

# TOWN OF MARBLE NEWSLETTER FALL 2019

## **MUD/FLOOD**

The 2019 Spring and Summer snow melt runoff was truly one for the record books. While the Town of Marble did not suffer any large scale flood damage from the high water this year, the potential was certainly present. As a proactive precaution, the Town Council purchased 500 sandbags in early July to keep on hand for any flooding in Marble.

## **SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE**

After months of discussion, debate and input from the public on August 1, 2019 the Marble Town Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance #3-2019 updating the Town's Zoning Code with provisions regarding Short Term Rentals and Business Licenses for Short Term Rentals.

Effective January 1, 2020, property owners of residential units within the Town of Marble desiring to rent their dwellings, or portions thereof, for periods of time less than thirty days will be required to obtain a Short Term Rental Business License from the Town. The business license shall be renewable annually at a cost of \$50.00 per year.

The ordinance requires a designated responsible party be immediately available within one hour of notification to respond to any issues arising from the short term rental of the rented property.

The entire Short Term Rental Ordinance can be viewed on [townofmarble.com](http://townofmarble.com) by clicking on the land use tab.

## **FIRE DISTRICT NEWS**

Rob Goodwin, Fire Chief of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District is pleased to announce the District's plans for a major expansion of the Marble Fire Station in the spring of 2020. In addition to two new truck bays, the expansion will feature a large multifunction meeting room. The room will be utilized as an incident command post for back country rescues, wildfires and other emergencies in the Marble area. The room will also be available to the Marble Town Council for town council meetings and other special town events such as the annual community Thanksgiving dinner as well as a polling place for elections.

Fire District voters approved a bond issue in November 2018 which included an expansion of the Marble Fire Station. Also included in the bond issue were 2 new replacement fire trucks for Marble along with a new replacement back country rescue vehicle. Other lifesaving equipment will also be upgraded such as the Life Pac 12 Heart Monitor.

The property upon which the Marble Fire Station is located is owned by the Town of Marble and is part of the Mill Site Park property. The SBA deed allows fire department improvements to be placed on the property without approval from the SBA.

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## **MARBLE** **TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION** **APRIL 7, 2020**

The next regularly scheduled municipal election for Trustees of the Town of Marble is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There are 4 trustee seats up for election, 2 four year terms and 2 two year terms. The mayor's seat has two years remaining.

Nominations petitions will be available in early January 2020 from the Town Clerk. Anyone interested in running for one of the open seats can contact the Town Clerk at [leach@townofmarble.com](mailto:leach@townofmarble.com).

## **ROAD MAINTENANCE PLAN AND INPUT**

The Marble Trustees are seeking input on road maintenance projects for 2020. The trustees are dedicating 10 minutes on each month's town council meeting agenda for discussion and prioritization of road maintenance projects in 2020. Anyone with input on needed road maintenance projects in town should email the trustees at [townofmarble.com](http://townofmarble.com) or contact one of our town trustees.

## **"SAVE THE LOOP"**

In October of 2018 a working group was formed to study the increased usage of the Lead King Loop and the associated impacts to the Town of Marble and surrounding areas. The group has met via conference call each month and is preparing to present a progress report that will be made available on [townofmarble.com](http://townofmarble.com) later this fall.

Corinne Truesdell, a Masters of Environmental Management (MEM) student at Western Colorado University in Gunnison Colorado is joined the team in June of this year and is assisting the working group with a comprehensive study of the issues and impacts. Corinne has hit the ground running and is quickly getting up to speed with the associated issues and impacts of the wildly increasingly popular "LOOP".



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## **MESSAGE FROM MAYOR VINCIGUERRA**

Fall is in the air. Summer has come to a close and soon enough there will be snow. As these seasons transition, please remember to secure your trash from bears and other wildlife. It is important to not only respect the animals, but your neighbors as well. They are generally the people who have to collect the trash once it has been spread and rummaged through. In addition to the seasons changing the Town Council has some exciting projects and changes we have been working on. We are excited to announce the possibility of a Town Recycling Program. We are shooting for 2 days a week (Tuesday and Saturday) 9am - 11am near the camp ground. The operation will be volunteer driven and organized by the board. The topic will come to a vote at the Oct 3rd meeting, so stay tuned.

A quick congratulations is in order for a wonderful Lead King Loop Race fundraiser organized by the school and a whole lot of volunteers. The race went smoothly and generated important funding for the Charter School. MarbleFest was a hit. Thank you Richard Wells for bringing music to the valley. It is always fun to get down to the park and enjoy ourselves.

Our 2020 budgeting process is underway and some focuses for the Board are going to be Road Improvements, Park Improvements, Water Augmentation and Tourism Education involving the Lead King Loop.

Thank you all for being a part of our wonderful town!  
Mayor Ryan Vinciguerra

## **HUB HAPPENINGS**

There are some wonderful new faces joining the Hub family. We would like to welcome new board members Jamie Fiske and Angus Barber as well as new Vice-Chair Cyndi Fowler and new Board Chair Charlotte Graham. Charlotte was one of the original founders of the Marble Hub and it is exciting to have her vision and energy back. They are joining current board members Alex Menard, Gina Miles, and George Smith in planning for the future of the Hub.

The Hub had a record summer this year, due in part to our team of volunteers including Mike Higgins, Nicole Ferrell, Chris Salomon, Angus Barber, Jeff Chapman, Monique and Tanner Merritt and Nicole Ludlow. This year we expanded our merchandise to include a wide range of local books, jewelry, and artwork and brought in a new t-shirt design. All the hard work will pay off as we turn the proceeds into great community events and gatherings.

Once again our educational walks proved popular with topics ranging from wildflowers to history. Looking forward, we are busy planning for the winter program. Once again we will have great events every weekend ranging from classes to contests. Another project for this winter will be brainstorming how best to use the space next to the Hub. We are always looking for ideas and input from the community. Please email [themarblehub@gmail.com](mailto:themarblehub@gmail.com) if you have any thoughts!

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## **MARBLE CHARTER SCHOOL**

The school year is off to a great start! We have the most students enrolled that the school has ever had since its opening as a public charter school in 1995. We have a whopping 48 students Kindergarten thru 8 th grade for the 2019-2020 school year.

We are pleased to announce that Marble's very own, Ron Leach is our school bus driver this year. He is beyond dedicated in getting our students to and from school safely. The kids and parents are taking a real liking to him. Thank you Ron!

The Marble Charter School (MCS) students and staff would also like to thank the Marble community for all its support for our 16 th annual Lead King Loop Charity Race that was held on September 15 th . We had the most participants this year, which we hope to continue in years to come! The funds raised at this event each year helps to enrich every student's educational experience at the Marble Charter School. Without these funds, we wouldn't be able to provide the incredible opportunities that students do not normally get to experience, THANK YOU!!!

In closing, the MCS students and staff would like to share that we have continued to exceed national and state standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The 2019 Colorado Department of Education results show that the Marble Charter School has met and exceeded Academic Achievement and Growth scores at 92% with 53% being the expected performance framework for schools in Colorado. We are proud of our students and staff. They work hard and it shows!



**Amy Rusby**  
**Principal**

## **STORY TELLERS AND SONGWRITERS**

The folks at the Beaver Lake Lodge want to thank everyone who has attended and participated in the Song Writers and Story Tellers nights at the Lodge this summer and fall.

What a great time both the attendees as well as the artists have had with these uniquely Marble events.

Larry and Karen has promised more to come this fall so keep an eye out and try to make it out to the Lodge for a fun evening of songs and stories right here in Marble!

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## **MARBLE COMMUNITY CHURCH** **JON STOVALL, PASTOR**

### The Marble Community Church News

Everyone knows the Marble Community Church is one of the first things a person sees as they enter the town of Marble, standing in the same location since 1908, silently reminding all, that faith has been important to Marble almost since its conception. In 1912 the 500 pound bell was installed and ready to ring for Christmas services of that year. It can still be heard every Sunday morning at 10 am reminding locals and visitors that services are beginning and that faith still plays an important role in the town of Marble.

We are a “living and breathing” church as reflected in our summer activities. Each Friday we have had church sponsored hikes open to anyone—taking participants all over the surrounding trails. These hikes have been led by parishioner Jay Davison and his faithful dog, Blaze. It has been a wonderful way to experience the beauty of our surroundings. The hikes will continue through the end of September and all are invited to attend.

Another new venture began this summer with the development of a Men’s group that meets once a month. They received the name ROMEO—translated into retired old men eating out—from a parishioner, Joyce Leeman. The name has stuck even though there are non-retired men who attend from time to time as well. They do eat out but also find time to “play and work” in the course of their monthly meetings. They rode the rides at Glenwood Caverns, toured the caves there and at another meeting had a horseshoe competition at Thompson Park. One instance in which they set out to be of service, several of the men (and women) volunteered at Treasure Mountain

Bible Camp over a three day period when the call of “help needed” came from the camp.

A highlight of the summer occurred on Sunday August 25th when a baptismal service was performed in the Chrystal River. It was a beautiful warm day as parishioners strolled to the river after church to witness this very meaningful service.

On September 1st the church’s annual cookout was held and men jumped into the grilling of hotdogs and burgers and women supplied side dishes to celebrate the

passing of another great summer in the heart of the mountains in a town called Marble.

As a reminder to all, this is ‘your’ community church and Sunday services are held every Sunday at 10 am. Following the service is a fellowship time where good food can be had by all. Everyone is invited to join us. As winter approaches we will continue to be a living and breathing church with many seasonal celebrations. On that note we would like to let everyone know that there is always a candlelight Christmas Eve service at the church held at 7 pm. This is an especially meaningful service as our church is usually surrounded by snow and beautifully decorated to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

So if you happen to be in Marble on a Sunday morning and you hear the bell ringing at 10 am, know that this bell has rung since 1912 proclaiming all the services of faith held within. May it remind you that faith is still important in the town and community of Marble.

**DID YOU KNOW**

The marble scattered along the right of way between Marble and Carbondale are not the result of railroad cars overturning, but were deliberately placed there as ballast to prevent the river undermining the tracks. They are mostly the trimmings cut from building blocks, and the larger pieces are rejects, pieces with fissures, points of flint, or streaks of lime in them.



**Anna Pace**