

To: City Council

From: Nathan Cherpeski,
City Manager

Subject: Friday Update

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Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
August 25	6:00 p.m.	Work Session, Budget Follow-up	Police Training Facility
August 26	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	ASC Foundation Board reception	
TBD Sept 7 - 10	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	"Welcome Back Luau"	Student Union Rm. 309
	TBD	Tree Planting	Cole Park
September 11	7:00 p.m.	Sangre de Cristo National Heritage dinner	Bistro Rialto
September 22	4:00 p.m.	City Services Fair	Police Training Facility
September 27	4:30, exact time TBD	CML District 8 meeting, Hosted by Blanca	Silver Sage Restaurant, Ft. Garland
October 6	6:00 p.m.	Liquor Licensing Issues	Council Chambers
October 20	6:00 p.m.	Bicycle/Pedestrian discussion	Council Chambers
November 3	6:00 p.m.	Work Session, "Fifth Wednesday" discussion	Council Chambers

City Manager

As part of the City's long range planning, City staff develops a 5-year capital improvement plan. The purpose of this plan is to assist the City Council and staff in properly budgeting for capital needs into the future. One of the major planning areas we address is street repair and maintenance. Staff uses several metrics to determine street repair sequencing. Typical work can run from a simple slurry seal (essentially a heavy coat of new oil) to a complete rebuild of the street. The criteria we use are:

1. Usage – how many cars use this per day
2. Street condition – We don't always "do the worst first" because rebuilding is the most expensive type of repair. If we can prevent streets from reaching this point, we will actually save money in the long run. Spending all of our limited resources on re-construction of relatively short stretches of street will leave nothing for the less expensive options and soon the streets that could benefit from these treatments will reach the point where they have to be rebuilt as well. We work to balance our efforts between

rebuilt and other less expensive options. Because we can do many more miles of the less expensive repairs for the same dollars as a small rebuild project we will try and keep this balance going forward.

3. Location – where does the street go? Does it serve more than local traffic? How critical is a given street to overall mobility in the City?
4. Other work that will impact the road? This includes water, sewer, and other utility work that will impact the street.

Using these basic criteria the City has set the following streets for repair in the next several years.

2011	2012	2013
State, 1 st street to Bridge	State. 14 th to 17 th	San Juan, 8 th to 13 th
3 rd , Hunt to State	4 th , Denver to State	Brown, Sunset to Clark
4 th , State to Ross	Hunt, 3 rd to 4 th	State, 17 th to Airport
Ross, Main to 6 th	Cascade	Franklin, Stadium to Murphy
Market, Main to Thomas		

Streets currently scheduled for work in 2014 and 2015 include 8th Street from Washington to West, and much of 2nd Street. These streets in the out years are subject to change based on criteria number 4 above. They are however on our radar and will be addressed at some point. The storm drain plan underway will also play a major factor in how we prioritize street and curb work in the future. Charter requirements, the City Planning commission will be looking at the overall plan at their next meeting on August 25.

The City also uses software called paver to track the individual conditions of all streets. This helps us to address all streets whether they are major arterials or cul-de-sacs.

Public Works

Adams State College is working through the weekend to complete as much of Monterrey and Stadium as possible. They intend to have Monterrey open to the intersection of Stadium by Monday the 23rd. Stadium from this intersection north to Sunset will still be under construction for at least another week. Limited traffic may be possible, but if so, it will be one way with flaggers controlling movements and even this may not be feasible. The new parking lot just south of Plachy Hall is complete, but the new lot north of Coronado for the residential students will not be complete until late September. The lot at First and Richardson just went to bid and is expected to be complete in late October.

We found a leak in the new water tower, never a good thing. As it turned out it was caused by loose bolts on a joint on the pipe which fills the tower. Unfortunately this pipe was under the floor and we had to cut away a portion of the floor to repair it. This section of the line was pressure tested before the tower was erected. I suspect that the alignment of the line was affected during construction which in affected this joint just enough to change how the mating surfaces came together. The line has been repaired and tested and we have resumed loading the tower. The electrical work should be complete this week and we should be able to move on with the landscaping and fencing before the end of the month.

Municipal Court

The City's traffic fines were last evaluated in 2005. Since that time, numerous other jurisdictions, including the State Courts, have increased substantially.

The purpose of a fine is to serve as a deterrent to discourage a particular action. If penalty amounts are not at a sufficient level to cause a person to contemplate a change in behavior, that penalty loses its effectiveness.

It is also appropriate that Municipal Court fines be amended to better match State levels. For some offenses, this will mean an increase; for others it may remain the same.

A Resolution will be forthcoming to amend the current fine schedule to more accurately represent an appropriate penalty.

Parks, Recreation & Library

Fall/Winter Programs:

Registration for the following Fall/Winter Programs will be closing soon:

- Youth Leagues:
 1. U6-U12 Soccer (closes August 23)
 2. Flag Football (closes August 25)
 3. Bear Cubs Soccer (closes September 7)
- Adult Leagues:
 1. Co-Ed Rec Soccer (closes September 7)
 2. Women's Basketball (closes September 8)

Rec Center Closed for Maintenance:

The resurfacing project for the main corridors and hallways in the Rec Center will continue through August 29. The AFRC building will be closed to the public during this time frame due to dusty conditions and strong paint fumes. Staff will be available to answer phone calls on our main line (719-589-2105) during the week (Monday-Friday) from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. In addition, staff will be available for in-person registrations at the front of the Rec Center on the dates and times listed below:

- Monday, August 23 (4:00 PM - 7:30 PM)

- Wednesday, August 25 (4:00 PM - 7:30 PM)

Pine Needle Scale Infestation Update

Staff will be implementing a two part control plan to deal with the infestation - horticultural oils and insecticides. The oil mixture will be started this year and insecticides next spring when the hatching cycle begins.

City Trees:

1. City Hall Juniper – This tree was removed this past week that was located on 4th Street in front of the fire station. The juniper was highlighted on the Alamosa Tree website as a prime example of “the wrong tree in the wrong place” – blocking the sidewalk, encroaching 4th Street, and shielding westbound traffic on 4th from vehicles traveling southbound on Hunt
2. Cole Park - 24 of the 26 trees ordered for the Cole Park Revitalization Project have arrived at the Parks Maintenance Facility. Staff is working with Tree Board to select suitable locations in the southern half of Cole Park. Tree planting is being scheduled for after Labor Day Weekend (Sep 7-10) in consideration of the Early Iron Festival.
3. Diamond Park - Two cottonwoods on the west side of Diamond Park will be cut down next week. These trees have been designated as hazard trees – they are leaning and the trucks have been severely damaged. Nearby residents have also expressed their concern that these trees pose a danger. Once removed, Parks staff will be planting 4 trees (2 Autumn Blaze Maples, 1 Hawthorn, and 1 Canada Red Chokecherry) as replacements.

Upcoming Cole Park Events:

Early Iron 30th Anniversary Car Show (September 4-5)

Rec Center Closure Dates:

August 14-30 (Maintenance)

September 6 (Labor Day)

November 11 (Veterans Day)

November 25-26 (Thanksgiving)

December 24-25 (Christmas)

December 31 – January 1 (New Years)

Early Literacy Class:

The Southern Peak Public Library will be offering a class on Early Literacy on September 11 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Friends of Southern Peaks Public Library:

- The Friends will be conducting another book sale during the Early Iron Festival in September.
- New officers were recently elected: Erin Smith, President; Arvilla Weldon, Vice President; Gena Akers, Secretary, and Don Thompson, Treasurer.
- The layout for the 2010 Literary Magazine is currently being proofed prior to it being sent to the publisher for printing.