



Town of De Beque Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2021

Letter from the Town Administrator

Fantastic fireworks set the tone for 2021 in De Beque. Congratulations to Marge for her hard work. With that, thank you to the Board for all you do as well for the Town.

It's time to start thinking about some spring clean-up as the Town hopes to have a burn of the debris pile in February, pending approval of a burn permit and favorable weather conditions. We are grateful that this will be in collaboration with the De Beque Fire District and we appreciate their expertise.

The development of the Town's latest new business, the Flower Collective is rapidly progressing and we look forward to the opportunities for new employment in our

Presidents Day 2021

Presidents' Day, officially Washington's Birthday, in the United States, holiday (third Monday in February) popularly recognized as honoring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The **day** is sometimes understood as a **celebration** of the birthdays

community. We remain excited by the opportunity to contribute a partial match to the REDI grants awarded to **The De Beque Country Store** and **Wildhorse Roadhouse**. Staff is in the process of researching and ordering tents, outdoor heaters, and the like, and will be administering the grants throughout the process. We've also reached out to strongly encourage our local businesses to apply for an additional Countywide grant through Mesa County.

Staff is knee-deep in two long and complex projects consisting of a comprehensive rate study as an objective tool to assess our current and future rates, and an evaluation and action plan for our water and wastewater sys-

tems. We are working with agencies and consultants such as DOLA, CDPHE, engineers, hydrologists and the like. Thankfully, DOLA has provided grant monies which covered the hydrologist's report and full evaluation of our water and wastewater needs. Colorado Rural Water's Association and their National Association have also agreed to perform the rate study at no cost to the Town. These two funding sources total more than \$100,000 which is amazing for the Town of De Beque. Both projects will take

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Interesting fact: Thirteen states—Delaware, Florida, Georgia, **Indiana**, **Iowa**, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, **New Mexico**, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and **Wisconsin**—don't celebrate Presidents Day or Washington's Birthday.



Special points of interest:

- February 9th. *Planning and Zoning 6 p.m.*
- February 23. *Board Meeting 6 p.m.*
- February 25th. *Municipal Court 4 p.m.*

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Happenings in the Area

Unfortunately with the regulations and situation of COVID 19 most events in our area are being cancelled for the next few months. As things open up, we will keep you updated with local events.

FOOD BANK THIRD WEDNESDAY of EACH MONTH! Open Bible Fellowship 697 Denver Ave. 3 - 5:30. If you did not sign up before hand please come at 5PM. 970-201-7092.



Local Churches

De Beque Church

317 Minter Ave. De Beque, CO 81630

Sunday School: 9:30—10:30 a.m. Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Pastor John Doden

Open Bible Fellowship

697 Denver Ave. De Beque, CO 81630

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Church Service 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Bill Nichols 970-201-6446

Join us for Praise and Worship!



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time as the projects and priorities themselves are being further defined and we our evaluating the availability and best funding sources available.

Finally, we are grateful to be working with Mesa County and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to evaluate and fund the watershed mitigation required as a result of the Pine Gulch fire.

At this point, the projected immediate needs surrounding our area which lies within Mesa County are estimated at approximately \$675,400. We will be requesting that NRCS fund approximately \$540,320 and Mesa County would fund approximately \$135,080. Mesa County has graciously agreed to serve as the Sponsor in making this request which, if granted, will substantially aid the Town

of De Beque and our surrounding Community.

Finger's crossed we continue to receive more moisture! Stay safe and well.

Caré McInnis

Town Administrator





Local Business Advertising

Ramblers Roost

Rooms for friends and family
Their home away from home.
\$42.00 per night
\$225.00 a week
\$600 a month



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Valentines Day Ideas for Social Distancing

Valentines Day is a time for celebrating love in all of its forms, but this year February 14 may look a little different. Here are a few ideas for practicing social distancing yet enjoying Valentines Day. Cool thing, is several of these ideas can be done as a family as well.

Have a picnic indoors or outdoors. Maybe even set a theme and create foods to match the theme.

Binge watch romantic movies or movies you find interesting together.

Cook dinner together.

Volunteer somewhere together. Pick up trash, deliver meals to mention a few.

Take a virtual class together. Photography, art or cooking are a few ideas.

Play a board game together.

Create something special like a photo album full of special moments and memories. A video compilation of special memories. Build a Valentines Day card for those you love and send it virtually.

Surprise a neighbor or elderly person by dropping off a valentine card or treat to

their front door.

Do a scavenger hunt with your kids or “you’ve been hearted” activity. Google it!



Recipe of the Month/Chicken and Wild Rice Bake

- 3 cups water
- 1 cup uncooked wild rice
- 2-1/2 teaspoons salt, divided
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1 pound sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 cups diced cooked chicken
- 1 jar (2 ounces) chopped pimiento, drained

- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 3/4 cup slivered almonds

In a large saucepan, bring water to a boil; stir in rice and 1 teaspoon salt. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until kernels have puffed open,

45-50 minutes. Drain any excess water. Pre-heat oven to 350°. In a 6-qt. stockpot, heat butter over medium-high heat; saute mushrooms and onion 5 minutes. Stir in rice, chicken, pimiento, parsley, pepper, broth, cream and remaining salt. Transfer to a 3-qt. or 13x9-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese and almonds. Bake, uncovered, until heated through, 50-60 minutes.





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Fireworks 2021 and Ground Hogs Day



I want to send out a HUGE thank you to our volunteer pyrotechnician Dave Anderson who handled all of the explosives for the fireworks! He did a remarkable job along with his son Dakota who did the choreography and computer programming. Together they worked relentlessly to get this show put together. In spite of a little delay (computer glitch), everything went off well and in the end, it was well worth the wait! The 21 Salute (flash bombs) at the beginning were a definite welcome to 2021! From there the colors flew as I could hear many AWES and OOHS throughout the show!

People from all over the Western Slope came to our little town of De Beque to enjoy the show! Heck people up Wallace Creek were watching it from their homes.

So many wonderful comments and photos were shared on Facebook. I appreciated you all and your continued support!

Several have asked “why the fireworks now?” As of 2019 Dave had retired from the fireworks gig. With thoughts of Dave and past New Years fireworks, it was a simple text message to Dave that revealed he was back at it and willing to do a show! Unfortunately this was on Dec 30th and did not leave enough time to pull it all together! With that, we made arrangements for Jan 16th! Our thoughts “Better late than never”!

HAPPY 2021!

Marge Mackey

Director, De Beque Recreation

GROUND HOGS DAY! On early February 2, the nation (OK, a few of us) will watch with bated breath as Punxsutawney Phil emerges from his burrow. It’s said that if Phil encounters his shadow, we’ll be in for six more weeks of winter weather, but if he doesn’t, then spring is just around the corner. This curious holiday comes from our agricultural past .

The date is tied to the movement of the Earth around the Sun; it marks the approximate halfway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox!

