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# TOWN SCOOP

THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF SEVERANCE NEWSLETTER

November 2023

## SEVERANCE TOWN COUNCIL



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Matthew Fries



Mayor Pro Tem  
Dennis Kane



Council Member  
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Council Member  
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Council Member  
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Council Member  
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Council Member  
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## COUNCIL CORNER

### A Message from Mayor Fries

Hello Severance!

We have had a beautiful Colorado autumn thus far and I hope you all have had a chance to get outside and enjoy our desirable Colorado weather. As of writing this note, however, winter will remind us that it is not far away.

When given the opportunity, I often talk about our "Preparedness" as a community. The context of which is typically public safety. I have spent many hours as your Mayor meeting with our staff, police department, and Weld County officials assuring that we are doing everything possible and reasonable to keep our families, homes, and property safe. Recently, our town had the need to test our preparedness. I can tell you from where I sit, and the information made available to me, we passed the test. Not only did our own police, fire, and ambulance services perform at the highest possible levels to keep innocent people safe, as well as themselves, our neighboring communities arrived in full force to help, as planned. We owe Ault, Eaton, Windsor, Greeley, Weld County Sheriff, and SWAT as well as the Colorado State Patrol a huge THANK YOU for helping our local first responders.

My prayers go out to the family and friends of the two victims who died. The investigation is ongoing and as details are made available at the appropriate time, I will be sure that our community is kept informed.

Preparedness, in another context, is being informed. The Town of Severance is in the middle of budget season. As required by our town charter, the Town manager has submitted the proposed 2024 to your Town Council on time. The council will now consider the budget, offer changes and or comments during a public hearing, and then vote on the budget during our public council meeting in December. Recently, the town staff and council hosted a public open house at the town hall regarding the budget allowing citizens to ask questions and offer comments. The event was well attended. However, if you were unable to attend, there is still plenty of time to weigh in or ask questions. The proposed budget is available on the town website, and you can call any member of the town council to get questions answered or offer your comments.

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The budget is the tool the town management uses to collect and spend your tax dollars. Your opinion matters and we want to hear from you.

The Town of Severance is financially sound. We have no debt. However, we are not without our future financial challenges, and I want everyone to be prepared. Specifically, we are faced with increased costs in the treatment and delivery of our potable water, as well as the treatment and delivery of our wastewater (sewer). All water and wastewater users in Severance should expect an increase in the costs of these services for 2024. Exactly how much of an increase will be determined by the town council during an open public meeting in November, and a final vote in December. The town will continue to work with our potable water treatment partner, North Weld County Water District on the delivery of our current water use, but it is clear that both residential and agricultural growth in the NWCWD have been substantial in recent years, as well as forecasted growth in Northern Colorado. The challenge to keep up with the demand is costly and it is the users, like me and you, that ultimately pay. Additionally, the town has been working diligently for the past two years on additional options for water treatment to help reduce future demand on the NWCWD system. As you might imagine, these options are not cheap and take years to implement. Future growth will pay the price for these options. Not to pile on, but you need to know that our current wastewater treatment pond will no longer be in State Compliance in 2027 and will need to be decommissioned to the state specification.

In preparation for this known reality, several years ago the town entered into an agreement with Windsor to treat part of our wastewater, the agreement is working well. The town is exploring options to potentially increase the volume of the agreement with Windsor or build our own treatment plant. You guessed it, neither option is without increases in cost to the final users, you and me. All increases discussed here are no surprise. The only real unpredictable element has been the rate of inflation. We all have experienced increases in the cost of our water usage, at both ends, for the past couple of years. You should expect them to continue and the council will do its best with what we have to work with to keep the increases reasonable. If you have any other ideas, we are listening.

I look forward to seeing you all around town and at our upcoming community events. Please be safe, and be kind to one another.

Matthew Fries  
Mayor



(We had so much fun at the Trick or Treat Parade)

# VETERANS APPRECIATION NIGHT

11.14.2023

ALL VETERANS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO VETERAN APPRECIATION NIGHT AT  
TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY NOV 14.

★ ★ ★ **RSVP TODAY!** ★ ★ ★

Join us at Severance Town Hall  
for a Veterans Appreciation  
Night. There will be a dinner at  
5pm and an appreciation from  
Town Council to honor all who  
served. Please RSVP by  
November 9th!

**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**



3 S. Timber Ridge Parkway Severance, CO

Please call 970-686-1218 or email [events@townofseverance.org](mailto:events@townofseverance.org) with questions.

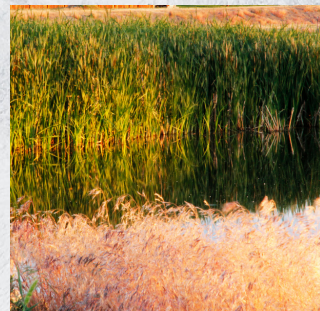


## Community Snapshot

- 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

## 2023 PHOTO CONTEST

The Town of Severance needs YOUR help to capture, in photo, the very best Severance, Colorado has to offer! Submit your photos that represent one of Severance's T.O.W.N P.R.I.D.E values to the 2023-2024 Photo Contest. Town staff will pick the top entries, residents will then have the opportunity to vote for the winners on the Town of Severance's Facebook page. To submit photos and review the photo contest rules, visit our website at [www.townofseverance.org/about-us/webforms/20232024-photo-contest](http://www.townofseverance.org/about-us/webforms/20232024-photo-contest)



# Building Department Closed Building Permits Jan-Oct of 2023

Row Labels	<1/13/2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Grand Total
BELMONT FARMS		1						1				2
GOLDEN EAGLE ACRES			1			1						2
HIDDEN VALLEY FARM		7	19	3	1	1	2	15	41	32	1	122
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	4	11	58
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<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>228</b>



The 1.5 MG Elevated Water Tank is currently being constructed by Landmark Structures I, LP. The Contractor has completed the 12" and 16" inlet and outlet water line installation, the concrete foundation, and the concrete pedestal, including the concrete dome cap. The Contractor has also installed the water lines, ladder, landing, inspection rail, and cable hanging brackets within the concrete pedestal. The Contractor has also installed the electrical and communication conduit across the site. The steel water tank ground phase began on October 6, 2023 (see photo) and will be completed this year. Work will be suspended from the end of November 2023 until April 2024 due to potential weather interruptions. The 1.5 MG Elevated Water Tank is anticipated to be commissioned by October 31, 2024.

## NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT COMING 2024!





**Severance Town Hall now has a ballot drop-off box. There is 24-hour surveillance, and ballots are picked up nightly by Weld County.**



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

## SEVERANCE HIGH SCHOOL



## SEVERANCE MIDDLE SCHOOL



## RANGEVIEW ELEMENTARY





**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](https://bit.ly/CLDLibBranchSeverance).

### Help Us Name Our Library Branch Locations!

Take the Clearview Library District Community Survey.

As we anticipate the addition of a new branch, the Clearview Library District recognizes the importance of public input in determining the name for the new Library Branch in Severance and renaming the Windsor-Severance Library branch in Windsor. The Library District's name will remain unchanged throughout this process, and public input will play a crucial role in the finalized names of our two library branch facilities.

Be part of shaping the names of these incredible library branch facilities! Take our survey now and have a direct impact on the final naming decision. Click here to take the survey: <https://bit.ly/CLDSurvey2023>. The survey will be available until November 10, 2023.

### Bookmobile Hours & Locations

Tuesdays - 9:30am-11:30am

Blue Spruce Park, 103 Blue Spruce Dr.

Thursdays- 3:00pm-4:00pm

Overlook Park, 10007 County Rd. 72

Fridays- 3:00pm-3:30pm

Range View Elementary (school days only),  
700 Ponderosa Dr.

Fridays- 4:00pm-5:00pm

Severance Shores Park, Shoreview Pkwy



To see our full Bookmobile schedule and stay informed of any changes, visit [bit.ly/CLDBOMOSchedule](https://bit.ly/CLDBOMOSchedule).

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Storytime and a Craft in Severance

Read, Rhyme, and Romp in Severance

#### EVERY THURSDAY

Severance Family STEAM Hour

### November Events

Monday, November 6th

Family Bingo - Sun, Rain, and Bingo Games  
3:30pm, Rangeview Elementary Library








Wednesdays, Nov 1st-Dec 6 (except 11/22)

Imagine Stories Together Family Book Club  
6:00PM, on Zoom



Visit our website at [clearviewlibrary.org/events](https://clearviewlibrary.org/events) to explore all the thrilling events we have lined up for October!

## NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	 4
5	6	 7	8	9	 10	 11
12	 13	 14	 15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	 23	 24	25
26	27	 28	29	30		

## Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 1st  
12:30pm- 3pm| Municipal Court

Wednesday, November 1st  
6pm - 7pm| Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

Saturday, November 4th  
10am - 1pm| 6th Annual Turkey Drive

Tuesday, November 7th  
7am - 7pm| Election Day

Friday, November 10th  
ALL DAY| Town Hall Closed

Friday, November 11th  
Veterans Day

Monday, November 13th  
World Kindness Day

Tuesday, November 14th  
6pm - 9pm| Town Work Session/ Council Meeting & Veterans Appreciation Night

Wednesday, November 15th  
6pm- 8pm| Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, November 23rd  
Thanksgiving| Town Hall Closed

Friday, November 24th  
ALL DAY| Town Hall Closed

Tuesday, November 28th  
CANCELLED| Town Council Meeting/Work Session



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## 6TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Make sure to drive by Town Hall for our annual turkey and food drive November 4th! If you cannot drop off any food items, scan the QR code or follow the link at <https://weldfoodbank.org/virtual-food-drives/severance/> to participate in the online food drive!



**6TH ANNUAL TURKEY AND FOOD DRIVE**

**TOWN OF SEVERANCE**  
100th ANNIVERSARY 1913-2023

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023 10AM-1PM**  
SEVERANCE TOWN HALL 3 S TIMBER RIDGE PARKWAY

SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE ONLINE

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE

**Weld Food Bank**

ACCEPTING TURKEYS, CANNED FOOD, & NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS STARTING OCTOBER 20TH AT SELECT LOCATIONS\*

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.TOWNOFSEVERANCE.ORG](http://WWW.TOWNOFSEVERANCE.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION\*

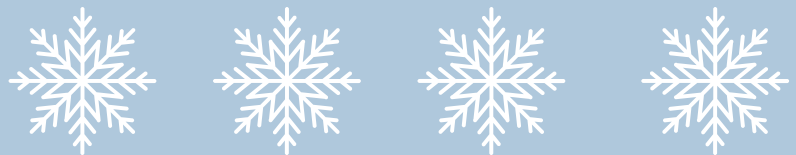
A row of logos including the Town of Severance logo, the WSFR Fire Department logo, and several other community organization logos.

**TOWN OF SEVERANCE**  
100th ANNIVERSARY 1913-2023

**Town Christmas**

**MEET SANTA AND MS. CLAUS FROM 3PM-5PM**  
Community Park, 100 Waterfowl Way, Severance CO 80550

**9th DEC** | Vendor Booths - Free Horse Carriage Rides - Santa & Ms. Claus - Grinch - & A Firework Show After Dark! | **2-6 PM**

A decorative border at the bottom of the poster consisting of a string of colorful lights in red, orange, yellow, and green.

**Santa is coming to Severance!**  
Mark your calendars for an afternoon of fun at Community Park on December 9th from 2PM-6PM. Santa and Ms. Claus will be there from 3PM-5PM in addition to other guests and activities. Then, after dark, a firework show! Merry Christmas!



**SEVERANCE**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

- [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

ARE YOU READY TO NETWORK  
WITH THE BEST OF THE BEST?

JOIN US!

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO  
COME TO THIS EVENT!

## Severance Chamber Mash Connections Event

BUILDING BUSINESS. BUILDING COMMUNITY.



NOVEMBER 9TH

6:00-7:30 PM

MASH LABS IN WINDSOR  
4487 HIGHLAND MEADOWS  
PKWY IN WINDSOR

**REGISTER HERE**

Light Appetizers will  
be provided.  
Drinks are on you!



## SMALL BUSINESS



## SHOP SMALL SHOP LOCAL

## CLICK BUSINESS FOR MORE INFORMATION



**Live Local with TBK Bank**  
TBK Bank is proud to support the local businesses in our communities.

Scan the QR code to find out how TBK Bank Can Help Your Business



TBK Bank, SSB | Member FDIC



TBK BANK

**LIVE LOCAL**

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS + SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

**YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

CONTACT THE TOWN OF SEVERANCE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AT 970-686-1218

 **1 YEAR STANDARD HOME WARRANTY**


Value **\$380**

*Gift Coupon*

Buy a home with me and I will purchase you a 1-year home warranty from First American Home Warranty at Closing!



*Custom Solutions*



*Felicia the Builder*

Custom Solutions offers an excellent experience for those who are on the fence about buying new or used furniture items. We offer custom services where you are apart of the full experience in customizing your pieces, picking colors, and redesigning what you already have. We also build furniture pieces, as well as shop for specific ideas and get them refinished for you. Lastly, we offer abstract artwork to tie things together for your home or office.

We are offering \$100 off custom orders



**As the weather gets cooler be sure to wrap your trees! A good rule of them is to have your trees wrapped by Thanksgiving and unwrapped by Easter. Why should you wrap your trees? Wrapping trees helps protect against sunscald and frost cracks, which all occur during cold, winter months.**

**Did you know you still need to water your trees during winter? Periodically watering can help prevent root damage from being too dry during the fall and winter months.**

**Woody plants with shallow root systems require supplemental watering during extended dry fall and winter periods. Plants receiving reflected heat from buildings, walls and fences are more subject to damage. Water only when air and soil temperatures are above 40 degrees F with no snow cover.**





## Sec. 7-1-200. - Snow removal.

It shall be unlawful and constitute a nuisance for any person to allow snow or ice to remain on any sidewalk open to the public and abutting or adjoining the property controlled, owned or occupied by such person after twenty-four (24) hours of the last measurable snowfall or snowdrift. A notice shall state that, if the offending snow or ice is not removed from such property as prescribed by this Article on or before one (1) day from the date of such notice, the removal may be done by the Town and all costs of abatement, including the cost of inspection and all other incidental costs in connection therewith, including administrative costs, will be charged against the property, in addition to any other penalty and costs or orders that may be imposed.

**TO REPORT OR LEAVE A COMMENT GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT:**  
<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\*

October 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	1
	Trespass	3		Family Problems/Child	1
	Assault	3		Fraud	0
	Assist Fire /Medical	3		Harassment	5
	Drug Activity	4		Hit and Run	0
	Civil Issue /Standby	2		Suicide/Mental Health	2
	Criminal Mischief	5		Suspicious Circumstances	21
	Custodial Arrest	3		Traffic Stops	68
	Disturbance	9		Traffic Accidents	11

TOTAL CITATIONS

54

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

480

# CODE COMPLIANCE AT-A-GLANCE

Report Online: [www.townofseverance.org/home/webforms/comments](http://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](http://Weld.org/weeds) or visit the Colorado Weed Management Association at [cwma.org](http://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.day.



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://townofseverance.org/community-services).

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country.

During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. This October, WSFR's Community Risk Reduction Manager visited nearly 1400 students in preschool, first and third grade in the district teaching fire prevention curriculum. Getting into the classroom to teach fire prevention and safety skills in these formative years can make a difference in reducing risk in our community.



From reading “The Story of Sparky the Fire dog” to the younger students took a short lesson on fire safety from the older students, teaching them these skills throughout their elementary years is important to the students as well as their families. First and third graders should have come home to remind parents to check smoke alarms monthly and to make a fire escape plan with their families as well as the four steps to take when they hear a smoke alarm: Stop what you’re doing, looks for 2 ways out, get LOW and GO and feel the door to GET OUT!.