



Tin Cup Civic Association

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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 27th, 2024, 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.

In addition to the regularly scheduled Annual Meeting, the membership voted last year to conduct a special meeting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the Tin Cup Town Hall. Annual dues will not be required at this meeting. The primary purpose of this special meeting is to receive input regarding changing the date of the Annual Meeting.

President's Message

Completion and Future Plans

Last October marked the completion of the new deck on the Town Hall! What a great addition that has been to the community. While that project was coming to a conclusion, last summer the Board started looking at what other long-term projects we need to be looking at and prioritizing. You will hear more about that as we move along and evaluate what needs to be done in the near term and in the future.

It seems like it was a busy winter in Tin Cup. Read about the logging activities and the challenges of managing the plowing of the road. Sounds like it all worked out well.

We are trying something new this year as the membership voted to hold an earlier meeting which will take place on Saturday, June 22. This does not replace the regular Annual Meeting set for Saturday, July 27. The idea was that if issues came up earlier in the summer they could possibly be addressed in the same year versus having to wait for the next year. Please attend and share your views. If you would like the Annual Meeting to be earlier in the year then it is important that you attend to have your voice heard.

I hope everyone had a good winter and are looking forward to a wonderful summer. If you are in Tin Cup that certainly will be the case.

All the best,
Tom Carroll

Annual Tin Cup Art Fair

The Annual Tin Cup Art Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 5, 2024. Additional information and updates can be obtained from Janet Grenawalt, at 970 641-4082 or 505 320-6598, or thisfromthatmosaics@q.com.

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 and will be closed on Mondays. Hours should be 8-8. The Trading Post and Gift Shop hours should be the same, starting May 13th.

The Taylor Park Marina serves sandwiches and other light fare. For more information, call 970 641-2922.

Taylor Park Fuels Mitigation Project

The Taylor Park Project area, analyzed under a 2020 Environmental Assessment, includes about 19,000 acres. The Taylor Park Fuels Mitigation Project aims to reduce the risk of severe wildfire through targeted treatments on USFS Gunnison Ranger District federal lands and adjacent private lands. A partnership was created with the USFS, CSFS, and National Forest Foundation (NFF) to address these concerns and collectively bring funding together to implement these treatments. Together, through a competitive bidding process, we selected a contractor to perform the fuels mitigation service work, including hand thinning treatments of lodgepole pine in an effort to provide protection for the wildland urban interface (WUI) from wildfire by reducing existing fuels loads.

The objectives of these activities will be to address forest health concerns and to strive to increase the forest's ability to respond to multiple and interactive stressors including climate change, drought, insect attack, and disease. The goals of the project are to reduce the risk of unnaturally severe wildfire and its effects on drinking water, homes, infrastructure, and the residents of the Town of Tincup and Rainbow Subdivision. The selected contractor will reduce ladder fuels, increase base crown height through removal of live branches, and hand pile existing slash that remains from past management, and natural fuel accumulations. Hand piling of slash material will only occur on USFS lands. The burning of the created slash piles will be burnt by the USFS fire staff over the next few years during winter when safe conditions exist with proper snow accumulation on the ground. All slash material (branches, tree tops, and any non-merchantable material) will be chipped and hauled off private lands to further reduce fuel loads.

In 2023, our selected contractor started cutting trees on both USFS lands and private lands. The contractor will cut the remaining acres this year in 2024 and finish the project. Total acres to be treated for this project are 215 acres, 75 of which are on private land.

It is not too late! Property owners can still join the program if they are interested!

On-going projects and timber sales will continue to persist in the area for the next couple of years (Slaughterhouse Timber Sale, Kentucky Ridge Stewardship Project, Bertha Gulch Stewardship Project) to further protect Tincup and Rainbow subdivision.

For more information about USFS treatment areas surrounding Tincup and Rainbow subdivision visit the interactive story map online: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/10cc2fa68ac24a0d92d71ecba7e87c63>

Simply click on the highlighted areas to find more information about the type of treatment and acres.

Dylan Eimer prepared the explanation of the Taylor Park Fuels Mitigation Project for this newsletter. Dylan works for the Colorado State Forest Service (as opposed to the US Forest Service). His project primarily focuses on fuel reduction on private property to protect structures using grant funding.

Tin Cup Community Chapel Outlook for 2024

The Tin Cup Community Chapel Board has decided they will begin Sunday worship services on June 2nd. The last scheduled service is September 1st. Services start at 10:30 a.m. with earlier starting times for special services. The services are nondenominational, and everyone is welcome to come in casual dress or fishing wardrobe. Communion is offered the second Sunday of each month right after the worship portion ends. Many Sundays we have someone or group that brings special music that is always great. If you wish to receive a list of the pastors scheduled, you can email Jimmy Schammerhorn at schammerhorn@sbcglobal.net. Please check the Chapel Facebook page for current information and updates. <https://www.facebook.com/Tin-Cup-Community-Chapel-314924879341/>

Cemetery Update and Work Plans

Greetings from the Cemetery Committee. Last year, we had to 2 very successful work mornings with lunch following. Thank you to all that volunteered!

We plan on mapping out the 4 Knolls this year as well as defining the legal boundaries of the entire Cemetery property. We also plan to continue the fence repairs- focusing on Catholic Knoll and the south fence of Protestant Knoll. Stay tuned for dates and information. For more information, contact Sally Kuisle.

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 Sally Kuisle, the Chairperson of the Cemetery Committee, bigsal100@yahoo.com. Please note that the \$300 fee to 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.

Logging Project Update

The following information is from Chris J. Olson, who is the Forest Service Representative for the current logging project in south Taylor Park (Slaughterhouse Gulch, etc.). Contact information for Chris is 970 615-0482 and christopher.j.olson@usda.gov. Please note that the information below reflects an evolving situation with the logging contractor and the logging industry in general. Plans are more than likely to change. While Chris represents the Forest Service for the logging operations, Emily Nutgrass (emily.nutgrass@usda.gov) is the Gunnison-based Forest Service contact for questions regarding logging plans and schedules.

The current Contract Termination Date for the Slaughterhouse Timber Sale is March of 2029. The Forest Service is hopeful logging activities will wrap up in early 2025. This Timber Sale requires that operations be conducted during the winter months, with logging activities very similar to this past winter. Once again, the Buena Vista Snowdrifters (snowmobile club) will be the primary voice for local residents. They will join the logging contractor and the Forest Service representative in developing and implementing practices for maintenance of CR 765. As was done this last winter and once there is adequate snowpack, the road will be closed to the public just past the Trading Post public parking lot. A locked gate will prevent unauthorized rubber-tired vehicles from using the road. A by-pass around the gate will again be available for over-the-snow vehicles, including all local traffic. This will allow 24-7 access for locals to the parking lot. See more regarding winter access in Winter Road article on Page 5 of this Newsletter.

The big and small slash piles are currently planned to be burned in the winter once the entire Slaughterhouse Timber Sale Contract has been completed and closed out. The big slash piles are from the Slaughterhouse Timber Sale Contract and the smaller hand-made piles are from a separate fuels-related contract. Firewood gathering within the Slaughterhouse Timber Sale Contract slash piles is prohibited until the entire Slaughterhouse Timber Sale contract is fully completed and accepted which could be as late as March 2029.

Some of the logger's heavy equipment may remain in the area for the summer period. The status of OHV access to the Slaughterhouse Road to Union Park during the upcoming summer is unclear at this point. Any new information will be distributed to the membership via email.

The Board will try to schedule a representative from the Forest Service to address our membership at the June and/or July meeting. Additional information will be provided through email.

Update on Tin Cup Town Hall

The final step of the deck project was completed in October 2023, which was pouring concrete for a walkway and apron at the toe of the ramp – on the west side of the deck. We are anxious to see the deck again – which was covered by snow all winter.

Repairs to the steeple and building roof were also completed in October 2023. Using a rented man-lift, Gene Dodd was able to install new flashing and other materials to eliminate leaks and improve appearance. Joe Grenawalt served as man-lift operator and swamper for this project. Huge thanks to Gene for all his work and expertise.

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 a 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. Again, watch the Board for any changes to this. If you want more information, contact Jimmy Schammerhorn. His contact info is on the contact page of this Newsletter.

TCCA Dues and Proxies

The Board would like to request that everyone consider submitting dues this year. Our expenses will increase greatly with the addition of the front deck project. 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 13, 2024) 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 27, 2024 or any adjournment thereof. WITNESS my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Signed _____

Tin Cup Address: _____

Local Updates

According to SNOTEL DATA for Monday, April 29, 2024, the snow-water equivalent — the amount of liquid water in snow — was at 74% of the historical average in the Gunnison Basin. Reports from Tin Cup residents during the winter agree with that statistic — we had average to below average snow for the season. However, year-to-date total precipitation for the above date was 98%.

As always, the temperatures in April and May determine how fast trails and roads begin to open up. As of this writing, the road from the Trading Post to Tin Cup (CR765) is scheduled to open on May 15 or 16, but that could change. If a revised official designation is made (or the situation is evident in the field), the Board will distribute an email accordingly

Water Ditch Committee

Jeff Haynes and Wendy Trentaz of the Water Ditch Committee will be in Tin Cup on May 25th, 2024, the 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. If weather or other circumstances dictate a different date for opening the ditches, the Committee will provide an update through email and other channels.

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The Winter Road

Over the winter, the logging activities in our area required special considerations for CR 765 – between the Taylor Park Trading Post and Tin Cup. Part of the road needed to be cleared for the logging trucks, while the other part needed adequate snow cover for over-the-snow vehicles. Snowmobiles and many other tracked vehicles require at least some loose snow for the machine's cooling system to work effectively, while the trucks needed a solid base with very little snow cover. The challenge was to provide acceptable surfaces for both.

Amazingly CR 765 is nearly wide enough for this approach – in most places. Parts of the road, especially from the Rainbow mailboxes to Tin Cup, were a bit too narrow. Tracked vehicles needed to use the logging road for short distances and then return to the "snow road". The same was true for the two Willow Creek crossings. Note: from Washington Street south to and up Slaughterhouse, the road was cleared exclusively for the logging trucks.

At the start, developing both roads was a bit of a challenge. The loggers utilized a large motor grader with a plow arrangement on the front to clear a single lane for the trucks. The "snow road" was developed using the Buena Vista snowmobile club's large snow cat/groomer. Many of you may know Jeff Mitchell from Murdy subdivision – he was the groomer's operator through the winter, and he did a fantastic job. Some minor problems arose, but due to good communication among the loggers, the Forest Service, and Jeff, most all were resolved quickly. In some places, the combined road surfaces were wider than the road itself, thanks to compaction on the road's shoulder by the groomer and by over-the-snow vehicle traffic.

Special thanks to everyone involved with this very successful project. We all definitely learned a lot.



Board Members Wanted

There are three Tin Cup Civic Association Board of Directors positions expiring this year currently held by Donna Fredrickson, Joe Grenawalt, and Jimmy Schammerhorn. Ken Alexander has elected not to serve another year, so there are four positions that need to be addressed.

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.

Come to this year's Annual Meeting (and the meeting on June 22) to find out all the latest!

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