



TOWN SCOOP

THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF SEVERANCE NEWSLETTER

September 2023

SEVERANCE TOWN COUNCIL



Mayor
Matthew
Fries



Mayor Pro
Tem
Dennis Kane



Council Member
Stephen
Gagliardi



Council
Member
Frank Baszler



Council
Member
Michelle Duda



Council
Member
Dave Bruen



Council
Member
Dan Meyers

COUNCIL CORNER

A Message from the Mayor

Residents of Severance: I hope this note finds you all well, kids back to school and ready for fall. There was definitely a feel of fall in the air this morning!

Please be advised that our November 7th election has been CANCELLED in accordance with our Town Charter. 3 citizens turned in petitions to run for 3 open council seats, and I was the only candidate that turned in a petition for the Mayor's seat. All petitions were turned in on time and certified by the Town Clerk. Our Town Charter states if there are no more candidates than seats available, the election will be canceled and the candidates will be sworn in during the first, regular council meeting after December 31st of the election year. In this case, the candidates will be sworn in to office on January 9, 2024. The current Town Council will vote on a resolution to this affect during our next meeting, September 12, 2023. Assuming the resolution passes with a majority of the council, this saves the town the cost of the election (approximately \$12,000), where there is no contention on any available seats.

Congratulations to : Dan Myers (re-elected), Brittany Vandermark and Craig Joseph. These 3 Council Member Elects, will join Council Members Michelle Duda, Stephen Gagliardi and Dave Bruen on our Town Council, and myself as your Mayor on January 9, 2024.

I am thrilled to serve you all as your Mayor for the next 4 years!

I encourage all of you to attend our regular council meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 to say fair well and Thank You to outgoing council member Dennis "Zeke" Kane and Frank

Baszler. Both have served our town well and deserve a big THANKS from all of us. More information to come, please stay tuned.

Severance Days was a huge success! I hope you had a chance to attend and enjoy one of the several events that took place over 3 days. It was great to see you all having a great time. There is no question that our town loves to come together as ONE COMMUNITY!

The last quarter of the year means Budget Season. Staff and the Town Council will have multiple public meetings/hearings regarding the town budget over the next couple months. If you have any questions or comments regarding the town budget, please contact the town council or town management, or come to one of the public hearings. We want to hear from you and you deserve to have your questions answered.

Paving is done on CR 21/Teller St.!! Traffic light at CR23 and SH392 is almost done!! Thanks for your patience, there is no good way to close roads for improvements. Thankfully, it is behind us. (until the next improvement 😊)

Enjoy the last few weeks of Summer. SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION. PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

Matthew Fries
Mayor

Community Snapshot

- Population: 10,602
- Number of Households: 3,435
- Median Household Income: \$108,208
- Per Capita Income: \$41,146
- Median Home Value: \$456,009
- Diversity Index: 46.1
- Median Age: 35.5
- Unemployment Rate: 4%
- Labor Force: 5,222
- HS+ Graduate Rate: 95.5%
- Sales Tax Rate: 3.0%
- Town Mill Levy Rate: 12.635

Calendar of Events

Tuesday September 12th
6pm - 9pm| Town Council
Meeting/ Work Session

Wednesday September 18th
4:30pm- 6pm| Margs with the
Mayor

Wednesday September 20th
6pm - 9pm| Planning
Commission Meeting

Tuesday September 26th
6pm - 9pm| Town Council
Meeting/Work Session

Monday September 25th
6pm - 9pm| Tree Board
Meeting

Building Department

Closed Building Permits Jan-Aug of 2023

Count of Subdivision	Column Labels								
Row Labels	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Grand Total
BELMONT FARMS	1						1		2
GOLDEN EAGLE ACRES		1			1				2
HIDDEN VALLEY FARM	7	19	3	1	1	2	15	41	89
HUNTERS CROSSING	1	3	7	2	3	3	6		25
SADDLER PUD	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	18
SEVERANCE SHORES							1		1
TAILHOLT	2	10	11	6		3	7	4	43
Grand Total	13	35	23	12	8	11	31	47	180



Stay updated on the construction progress of the Clearview Library District library Branch in Severance.

Learn more about our Facilities Plans for the Library Branch in Severance on our website, and stay informed about the construction progress! Visit bit.ly/CLDLibBranchSeverance.



Programs & Events in Severance

Come and discover the exciting programs, events, and Bookmobile Stops offered by Clearview Library District in Severance! For a list of

Bookmobile Stops near you, visit

bit.ly/CLDBOMOSchedule. Don't miss out on the

Severance Family STEAM Hour every Thursday

afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Range

View Elementary Library. Our dedicated Library

District staff will guide you and your family

through thrilling STEAM activities and provide

access to awesome tech toys. Join Miss Nancy and

staff for multiple weekly storytimes, including the

interactive Read, Rhyme, and Romp in Severance

and the captivating Storytime and a Craft in

Severance. There's something for everyone! Check

out a detailed schedule of programs and events at

bit.ly/CLDevents.

For more information on local school events, click the school logo!

SEVERANCE HIGH SCHOOL



SEVERANCE MIDDLE SCHOOL



RANGEVIEW ELEMENTARY



The Great Western Trail

The construction on the Great Western Trail has completed and is now over 10 miles that can be used for recreational use!



WARNING: Fire Blight

Fireblight is a destructive, highly infectious, and widespread disease caused by the bacterium *Erwinia amylovora*. Fireblight can be a problem in Colorado and is particularly prevalent in some counties. Fire blight attacks blossoms, leaves, shoots, branches, fruits, and roots.



As soon as fire blight is discovered, prune off infected branches 1 foot below the diseased sections and burn them to prevent further infection. Dip pruning shears into a 10% alcohol or bleach solution between each cut to avoid transmitting the disease from one branch to another.

For more information, please visit <http://www.gwtrail.com/>

Your Severance Chamber of Commerce is a great way to get involved in your community, promote your business and support other local businesses!

Click below to view more!

- ✓ [Click here to view our Newsletter and check out upcoming events](#)
- ✓ [Click here to visit our website](#)
- ✓ [Click here to see how you can get involved with the Chamber and the community by becoming an Ambassador](#)



SEVERANCE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bringing Community Together

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

YOUTH OF THE YEAR



NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
UNTIL NOVEMBER 28TH, 2023



The Town of Severance is now taking nominations for Business, Citizen and Youth of the Year! Nominations will be collected, and winners that meet the criteria will then go to the Selection Committee for them to choose the winners. For details of criteria and submission information, please go to:

<https://www.townofseverance.org/home/news/business-citizen-and-youth-year>



Business of the Month NOMINATIONS

THE SEVERANCE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH PROGRAM IS AIMED AT RECOGNIZING LOCAL BUSINESSES IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDE AN INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS. THE PROGRAM IS INTENDED FOR BUSINESSES IN THE SERVICE, AT-HOME BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL, OR RETAIL INDUSTRY THAT DIRECTLY PROVIDE A SERVICE OR GOODS TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

TOWN PRIDE STANDS FOR THE FOLLOWING VALUES: TEAMWORK, OPEN-MINDED, WELCOMING, NEIGHBORLY, PROFESSIONALISM, RESPECT, INNOVATION, DEDICATION, AND ETHICS.

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION:

PLEASE DROP OFF AT TOWN HALL
3. S TIMBER RIDGE PARK

OR

ONLINE THROUGH
SUBMISSIONS@TOWNOFSEVERANCE.ORG

SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
[HTTPS://WWW.TOWNOFSEVERANCE.ORG](https://www.townofseverance.org)



A friendly reminder to owners, renters, or occupants of property within the Town of Severance are required to keep turf grass and weeds cut to 8" or less as per **Ordinance 2022-24 Section 7-1-210**. Natural grasses will be cut to 9" or less in open space and passive common areas. The definition of property includes driveways, sidewalks, curbs and gutters as well. Permitting the growth of weeds can negatively impact the neighborhood, so do your part in keeping your community looking beautiful. If you'd like to report weeds, please go to our website and leave a comment or click here: <https://www.townofseverance.org/home/webforms/comments>



POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE

PLEASE NOTE THAT MONTHLY STATS MAY VARY DUE TO WHEN INFORMATION IS PROCESSED

August 2023

It is the mission of the Severance Police Department to serve our community through collaboration with our citizens to maximize public safety while providing ethical and equitable services.

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY OR NEED TO SPEAK WITH A SEVERANCE POLICE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL 911.

If you do not wish to call 911 and still need to speak with a Severance Police Officer, please call the Weld County Dispatch 970-350-9600 (option 4).



Town of Severance Police Dept.
3 Timber Ridge Pkwy
Severance, CO 80550

970 -686-1218

[townofseverance.org/police-department](https://www.townofseverance.org/police-department)

 Alarm Burglar	4	 Domestic Violence	2
 Trespass	17	 Family Problems/Child	2
 Assault	1	 Fraud	3
 Assist Fire /Medical	4	 Harassment	16
 Drug Activity	2	 Hit and Run	3
 Civil Issue /Standby	1	 Suicide/Mental Health	2
 Criminal Mischief	4	 Suspicious Circumstances	25
 Custodial Arrest	2	 Traffic Stops	95
 Disturbance	10	 Traffic Accidents	3
TOTAL CITATIONS		TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	
80		663	

CODE COMPLIANCE AT-A-GLANCE

Report Online: www.townofseverance.org/home/webforms/comments

EIGHT INCHES MAX ON WEEDS AND GRASSES

Grasses and weeds must be kept at a height of 8" or less in yards and alleys and 9" or less in fields and undeveloped lots. In Town of Severance



NO NOXIOUS WEEDS

A noxious weed is a plant whose growth is restricted by law due to its destructive qualities, aggressive growth, and difficulty to eradicate. You can search for images of noxious weeds by using an internet search engine or contact us for a brochure. For more information about removing noxious weeds, please contact the Weld County Weed Management at 970-400-3770 or Weld.org/weeds or visit the Colorado Weed Management Association at cwma.org.

RUBBISH & OUTDOOR STORAGE

Properties must be maintained in a neat, tidy, and methodical manner. The accumulation of rubbish is not permitted. Rubbish includes but is not limited to items discarded or unusable or susceptible to weather as well as branches, yard waste, tires and appliances. Outdoor storage includes items not normally stored outdoors in a residential area.

TRASH SHOULD BE SECURELY STORED

Unless it's your pick-up day, your trash must be securely stored behind the front plane of the building in plastic/metal cans with tight fitting lids or tightly secured plastic bags. Take your trash to the curb no sooner than 12 hours before your scheduled pick-up day.



INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES

An inoperable motor vehicle is any vehicle not displaying a current license plate and validation sticker, or is not operational due to flat tires, missing parts or damage. Inoperable vehicles may be stored on your property as long as they are screened from view. Car covers are not sufficient for screening.

DO NOT PARK ON YARDS

You can only park on improved areas, meaning the ground must have asphalt, concrete, rock, gravel, or other similar inorganic material with a border. Parking on all other surfaces (like grass, dirt, or bark mulch) is in violation of our local code.

SNOW REMOVAL - YOU'VE GOT 24 HOURS

Residents are required to remove snow and ice from their property's sidewalks within 24 hours after the accumulation. Remember, no letter is issued for violations, it's up to you!



THE WRONG WAY TO USE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ANY EASEMENTS

Generally, a right-of-way (ROW) or easement is an area for public access (usually along roads) to host sidewalks, lightpoles, road signs, utility boxes and more. The ROW is reserved for the safe passage of motorists, bicycles, pedestrians, and stormwater. The most common items found illegally in the ROW or easement include, dumpsters, fencing, landscape materials, storage containers, basketball hoops, and any personal or commercial signage. Weeds and litter in the ROW or easement is the responsibility of the owner, agent owner, occupant or lessee of the property adjacent to the ROW or easement.

WHAT IS CODE ENFORCEMENT?

Code Enforcement is town staff, who enforce the Town's codes and ordinances. We focus on voluntary compliance and want all citizens to be able to live happily in their homes, whether a tenant or owner. Please take time to understand any violations found at your property and the necessary steps for compliance. Please visit townofseverance.org/municipal-code for code information.



To report a violation, call 970-673-2470, or submit online at www.townofseverance.org/home/webforms/comments

HOW WE ENFORCE CODES

If an officer finds a violation or finds a complaint valid, a letter is sent to the property owner. If it's a rental property, a copy is also sent to the tenant and the property management company, if known. The letter identifies the specific violation and sets a final date to correct the problem. Remember there is no letter for snow removal violations. After the final date, an officer will re-inspect the property. If the problem still exists, the officer may issue a civil citation and/or hire a contractor to do the work. The contractor's costs along with a municipal fee are billed to the property owner.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Please call 970-673-2470 or visit townofseverance.org/community-services.

SEVERANCE DAYS

