed into 2019***)

The TCCA was formed as a Colorado Nonprofit Tax-Exempt Corporation in 1950. The Articles of Incorporation state in Section 6: *"That any record title owner of real estate within the former Townsite of Tincup shall be entitled to become a member of this Corporation."*

The By Laws of the TCCA in Article 4, Section 1 state:

*"The business, property and affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a "Board of Directors" composed of seven persons who shall be members of this Corporation. Each Director shall hold office for a term of three years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified."*

While the Articles of Incorporation cannot be changed to add non-property owners as members of the TCCA, the By Laws could be changed to state "...a Board of Directors composed of seven persons who shall be members of the Corporation, or.....  
(add a definition of other eligible people).

At the 2019 Annual Meeting, we will discuss the definition of other eligible people. We want the definition to be very specific and not open to multiple interpretations. Here are some the ideas floated so far:

- Direct descendants of members
- Natural, adopted, or step children or grandchildren of members
- Spouses of members
- Any of the above adding: when the person is recommended by a family member/property owner who has paid dues at the time of the Annual Meeting.

Another addition to the By-Laws is advisable in order to clarify voting rights. Members defined by the Articles of Incorporation must pay dues to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. There is no provision for non-members to vote. The By-Laws could include the following:

Non-member Directors are eligible to vote on all matters brought before the Board of Directors but are not eligible to vote at an Annual Meeting except when holding a proxy for a member whose dues have been paid.

The Board would like you all to consider the above and come prepared to vote on whether we should allow some or all of these ideas for potential additional Board members and the voting rights provision. We will prepare appropriate By-Law verbiage to reflect the different options and, if the vote is to allow this, we can vote on the appropriate By-Law changes.

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## **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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 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**

Payment of dues and voting proxies may be mailed any time up to 2 weeks BEFORE the Annual General Meeting 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.) **Sally Kuisle, Secretary and Joe Grenawalt, Treasurer**

### **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 27, 2019 or any adjournment thereof. WITNESS my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Tin Cup Address: \_\_\_\_\_