



Tin Cup Civic Association

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President's Message

Spring is here and as we look to turn the page from the challenges of last year, I am excited about everyone coming back to Tin Cup this year. Travel is easier with the full opening of the newly paved west side of Cottonwood Pass and two new bridges between the Trading Post and Tin Cup. We just hope it does not bring excessive travel into Tin Cup.

We have an exciting project slated this summer in Tin Cup. At last year's Annual Meeting, the members voted to fund the building of a new deck on the front of the Town Hall. The deck will have an ADA compliant ramp for easier access for those who need it and I believe will offer a great place for gathering before and after different events. We are asking for volunteers to help build the deck. Please see Ken Alexander's article on this in the newsletter. As Ken mentions, the construction schedule may be delayed until next summer (2022) due to the current inflated cost of materials including lumber, etc.

Another area that requires attention is the Cemetery, where there was a significant weather event last year which felled numerous trees. Terri Harris, our new Cemetery Chairperson, did a wonderful job of getting people together for immediate attention. Please review her article and volunteer if you can.

Gunnison County has done a great job on COVID19 vaccines and it is looking like things will be fully open. There is a write-up on the status of COVID19 in the Newsletter.

At last year's meeting I mentioned the idea of creating a Tin Cup Family History Audio/Video Library. The members were receptive and by the time you read this, I should have the first entry up on our website soon. I am looking for others that are willing to share their family history. Please contact me if you would like to participate. We have a rich history here in Tin Cup with many families with ties going way back and I would love to be able to capture that and share it with the community.

As always, we on the Board welcome your input. Please reach out to any Board members with questions or concerns. If I have not met you personally, I would love to do so. I am in and out during the course of the summer and hope to spend as much time as I can in Tin Cup. We have the cabin with the blue roof at the corner of Laurel and Main. Please stop by!

Stay safe and hope to see you soon!

Tom Carroll, President

Local Updates

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

As per the Gunnison Country Times, **April 22, 2021** - Upper Gunnison Snowpack – 77 percent of average Taylor Reservoir – 59% of capacity

Road closure schedule, and detours page for construction project on US Highway 50 between Montrose and Gunnison - Little Blue Creek Canyon Safety Improvements — Colorado Department of Transportation (codot.gov)

Forest Service Meeting

Matt McCombs, Gunnison Forest District Ranger, will conduct an informational meeting with Tin Cup and Taylor Park residents on Tuesday afternoon, 2:00 p.m., on July 6, 2021, at the Tin Cup Town Hall. Matt will provide updates on the Dispersed Camping Forest Order, the new Forest Plan under development, Taylor Park Vegetative Management, and other topics, as well as questions & answers. The then-current COVID19 Public Health Order will apply.

Cemetery Chairperson Change

Please join us in welcoming Terri Harris to Chairperson for the Tin Cup Cemetery. She assumed the position last summer after publication of the 2020 Newsletter. She has a great knowledge of the area and its residents, and will do a great job managing the needs of our Cemetery. A Cemetery Update is included in this Newsletter on Page 2.

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.

The Nugget Restaurant will open the Thursday before Memorial Day. Hours should be 8-8. The Trading Post and Gift Shop hours should be the same, starting May 14th.

KaiCyns BBQ is planning to open mid-June.



Project Completed

Early last summer, a volunteer work group replaced the frame for the Town Hall sign. As you may recall, the wind blew down the sign in October 2019, fortunately with little damage other than to the frame. Additional braces for the vertical posts were placed after this picture was taken.

Thanks to Jeff Haynes for donating the poles for the posts and braces, and to Donna Powers for the photograph. Pictured (left to right) are Wendy Trentaz, Joe Grenawalt, and Randy Gordon.

Taylor Canyon Fire Station Proposed

According to an article in the April 22, 2021, edition of the Gunnison Country Times, construction of a new fire substation is under consideration.

“The building would be a substation of the Gunnison Fire Protection District (GFPD) located on a parcel in the Wilder on the Taylor Development. It would be sited on the north side of County Road 742. The station would be a short distance away from the Jacks’ Cabin cutoff road, Harmel’s Ranch Resort, Eleven’s Taylor River Lodge, and homes along Crystal and Spring creeks.”

This new station could potentially make a difference in fire insurance rates for homeowners in Taylor Park. Insurance carriers typically have different rates and rules. However, at this point, the new station is only proposed – a decision to build has not yet been made.

The TCCA Board sent a letter to the GFPD, and voiced support for the proposed new station.

Annual Tin Cup Art Fair

The Annual Tin Cup Art Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 2, 2021, 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.

Tin Cup Community Chapel Outlook for 2021

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 Terri Harris, the Cemetery Chairperson. Should you need any questions answered, email her at trrharris@live.com 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.

Wind Storm - Cemetery Update and Work Plans

Last September a micro burst hit the Protestant knoll and quite a few trees came down. Fortunately the only damage was to fences. A group gathered three different days and were able to get some slash in piles, trees cut and moved, and fences were temporarily repaired. I appreciate all the help as it was and continues to be a big job.

I will be organizing clean up dates with the first one securing the fences as we will have cows in our area this summer. There will be dates set for firewood pick up and slash clean up. Volunteers will be appreciated. – *Terri Harris, Cemetery Chairperson*

Friday Family Night/Dances @ the Town Hall

Due to the uncertainty regarding COVID-19 restrictions for public gatherings, the Board of Directors has not yet decided to schedule Dances this summer. We will also need to hear from volunteers who are interested in sponsoring the Dances. If Gunnison County restrictions ease to the extent that it makes sense to have Dances this summer – and we have volunteer sponsors – the Board will send out an email and post a notice.

Potluck Dinner Planned

We missed the Potluck Dinner after the Annual Meeting last year, and we propose a plan for something a bit different this year. The Board recommends that as part of the Annual Meeting on July 31, we schedule a date in August or September for our potluck – pending, of course, the then-current COVID 19 guidelines. We hope to get a great turnout with the entire Tin Cup community for this potluck, independent of the Annual Meeting.

Kurt von Fay – New on the Board

The von Fay's first learned of Tin Cup in the mid 1970's, while on a search for a Tin Cup resident with our search team. Mrs. Moore had gone for a short hike with her dog and passed away on the hike. A search team member and friend had property in Rainbow, so we started visiting the area. We soon purchased a lot in Rainbow, then had a chance to get some vacant land in Tin Cup shortly after that. We started building the cabin in the early 1980's - and we're almost done! (Our work progress slowed as soon as we got hot water, since we started playing more.) We love the history, great hikes, and that cool mountain air.

Tin Cup History Quiz

Does anyone know what the picture on the right is? I would be very impressed if you know it. Please send your thoughts to Tom Carroll at tcarroll14@gmail.com. There is no great prize if you get this right, just my appreciation for your great depth of Tin Cup mining history.

Please submit any pictures to be considered for future quizzes. Don't forget we are looking for people willing to share their family history.

Board Members Wanted

Several Tin Cup Civic Association Board of Directors positions will be open this summer and we will be having an election at the Annual Meeting. Some Board members have decided to retire, and some will continue. 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.

COVID-19 Update

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

To find the latest information on COVID19 in Gunnison County, go to <https://covid19.gunnisoncounty.org>. The latest Public Health Order limits gatherings indoors to 50 people and outdoors to 250 people. All retail, restaurants, lodging, personal services, and schools are open. Masks are required indoors and when 6-foot social distancing cannot be followed. Cleaning of high-touch surfaces, employee screening for COVID19, and isolation when sick or exposed are also required.

Unless a new Public Health Order is issued, all requirements will expire at midnight on July 1.



Update on Tin Cup Town Hall Accessibility

By Ken Alexander

At last year's meeting, we discussed options for making the Town Hall more accessible to those folks not comfortable using the stairs to gain entry to the building. We looked at 3 separate scenarios...a ramp running along the west side and tying into the stoop at the rear door...a switchback ramp on the north end, again tying into the existing stoop and a third option of a portable / temporary ramp at the front entry that would only be in place for meetings and events.

A fourth option was explored, and the members voted on it believing it is the one that best suits our needs. This one is a deck or porch that runs the full width of the building and has a ramp built into it not visible from the front. This preserves the integrity of the symmetrical front view of the building that is so important to all of us. Additionally, as seen in old photos, the building originally had a porch and steps across the entire front as we have now designed. So, in reality, the new porch will provide wheelchair access to the front entry, provide a gathering place for meet and greet chats, a group photo spot and will also be historically correct.

The cost and timing of the project is another story. As some of you have noticed, the cost of all building materials has risen approximately 300% in the past year...blame it on COVID19! We will obtain cost estimates for all the lumber and concrete to be used for the construction of the porch project and then decide the timing. Most of the labor will be volunteer so if we move forward with construction this year we'll be looking for a few good folks who like to hammer nails.



Fun at last year's ditch opening.

Proposed Voting Change for TCCA Members

At last year's 2020 Annual Meeting of the TCCA, members voted to accept the One person/One vote approach in our meetings. The By-Laws have been changed to reflect this:

ARTICLE III

Voting, Elections and Proxies

SECTION 1. Voting entitlement. Except as the article or an amendment, or amendments thereto otherwise provided, each member shall, at every meeting of the members, be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy.

At the meeting the members also voted that we should have some limit on the number of votes owners of a property may have. In discussing this, the Board is suggesting making the limit 6. This is generous and allows families that put a large number of family on a deed to have a number of votes but does put a cap on it so it does not unduly influence a vote. We proposed we vote on making this this limit.

Please come to the meeting prepared to vote on this issue.



Let's make sure the Town Hall never looks like this again!!

Water Ditch Committee

Jeff Haynes and Wendy Trentaz of the Water Ditch Committee will be in Tin Cup on May 29th, 2021 (Saturday of Memorial Day weekend), and plan 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.

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 31st, 2021, 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. Our income will be reduced with the uncertainty of 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 17, 2021) 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 31, 2021 or any adjournment thereof. WITNESS my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Signed _____

Tin Cup Address: _____

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