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TOWN SCOOP

SEVERANCE TOWN COUNCIL













Mayor Matthew Fries

Mayor Pro Tem Council Dennis Member Kane

Council Member Stephen Gagliardi Frank Baszler Michelle Duda

Council Member

Council Member Dave Bruen

Council Member **Dan Meyers**

<u>Essage from the mayor</u>

Hello Severance! Spring is almost here. Living in Colorado nearly my whole life, I have always appreciated the change of seasons we have, but I have to admit, I really look forward to warmer weather and enjoying our great outdoors...when it's warm!

Recently, a group of Severance volunteers/residents completed the work of reviewing our Land Use Code. These volunteers were appointed by the Town Council and called the Land Use Advisory Committee. Myself along with council members Duda and Myers, attended their last meeting recently to personally thank each of them for their service to our community. I wanted to use this month's edition of the newsletter to thank all the boards and commissions volunteers of Severance and bring attention to the important work they do for all of us in our community.

In addition to the Land Use Advisory Committee, Severance has a Tree Board and a Planning Commission. Our Tree Board is a requirement necessary to have a Tree City USA designation. (Yes, Severance has a Tree City USA designation.) The Tree Board reviews potential developments and offers advice and direction regarding tree/vegetation types and locations to assure longevity, variety, and functionality. They also oversee trees and vegetation in our parks and open spaces.

The Severance Planning Commission reviews all stages of proposed developments, land use/zoning changes, future land use map, transportation plans and corridors and our comprehensive plan. Much of their meeting are required "public hearings".

These hearings allow the proposed development applicants the opportunity to present their plans to the commission and public. Public comment from any citizen or resident is allowed as well. Ultimately the planning commission deliberates from all input provided, assures the projects meet our land use code, and forwards a recommendation of approval or denial to the town council.

I think it is fair to say that many citizens are not aware of these boards, commissions and the volunteers that serve on them for you and our community. Allowing for citizen involvement in the policy-making of our community is a true representation of freedom. Much of this work is done without many knowing it is happening. That is a good thing. That is what is expected of our government. However, I would like Severance to be a leader in offering recognition to the many men and women that serve all of our citizens and our community as a whole.

I encourage every citizen of Severance to visit our town website, www.townofseverance.org, and look up the names of your friends and neighbors that our serving in these capacities. Take a few minutes to drop them a quick note to thank them for what they do and shake their hand when you see them next. As your Mayor, I thank you all and am proud of the work you do for our community.

Until next time, enjoy the few weeks we have left of winter! I look forward to seeing you soon!

Mayor Matthew Fries



BUSINESS S P O T L I G H T

Do you or someone you know have a Severance Business you would like to highlight, have an event coming up, or specials you would like to share in one of our monthly newsletters? Reach out to communications@townofseverance.org for more information. Severance is a great place to do business! We have a wide variety of different companies that call Severance home. We encourage you to check out all of our local businesses and support them this holiday season. <u>Click here to shop local!</u>

SEVERANCE BUSINESS

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 Meet & Greet HAPPY

St Patrick's ay

BRUCE'S BAR March 14th @ 5:30-7:30pm

SCAN BELOW TO REGISTER



TACO BAR!

Easter Egg Hunt with Calvary Church

COME NETWORK

WITH US!

Join us for a 5k Color Run & Easter Egg Hunt @ Community Park, Severance

 Registration/check-in: 10:30am • Adult 5K run: 11:30am Kids 1 Mile run: 12:30pm

Easter Egg Hunt: 2:00pm



Scan Code to register

Adult Registration = \$25.00 *Kids Registration = \$10.00* Price includes: T-Shirt

- Racing Bib
- Swag Bag
- Sunglasses
- Temporary Tattoos





For additional information contact: Severancechamber@gmail.com