



# Tin Cup Civic Association

## **Spring 2020 Newsletter**

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### **President's Message**

Stay Safe! This salutation has become commonplace for all our email and phone conversations. Rightfully so for the times we are in dealing with Covid-19. We have tried as a Board to keep you posted about the situation in Gunnison County as best we could. Fortunately, as of this writing we are allowed to visit our cabins! Please check before you head toward Tin Cup as to the latest. If we get more info we will get it out to you.

Since we don't know what the rest of the summer will bring we are presenting this newsletter as if everyone will be able to enjoy Tin Cup as usual and provide updates to activities. As of right now, the Annual Meeting of the TCCA is still on as scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 1pm in the Town Hall. Any change we will let you know.

Thanks for everyone who participated in the survey about the fire truck. Our goal was to get as much community input as we could to make a decision that best reflected the desires of the Tin Cup community. See a summary in the column to the right.

At last year's meeting, we discussed the voting regulations that are currently in place based on the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the TCCA. We had a good discussion and it was requested that we provide 3 options that would be voted on at this year's meeting. One is to keep the status quo while the other two would represent a change. Please review the write-up in this newsletter which details the options and come prepared to vote on your choice. Because of the importance of this issue we have created a specific proxy for just this vote and you will find that enclosed. If you wish to vote on this issue, and we hope you will, and you cannot make the meeting, please make sure your dues are up to date and return the proxy as directed.

A couple of construction projects are discussed in this issue. Last fall, heavy winds blew over the signposts for the Town Hall! Volunteers are welcome in putting this back together. In addition, at the last meeting there was consensus in providing ADA access to the Town Hall. We will discuss some options in this issue.

I hope to see everyone in Tin Cup this summer!  
Stay Safe!

**Tom Carroll, President**

### **Local Updates**

**COVID-19 information for Gunnison County can be found on Page 3.**

The Cottonwood Pass paving project was completed in September of 2019, with full unrestricted travel over the Pass available for Labor Day weekend, 2019. The office of Gunnison County Public Works Director Marlene Crosby informed us that the Pass is scheduled to be plowed and open by June 1, 2020. This corresponds to the present target date for Chaffee County to plow their (Buena Vista) side of the Pass. More information can be found on the Gunnison County website ([gunnisoncounty.org](http://gunnisoncounty.org)) at Services, Road Closures and Maintenance. The road from the Taylor Park Trading Post to Tin Cup (CR 765) is now open for conventional vehicle travel.

As reported in the Gunnison Country Times –  
Upper Gunnison Snowpack – 111 percent of average as of April 23, 2020.  
Taylor Reservoir – 69% of capacity as of May 7, 2020.

### **Cemetery Chairperson Change**

Please join us in thanking Cheryl Rieger for her many years of service as the Cemetery Chairperson. Cheryl has done a wonderful job as steward of the Tin Cup Cemetery. She is stepping down from that position but will still be around to assist as needed. We need to find a replacement and anyone willing to serve please let a Board member know. Again, Cheryl, thanks for all your hard work over the years!

### **Closings & Openings for the Summer**

We have received word that Frenchy's Restaurant and the Tin Cup Store will not open this summer due to COVID-19. KaiCyns BBQ is planning to open mid-June.

The Taylor Park Trading Post is now open on a limited basis. The Nugget Café will open Memorial Day, with limited carry-out at that time. Additional information regarding openings can be found in the COVID-19 section on Page 3.



### **Volunteers Needed**

As the picture above demonstrates, Tin Cup experienced some major wind last fall. The Town Hall signs were found blown over in late September. Fortunately, both signs were not damaged. However, replacement of the primary posts and braces that suspend the signs will be required, most likely over the Memorial Day weekend. Please let anyone on the Board of Directors know if you are interested in assisting with this repair.

### **Fire Truck Input – Summary**

Thanks to everyone who responded to the Board of Director’s request for input regarding the TCCA acquiring a used fire truck. We received approximately 25 total responses, with many of them expressing concerns regarding TCCA liability. In addition, many respondents were hesitant to invest in an older vehicle, with the potential for existing and ongoing maintenance issues. Concerns were also stated about our ability to have adequate personnel – both in number and in training – to operate the truck. A generic summary of the input that we received is on the Tin Cup Civic Association website, in the folder under Other and Fire Truck.

On the positive side, we did receive numerous suggestions to pursue cooperation with Rainbow and Murdy subdivisions in developing a south Taylor Park volunteer fire department. Anyone interested in pursuing this concept should contact the Board of Directors, as we hope to get several volunteers to form a committee and make further investigations and inquiries. We have several contacts in the existing Gunnison County Volunteer Fire Department to assist in this process.

After consideration of all input, the Board decided to suspend any action on the acquisition of a fire truck, and the truck owner was notified accordingly.

### **Tin Cup Community Chapel Outlook for 2020**

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tin Cup Community Chapel Board has not decided when to begin Sunday worship services. As the weather warms and people begin to travel to the mountains, they will evaluate the Gunnison County directives and consult with the TCCA Board to determine when worship services and other gatherings can begin. Please check the Chapel Facebook page for current information and updates. <https://www.facebook.com/Tin-Cup-Community-Chapel-314924879341/>

### **Cemetery Guidelines – Reminder**

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 Tom Carroll, the President of the TCCA Board. Should you need any questions answered, call Tom Carroll at 818-398-2491 (cell) or 970-641-4408 in Tin Cup until a new chairperson has been named. Please note that the \$300.00 fee to the TCCA will be used for cemetery maintenance and improvements. Full body burial is not permitted. All Taylor Park residents that have secured a spot in the Tin Cup Cemetery need to maintain their individual area. Any glass or plastic, other than flower vases, will be disposed of at the end of the season.

### **Gunnison County Sheriff Vehicle**

In September 2019, the TCCA Board of Directors received notice from Gunnison County Sheriff Gallowich that the surplus Gunnison County Sheriff Department Ford Explorer would be returned to the Department in Gunnison. Deputies arrived in Tin Cup in September to retrieve the vehicle. At the time, the deputies were uncertain if the vehicle would be available to Tin Cup again.

The Board contacted the Gunnison County Sheriff Department in April 2020, and spoke with Undersheriff Scott Jackson. He told us that the Sheriff decided that the vehicle would not be returned to Tin Cup. Scott did say, however, that the Sheriff’s office will make a conscientious effort to visit Taylor Park (and Tin Cup) on a more frequent basis this summer.

## Friday Family Night/Dances @ the Town Hall

Due to the current and foreseeable COVID-19 restrictions of public gatherings, the Board of Directors has decided not to have our Dances this season. If Gunnison County restrictions ease to the extent that it makes sense to have a Dance later in the summer, we will send out an email and post a notice.

## Potluck Dinner Postponed

Because of the uncertainty of COVID-19, we are postponing the annual potluck dinner usually held the evening of the Annual Meeting. If things change, we will consider holding the event later in the summer as a way for the community to get together but, of course, we will be mindful of regulations in effect at that time.

## Water Ditch Committee

Jeff Haynes of the Water Ditch committee will be in Tin Cup on May 23rd (Saturday of Memorial Day weekend) and plans to open the ditches at that time, weather permitting. Anyone in town at that time, please lend a hand.

## Tin Cup Town Hall Accessibility to be Enhanced

By Ken Alexander

Last year's meeting of the TCCA produced a question regarding improved access to the Town Hall. Being new to the Board and an architect, I volunteered to research the possibilities. As an architect, my inclination was to design a ramp that was building code compliant, functional, looked good, and then proceed to build it.

There is a 42" height difference from the ground to the floor level of the building. This produces a ramp length of 42'! I looked at a straight run ramp along the west side of the building lying into the existing platform at the back door. Then I looked at a switchback ramp at the norther end of the building again tying into the existing platform. Both options would be expensive, time consuming to construct, and require periodic maintenance. The Board considered these 2 options and a third option which is a portable, aluminum ramp to be placed over the steps at the front entry stoop. This third option proves to be the quickest and simplest way to solve the issue of increasing accessibility into the Town Hall.

Additionally, we will re-build the front stoop so that the existing step up into the building is eliminated. The new portable ramp will extend from the ground level up to the floor level, thereby eliminating any steps to access the Town Hall. The ramp will be put in place as soon as practical by volunteers, and hopefully before church services and other functions.

## Board Members Wanted

Two Tin Cup Civic Association Board of Directors positions will be open this summer and we will be having an election at the Annual Meeting to re-elect/replace them. Carl Hagans and Kelli Shedden are up for re-election this year. Carl is willing to continue, but Kelli is unsure at this time.

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.

## COVID-19 Update

The Gunnison County website ([gunnisoncounty.org](http://gunnisoncounty.org)) includes a link to the latest County Public Health Orders and other related news. Select "COVID-19: Updates, Answers, and Assistance", where the latest Public Health Order (the Eighth Amended Public Health Order, **dated April 27, 2020**) can be found and reviewed. On Page 15 of that document, **non-resident homeowners who plan to visit their property in Gunnison County are required to notify the Public Health Director (Joni Reynolds) of their intentions, and to isolate and quarantine themselves for a period of 7 days.** Presently, at the publication of this Newsletter, this requirement remains in place until the end of the day **May 27, 2020.**

The office of the Public Health Director in Gunnison County can be reached at 970 641-0209.

In the Gunnison Country Times edition of May 7, 2020, the following re-opening schedule was provided as follows:

"The first step will begin on May 15, as short term lodging facilities can open to less than 25 percent capacity for parties currently in the county such as residents, non-resident homeowners, necessary travelers and essential workers.

On May 25, they [short term lodging facilities] will be permitted to open to 50 percent capacity, then to 75 percent on June 10 and can fully open on June 24.

Outfitters and guides can be expected to see tourists and visitors utilizing their services on May 27 — unless the state directive regarding in-state travel changes."

## Annual Tin Cup Art Fair

The Annual Tin Cup Art Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2020, and will be held pending further notice. Additional information and updates can be obtained from Janet Grenawalt, at 970 641-4082 or 505 320-6598, or [thisfromthatmosaics@q.com](mailto:thisfromthatmosaics@q.com).

## Proposed Voting Options for TCCA Members

As discussed at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the TCCA, the qualifications for voting was discussed and it was agreed upon that the Board would present 3 options to the membership for their vote at the 2020 Annual Meeting. It should be noted that the Articles of Incorporation state that "any record title owner of real estate within the former Township of Tincup shall be entitled to be a member of this Corporation."

### Option 1: Status Quo.

The existing By-Laws state in ARTICLE III, Section 1. Voting entitlement. "..... each member shall.... be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy upon each subject property". This means that if an individual is on multiple property deeds, they may vote as many times as they have properties.

### Option 2: Each property would have a limit of 2 votes per property no matter how many individuals are listed on the deed.

The purpose of this is to try and limit any given property having more influence on the voting process than any other property no matter how many individuals are listed on the deed. This would still allow individuals who own more than one property to have additional votes for each additional property but a limit of 2 per property. By-Law change:

**ARTICLE III SECTION 1. Voting entitlement.** Except as the article or an amendment, or amendments thereto otherwise provide, each member shall, at every meeting of the members, be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy upon each subject property submitted to vote *limited to two votes per property. (Add wording in italics).*

### Option 3: One person/One vote.

No matter how many properties an individual may be listed on the deed, they only have one vote. This would match the way we vote in our hometown and national elections. A registered voter gets one vote no matter how many properties that owner may have. In this case, a registered voter is "any record title owner..." By-Law change:

**ARTICLE III SECTION 1. Voting entitlement.** Except as the article or an amendment, or amendments thereto otherwise provide, each member shall, at every meeting of the members, be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy *upon each subject property submitted to vote. (Delete wording in italics).*

No matter which option is chosen, it will still remain that to be able to vote in any given year, a member must pay dues for that year.

Specific proxy for voting on voting regulations:

### PROXY

Be it known, that I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned Member of the Tin Cup Civic Association, hereby vote for the following option in regard to the issue of voting regulations:

\_\_\_ **Option 1** Status Quo

\_\_\_ **Option 2** Each property would have a limit of 2 votes per property

\_\_\_ **Option 3** One person/One vote

Please use as my proxy for this specific issue only at the Annual Meeting of the Tin Cup Civic Association, to be held on July 25, 2020 or any adjournment thereof. WITNESS my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

Voting regulations proxies may be mailed any time up to 2 weeks BEFORE the Annual General Meeting (by July 11, 2020) to: TCCA, P.O. Box 501, Almont, CO 81210. After that, please bring proxies to the meeting. Please use proxy form on Page 5 for other TCCA matters.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 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.

Due to the uncertainty caused by COVID-19, this schedule is subject to change or cancellation. We will do our best to keep you posted.

## TCCA Dues and Proxies

The Board would like to request that everyone consider submitting dues this year. Our income will be reduced with the uncertainty to Chapel Services. 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, 2020) 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**

## 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, 2020 or any adjournment thereof. WITNESS my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## The Army in Tin Cup

by Wendy Trentaz

A winter adventure in Tin Cup always has certain appeal. The snow is deep, the people are few, and the blessings of nature are typically the highlight of any off-season visit. But for the last couple years, the action abounds, and not in the form of wildlife or recreationalists. The U.S. Army Special Forces from 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) has adopted our region for their “Cold Weather Training”, a 21-day sprint to learn downhill skiing (5 days), backcountry survival skills including skinning, snowmobiling, skijoring, cold weather survival, avalanche awareness etc. (1-2 weeks), and a culmination full-mission week-long “Winter Warfare Exercise” where all learned skills come together in practice. From January through March, multiple teams and companies of more than 100 soldiers per month will rotate through this training in the Taylor Park area, making it quite the busy military hub.



So it's not uncommon to pull into the Taylor Park Trading Post area and see a Blackhawk helicopter swirling up snow as it lands or takes off, or see a string of white snowmobiles ridden by soldiers all dressed in camo, or, as happened to me, to come across a formation of cross-country skiers navigating the town of Tin Cup itself.

I rode in on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (the pre-Covid 19 era which we hardly can even recall) in the mid-afternoon. As my snow machine rounded the corner of Grand Ave and Washington St, I saw a team of soldiers skiing in formation into town. I had hoped to possibly see a moose or other wildlife on my trip in, so my camera was at the ready. I jumped off the snowmobile, released “the hound” (my 3-legged dog, Eileen) who was complaining in her cramped quarters in the pull-behind dog-sled, and scurried back down to the corner near Tin Cup's Town Hall to capture the scene. But the fellas were quick, and beat me there. No great photos to be had, and I found myself a tad disappointed. But instead, it turned out I was just the right person, in the right place, at just the right time, to lend the Army a helping hand.



The group I ran across was from the "SFOD-A" (Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha) and were mid-way through their warfare exercise. They were on mission to accomplish several back-country tasks, using the variety of skills they had learned during their training, and were coming into town after camping outdoors the prior few nights in Union Park. Knowing that the temperatures had been near -20 degrees, I was amazed and asked to know how they had done it. Their unit had six members, with each soldier carrying a 60 pound backpack of supplies. Two of their team also had pull-behind sleds attached to their waists. They explained that each night, they had to dig through the snow all the way to the ground in an approximately 12 foot square in order to set up their canvas tent. With the 3-4 feet of snow on the ground, that was a considerable task! It turned out, that was their motivation in asking me a very important question: "Do you know of any abandoned or vacant buildings or barns here in town?"

I wonder how many other cabins still exist in Tin Cup with no water, no electricity, and no heat source beyond a small wood stove? Who else would have had an empty building, little more than four walls and roof, really, that could absolutely on-the-fly be offered up to house an Army detachment? It seemed it was meant to be. I told them I'd just arrived and hadn't yet dug into my cabins, but that they were welcome to stay in a true 1940's-style Tin Cup accommodation if they'd help me get them in. They were full of smiles, and quick with their shovels, clearing a series of pathways around the property in the matter of just a few minutes. They stayed the night and left the next morning, skiing their way up to Mirror Lake where they camped outside yet again. The next day, I saw them skijoring behind snowmobiles down from the lake, headed to the Rainbow Subdivision area to be extracted by helicopter. I was sad to see them go. Never have I met a more polite, more respectful, and more genuinely competent team of men. I was truly proud that they are our Army.



As it happened, there was also a second group out "on mission" at that time, and word of the possibility of an actual building to stay in travelled quickly. Captain Dalton, of the team I initially met, used his satellite phone to communicate with Captain Brett and his team, who were also in the Union Park area. They were advised to "locate a sympathetic citizen" in the town of Tin Cup, who would provide them lodging. I was even provided a password to use, so Captain Brett's team could know I was "the correct citizen" that was now part of the mission. For me, it was all joyous fun. I had excellent company, and made memories to last a lifetime. For them, they had a warm, dry night that didn't involve digging through several feet of snow. I truly believe everyone walked (or skied, or skijored, or snowmobiled) away happy. Getting to watch the Army "go rolling along" in our very own Tin Cup was an unexpected and amazing winter bonus that I shall not soon forget. May the flag we choose to fly above our town always shine as a beacon of hope to those seeking our assistance.



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