



Clear Creek Chatter

Seasonal reminder; be prepared with an emergency car kit...



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- Jumper cables
- Cat litter or sand for traction
- Small shovel to scrape away snow from tires
- Ice Scraper
- Warm Clothes
- Blankets
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Non-perishable food items such as nuts and energy bars
- Water bring enough for each person in your car including pets
- Full gas tank and charged cell phone
- If you find yourself stranded, be safe and stay in your car, put on your flashers, call for help and wait until it arrives

Check road conditions before you leave at www.cotrip.org

Forces of Nature:

- “That rock rolling down the hill is a force of nature and unpredictability”
- 1877 The Colorado Central Railroad arrives in town
- 1939 the Loop Railroad is abandon, which was later rebuilt by the Colorado Historical Society
- 1966 Georgetown is designated as one of Colorado’s first National Landmark Districts

Force of Nature: Passage & Preservation from Georgetown to Silver Plume

By Harvey Productions

Copy and paste the below link to watch this awesome 10 minute short clip:

<http://www.vimeo.com/27450465>

From the Land Use Group

The Land Use Departments and Environmental Health just completed an upgrade and training process for our TrakIt software program. It will be faster and easier to enter and retrieve information about parcels, improvements and projects. Our software also allows citizens who have access to a computer to retrieve public information regarding land use activities in Clear Creek County. In addition, during the last quarter of this year we will be experimenting with accepting electronic submittals. If you are a contractor or engineer interested in participating as a sort of "guinea pig" please contact us to find out if we can work together on this project.

From the Planning Department: The Clear Creek County Zoning Regulations have changed!!! On Monday, August 29, 2011, after a year-long process, the County Commissioners approved major changes to the way the County will process rezoning requests and commercial development requests. The intent is to make the review and approval of commercial developments more straightforward, streamlined and predictable. If you know of anyone who intends to develop property for commercial purposes, or go through the rezoning process, please make sure that they know the regulations have been revised and to please call Fred Rollenhagen in the Planning Department for more information at 303-679-2360.

From the Building Department: In addition to putting in a heavy effort to meet inspection needs of the summer construction projects in Clear Creek County, the Building Department has been studying the 2009 International Codes and plans to have a recommendation for adoption by the end of this year. Watch for public notice of that discussion with the Board of County Commissioners.

From the Site Development Department: Several years ago, the Site Development Department took on the project of identifying, and then naming, unnamed roads in Clear Creek County. At times this project was challenging for staff and for residents, but having named roads and accurately numbered houses is critical to quick and efficient response from law enforcement and emergency services responders. 2011 marked the end of the "catch up" phase of the project, with 60 roads having been named. So a big thank you goes out to all of our citizens who went through the sometimes difficult process. Residents of Rocky Road, Moose Holler, Goat Trail, Falling Water – and 56 other roads - welcome to the official Clear Creek County map!

From the Solid Waste Department: The Transfer Station completed its set up of the County's Household Hazardous Waste permanent collection site this year and operated throughout the summer. At the end of September we will be shutting down this service for the winter, but watch for the re-opening announcement next spring. For all of you procrastinators, free slash disposal will also be closing down on October 1.

For Transportation Fans: The I-70 Mountain Corridor PEIS Record of Decision was signed this past summer, so Tier 2 studies and other CDOT efforts have commenced for several projects that will be important to Clear Creek County residents. The Advanced Guideway System Feasibility Study, the Twin Tunnels Study (to widen the eastbound bore), and the Colorado State Rail Plan are all in progress. Clear Creek County and its communities have representatives on committees that are guiding these efforts. Also in progress, is an operational assessment that may lead to "hard shoulder running." In addition to following media stories about these efforts, you may want to check out CDOT's website for regular reports: <http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/i-70mountaincorridor>



2011 Clear Creek County Road & Bridge Department Projects

<u>Year Started</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Year Complete</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
2011	East District 5.95 miles road base application Yankee Creek Rd (.60 mi); Witter Gulch Rd (1.50 mi); Snyder Mountain Rd (.70 mi); Aspen Place (.60 mi); Brook Forest Main Loop (2.55 mi)	2011	In process
2011	West District 2.5 miles road base application Little Bear Creek Rd (1 mi); Bard Creek Rd (.50 mi); Sawmill Creek Rd (.30 mi); Saddle Ridge Drive (.20 mi); Santa Fe Mountain Dr (.50 mi)	2011	In process
2011	Dust Control Little Bear Creek Rd (1.25 mi); Santa Fe Mountain Rd (1.25 mi); Hyland Hills (5.85 mi); Silver Lakes Dr (.75 mi); Trail Ck Rd (.50 mi); York Gulch Rd (1.25 mi); So Spring Gulch Rd (1.25 mi); Snyder Mtn Rd (1 mi); Aspen PI (.68 mi); Witter Gulch Rd (2 mi); Sinton Rd (1 mi); Vance Creek Rd (1.5 mi); Brook Forest Estates (2.55 mi)	2011	In process
2007	Virginia Canyon Sediment Basin cleaning		On-Going
2008	Squaw Pass Road Final Engineering Design	2010	Complete
	Squaw Pass Road EA	2011	In process
	Squaw Pass Road Bid & Construction	2012	
2011	Alvarado Rd Reconstruction (Phase 2)	Sept 2011	In process
2011	Clear Creek Rd Asphalt Pavement Project	Sept 2011	In process
2011	Idaho Springs East Rd Chip Seal Project	2011	In process
2011	Alice Rd Chip Seal Project	2011	In process
2011	Silver Creek Rd Chip Seal Project	2011	In process
2011	Soda Creek Rd Asphalt Paving Project	Sept 2011	In design
2011	Hyland Dr/Beaver Brook Canyon Rd Asphalt Pavement Project	Aug 2011	In process
2011	Meadow View Dr Drainage Improvement Project	Sept 2011	In design
2011	Hyland Hills Gravel Road Cross-Slope Improvement Project	2011	In process



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Road & Bridge Updates

We began our season by preparing for a busy Memorial Day weekend. Getting Guanella Pass open was top on our priority list. The excitement of clearing the snow so that the recreation enthusiasts could hike, bike, camp and fish was met by a 20 foot wall of hard packed snow. Undaunted by the challenge facing them, our crew took plows, backhoes, shovels, ice chippers and the secretary's handy blow-dryer to complete the task (just joking about the blow-dryer). West Foreman Karl Schell commented "Guanella Pass was opened for Memorial day weekend as scheduled although it took our crew a full two weeks to dig our way across."

Then summer finally arrived here in Clear Creek County about June. So for two fun filled weeks we had temperatures in the 80's and numerous projects lined up to get started. Basking in the sun we started dust control on numerous dirt roads. Just as the dust was settling our summer vacation was over and we had rain. Lots of rain, downpours, gully-washers, cats and dogs. Roads washed out, ditches filled with debris and culverts overflowed. This created conditions that kept our crew scrambling to keep up. Over 60 calls came into the "Road Concern" phone line during that thirty day period. Residents that normally would be tending their BBQ's were standing out in their galoshes watching their driveway wash away into the road then calling to let us know that their driveway was now part of our road. Once again crews worked non-stop to clear, repair and restore these roads back to their original beautiful condition. Karl Schell said "After near record snow fall in the high country, spring run-off lasted through July this year. This added some challenges to our road maintenance schedule."

Karl Schell (West Foreman) commented "July rains put us behind again with about three weeks of unscheduled work in the Floyd Hill area and some in the St. Mary's subdivision. We actually still have a lot of damage to repair throughout the county that occurred during the month of July. The numerous special events also kept us busy with routes on the front-age roads and bike paths. All in all our summer projects went as planned."

Phase II of the Alvarado Road Remediation is underway as this being written.

The chip-seal project up in the St. Mary's area is complete. Sheriff deputy Todd Stanton was overheard saying "atta-boy" for the great job that was done on that project. Mr. Karl Schell (Foreman over West District) added "The chip seal went well, although we put in some long hours."

The resurfacing program for Hyland Dr. & Beaver Brook Canyon Dr. are complete, Greystone and Circle K Ranch Rd. should be complete soon. "The paving on Floyd Hill went well, the last stretch to be finished this week." Mr. Schell (Foreman) remarked.

The paving of Clear Creek Rd & Elk Valley Dr. is in progress.

We have just started the prep work for the Soda Creek Paving project. "Soda Creek is the next big one, if all goes well and the weather holds out it will be completed in October" Karl whispered to fellow members of the staff.

We anticipate the start of Columbine Ln., Granite Wy. and Elk Dr. to start in October.

So as this reporter sips the last of her lemonade and begins the demanding job of hauling out hats, gloves, parkas, snow-shoes, shovels, plows, wood, chains, ear muffs, wool socks, boots, sweaters, (oops, started to doze off), Karl Schell (you know, the West District Foreman) will conclude with these comments "As the summer winds down we are transitioning back to a five day work week (we tried a four/ten schedule for the summer season this year and I personally felt that it worked very well for us). We have already seen some light snow, so it's on to preparing for the upcoming winter and snow removal."



Clear Creek Public and Environmental Health

SAVE THE DATE; Sunday, Oct. 2
Great Pumpkin Fun Run and Fall Fest
Noon – 4 p.m., Idaho Springs Ball Fields

1 mile and 5K runs/walks
Benefiting Carlson Elementary School
Inflatable games, pumpkin patch, hay ride
Registration forms at schools, recreation centers and libraries
Sponsored by Carlson and CC Metro Rec. District
For information contact 303-567-4822

IMPORTANT TAX DEADLINES From the Office of the Clear Creek County Treasurer

- September 8, 2011 Last day to Pay Mobile Home and Personal Property taxes to avoid advertising costs
- September 21, 2011 Last day to pay Real Property Taxes to avoid advertising costs
- After October 1, 2011 Mobile Home Distrainments will be served by Sheriff
- October 13, 2011 Last day to pay Mobile Home taxes to avoid 2nd Advertising
- November 3, 2011 Last day to pay taxes to avoid Tax Lien Sale
- November 4, 2011 Tax Lien Sale

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"To provide effective, efficient services while fostering sustainable economic growth to enhance our mountain lifestyle."

"Honoring Our Past, While Designing Our Future."



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