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THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF SEVERANCE NEWSLETTTER

August 2023



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A Message from the Mayor

Hello, Citizens of Severance!

Wow! It is the middle of summer already! School starts in just a few weeks! They say time flies when you are having fun. (are we having fun yet?) I know of one family in Severance that is most likely not having much fun, but perhaps thankful to be alive and uninjured. Just a few days ago this family lost their home to fire. I want them to know they are in my thoughts and prayers. I want to make mention of the immediate out pouring of support and help I have seen from our community to help this family in their time of need. I am so proud of this community. Thank you all for being their for your neighbors and friends.

This recent tragic event has caused me to take a close and personal look at why we all do what we do, especially as it pertains to our local government and our town as a whole. What's the point? For me, as your Mayor, it is watching and experiencing all of you kick into high gear and do what is needed, without being asked. Your instincts, based on the foundation of your character, took over, and you flew into action to do what you can do to fix a wrong. That is my definition of community. Good community. A community of character and caring. This is Severance Colorado, USA!

In just a few weeks, our town will come together over a long weekend and celebrate Severance Days! Nothing remarkable here as many small towns across our country do the same. However, the primary basis for this tradtion is to celebrate the harvest. Corn, wheat, sugar beets, etc. Although we still maintain a substantial amount of agriculture in the Severance area, how many of us can say we are doing the harvest? Not me. So this year (and all years to come) in addition to celebrating our agricultural roots, I think we should celebrate our most valuable "Crop" and that is all of you, our community of people! Severance Days is time to bring us all together, seeing old friends and making new ones. The schedule of events for Severance Days can be found on the town website (and most likely in this newsletter). Have a safe and fun time celebrating each other.

See you all at the Parade!

Matthew Fries Mayor

COMMUNITY

August 2023



Ceremony and food trucks

@ Severance High School Stadium



Tuesday August 8th 6am - 9pml Town Council Meeting/Work Session

> Friday August 11th 11a:00am - 12:00pm | Chalk the Sidewalk

Wednesday August 16th 6am - 9pm| Planning **Commission Meeting**

Friday August 18th 4:30 pm-9:00 pm |Friday **Knight Lights**

Saturday August 19th 10:00am - 9:00pm | Severance Days

Sunday August 20th 8:00am - 12:00pm Severance Days

Tuesday August 22nd 6am - 9pm| Town Council Meeting/Work Session

Monday August 28th 6am - 9pm| Tree Board Meeting

Severance Days 2023 PARADE

For everyone's safety, please DO NOT park along the parade route beginning 8 AM Saturday August 19th

Parade starts 10 AM at Range **View Elementary**

ROUTE: East on Ponderosa Drive, North on South Timber **Ridge Parkway**

ENDING: at Town Hall

ALL intersections will be closed as parade passes

Questions or Concerns? Contact the Chamber at severancechamber@gmail.com



COMMUNITY

August 2023

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

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



SEVERANCE MIDDLE SCHOOL



RANGEVIEW ELEMENTARY



<u>Tornado Siren</u>



First Wednesday of every month between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm

<u>Mosquito Spray</u>



- August 9th
- August 16th

BUSINESS

August 2023

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!

✓ <u>Click here to view our</u> <u>Newsletter and check</u> <u>out upcoming events</u>

Click here to visit our <u>website</u>

Click here to see how you can get involved with the Chamber and the community by becoming an Ambassador



Bringing Community Together CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BUSINESS OF THE YEAR YOUTH OF THE YEAR

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. The winners will be announced at Community Park during Severance Days on August 19th at 5:00 PM. For details of criteria and submission information, please go to: <u>https://www.townofseverance.org/home/n</u> <u>ews/business-citizen-and-youth-year</u>



POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 2023



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: <u>https://www.townofseverance.org/home/webforms/comments</u>



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Bring Your Kids to the 2023 Family Farm Tour

Learn. See. Explore.

Sunday, October 8th —1 pm – 5 pm Visit these 3 Historic Area Farms

The Von Trotha-Firestien Farm at Bracewell The Historic Halfway Homestead located on the Jacoby Farm Tigges Farm Produce & Pumpkin Patch

Cost: \$10 per child 12 and under | \$20 per Adult

Open to just 24 participants per tour so sign up early!

REGISTER AT: www.recreationliveshere.com/recreg Tour Package includes: Transportation to Farms, Guided Tour at Each Location, Meal and Drink, and a special gift for each child that attends!

WARNING: Fire Blight

Fireblight is a destructive, highly infectious, and widespread disease caused by the bacterium Erwinia amylovora. Fireblight can be a problem in Georgia 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.

UPCOMING EVENT

2023

SEVERANCE DAYS Bringing Community Together

<u>Schedule of Events:</u> <u>Friday-Aug 18th-</u>

- 4:30-9pm-FRIDAY KNIGHT LIGHTS*-Severance High School
 Saturday August 19th-
- 10am-Parade-Range View Elementary School
- 11-3pm-Auto Show- Severance High School
- 11-6pm-Vendor Booths-Community Park
- 11-9pm-Food Trucks & Beer Garden-Community Park
- 12:00pm-DJ LIL COOP-Community Park
- 1pm-Kids Games-Community Park
- 5pm- Citizen, Business & Youth of the year award
- 5:10pm- RM Oyster Eating Contest-Community Park
- 5:30pm-Shovelin Stone- Community Park
- 7:30pm- SPENCER CRANDALL-Community Park
- Fireworks Following Concert-Community Park

Sunday August 20th-

August 18th,

19th, & 20th

- 8am-Severance 5k Fun Run*-Severance High School
- 10am- Praise in the Park*-Community Park

For more information scan this QR code:



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