



MINTURN JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Minturn Municipal Elections

Make a difference in your community and run for Minturn Town Council. Minturn's Municipal Election is coming up on April 2, 2024, and voters will elect a Mayor and four (4) Council members. The Mayor is a two (2) year term, the Council seats consist of one 2-year term and three 4-year terms.

Minturn residents that are interested in running for Mayor or Council may pick up a nomination petition from Town Hall starting Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Once candidates pick up a nomination petition, they have until Monday January 22nd to circulate their nomination petition and file it with the Town Clerk at 302 Pine Street in Minturn. All candidate nomination petitions must be filed by Monday January 22nd to be eligible for the municipal election in April.

For more information contact the Town Clerk, Jay Brunvand, at 970-445-2423, or via email at treasurer@minturn.org. More information, including qualifications and requirements, can be found at www.minturn.org.

Qualifications:

- Citizen of the United States for not less than seven (7) years
- At least 25 years of age
- Resident of the Town of Minturn for Mayor not less than five (5) years; for Council not less than two (2) years
- A person who has been convicted of a felony shall not be eligible to become a candidate nor serve for an elected Town Office
- Must maintain residency within the Town of Minturn during the entire term of service



Water Rates

Notice to Residents (Again):

The Town of Minturn completed the 2024 budget approvals on December 6th. Within the budget, it was recommended by the financial analyst to increase the water rates by 12% to cover operating expenses. The Town Council deliberated extensively on this matter and decided to only raise the water rates by 6%, so residents will see a 6% increase in the base and volumetric rates on their water bill beginning 2024.

The full 2024 Town Budget will be posted soon.



Community Dinners & Help Needed

The Minturn Community Fund will once again be hosting winter Community Potluck Dinners in 2024. These dinners are designed to help connect with friends and neighbors during the winter months, when there are less social events happening. The dinners will be held the second Monday of January, February and March (and possibly April - TBD) from 5:30 – 7pm, with themes to be announced month to month. If you are interested in helping with the dinners (setup, teardown, cleanup, etc), please contact Jen Pace at 970-393-0364.

- *The January dinner was held on January 8th*
- *Monday, February 12th*
- *Monday, March 11th*
- *April – TBD*



MCF WEBSITE HELP NEEDED:

Additionally, the Minturn Community Fund is looking for volunteer help with their website. The time required would be minimal (up to a few hours per month). If you have experience with website work and would like to help out, please contact Diana Scherr at 970-376-4445.

Radio Free Minturn Seeking DJ's

Radio Free Minturn is currently seeking DJs. RFM had as many as 60 DJs but the station is now down to 20-25 and is seeking more. No experience necessary, will train. You can pick your own music, pick your own show, if you want to do a talk show or play music, it's up to you. It's a great opportunity for young people to learn the business – learn to announce, how to record, how to do interviews, and more.

Anyone interested should contact station manager Janet Bro at 210-488-6632, or janet@radiofreeminturn.org.

Minturn Fitness Center Class Updates

The Minturn Fitness Center has now added a Tuesday evening yoga class (beginning January 9th). Current class offerings are as follows. All classes are included with membership (drop-in fee is \$10). For information on classes or membership, please call 970-790-5090, or email mfc@minturnfitnesscenter.com.



MON: Spin Circuit 6:30am-7:30am / Performance Circuit 9am-10am

TUE: Spin Circuit 6:30-7:30 / Performance Circuit 9 am-10am / YIN/YANG YOGA 6pm

WED: Free Weight Fundamentals 9:00am-10:00am

THU: Spin Circuit 6:30am-7:30am / Performance Circuit 9-10am

FRI: Performance Circuit 9am-10am / No Performance Circuit 11/10 Go SKI!!

SAT: Yoga for Everyone 8:30am to 9:30am

Jan 13th class cancelled

Colorado Tourism Office—Casting Call. Become a Star!

The Towns of Minturn & Red Cliff have partnered with the Colorado Tourism Office to produce assets promoting the region and the state. We are looking for local talent to be featured in this video and photography shoot on January 23rd-24th, 2024 in and around Minturn, Colorado; compensation provided.



LOOKING FOR:

- Family with 10-15 year old kids (Parents must be willing to drive snowmobiles)
- Couple in their 60s (must have experience with ski-touring AND cross-county skiing)
- Couple in their 40s/50s (must have experience with ski-touring AND cross-county skiing)
- Bonus if you have your own “touring” gear/skins/skis

If you or anyone you know is interested in participating, please fill out the casting form at <https://lumenati.com/talent>. Please be sure to include 5 photos of yourself, including one full body shot.

Emergency Preparedness—Winter Vehicle Road Worthiness Checklist

Whether you’re a native, a new resident, or a tourist, driving in Colorado winter weather can be dangerous if you’re not prepared.

The unexpected can happen when snow and ice are on the road — take extra precautions to prepare you and your vehicle for winter road conditions. Consider the preparedness lists linked below to stay ready for winter weather.

<https://www.codot.gov/travel/winter-driving/winter-preparedness>

Winter Backcountry Safety

Whether you’re a beginner or a pro, Colorado’s backcountry offers thrilling opportunities to take your skills to new heights and can be tremendously rewarding. However, traveling through Colorado’s wide-open snowscape can also be inherently risky.

While there are numerous possible hazards when recreating in Colorado’s winter backcountry, avalanches pose the biggest threat and can happen year-round in snowy conditions. The Colorado Avalanche Information Center documented 96 avalanche incidents in 2022–2023 that caught 122 people, an increase from the 10-year median of 56 incidents and 84 people caught.

For those that plan to head into our exhilarating backcountry this winter, [Do Colorado Right](#) and keep safety in mind by following the Care for Colorado Leave No Trace Principles. Minimize your risk by planning ahead — [check the avalanche forecast](#), carry avalanche-rescue gear, be prepared for changing conditions and recreate responsibly.

Help us share these important resources to educate visitors on how to safely enjoy Colorado’s amazing backcountry and [Care for Colorado](#) in 2024 and beyond.

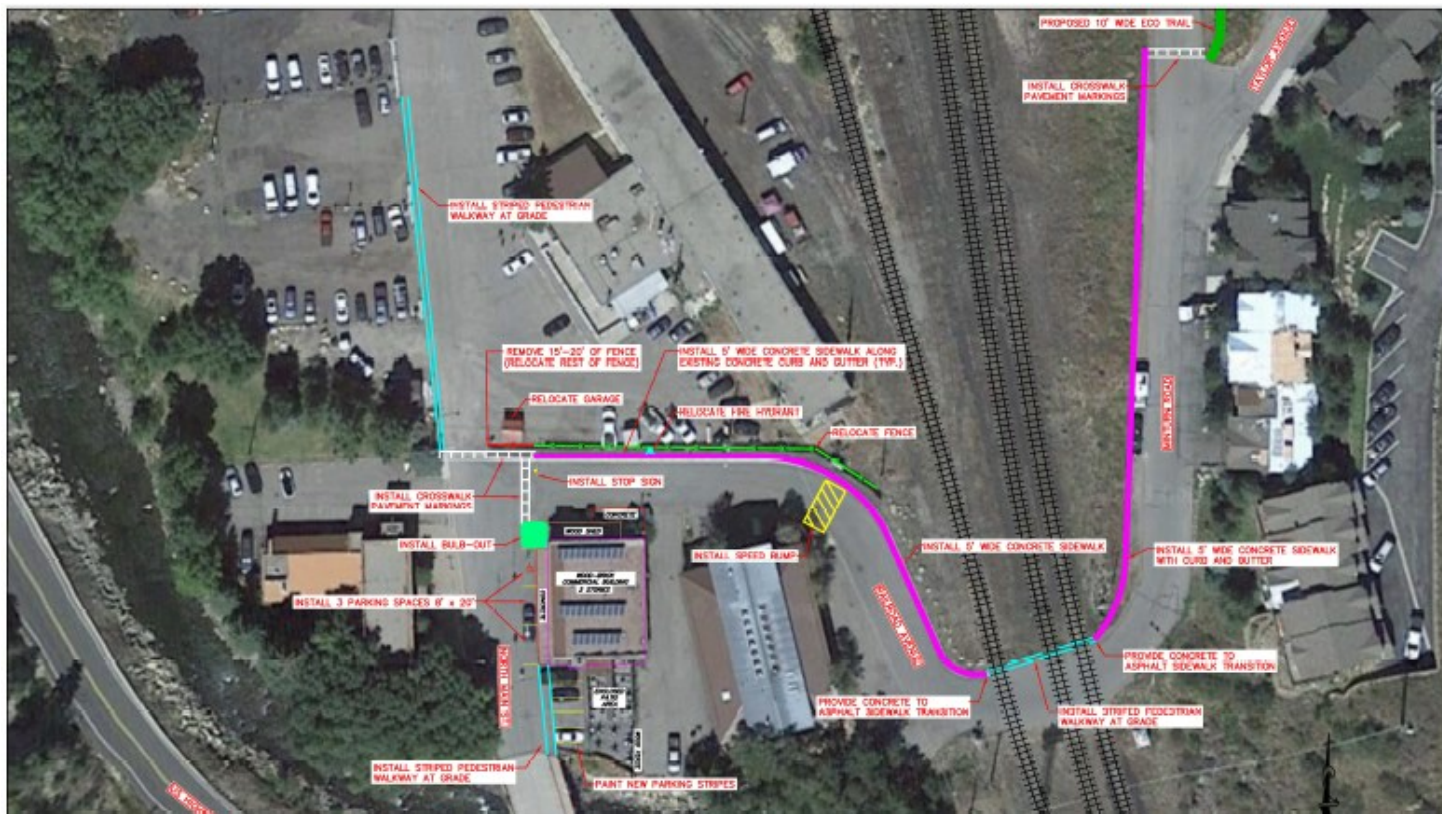
For an extensive list of backcountry safety resources, visit <https://www.minturn.org/home/news/safety-backcountry>.

Rocky Mountain Skimo

Rocky Mountain Skimo will be offering vertical and individual races on January 20th and 21st, on Meadow Mountain. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Railroad Ave Safety Improvements Grant Award

Governor Polis Announced Minturn as a grant recipient for the Revitalizing main Streets grant award in the amount of \$250,000 which will go toward improving safe access from north Minturn to Main Street via Railroad Ave. This will include the creation of a sidewalk, stop signs, bulb out and traffic calming. Construction will begin in the summer of 2024. More information can be found [HERE](#).



Planning Department Update

The Minturn North Planned Unit Development (PUD) consisting of 39 lots, and its associated Final Plats and Subdivision Improvements Agreement was approved on November 15, 2023 via Ordinance 15 – 2023, Ordinance 16 – 2023, Ordinance 17 – 2023, and Resolution 31 – 2023. The Minturn North PUD has been planned and designed as a strictly residential neighborhood with lots, streets, sidewalks, trails, pathways, and various open spaces designed to closely complement and respect the scale and development pattern of the existing Taylor Avenue neighborhood as well as other established neighborhoods in Minturn. Please see the Active Planning Applications page for the [Minturn North Final Plan and Final Plat application](#) documents.

Seasonal Trail Closures

The Town of Minturn would like to remind our residents and visitors, that the Mini Mile trail, and the Minturn Bike Park, are closed for the winter season. This is a wildlife closure that the Town hopes everyone will respect to allow for wintering habitat for the elk.

In addition, to help respect and protect wintering wildlife, we kindly ask that dogs are kept on leash in the Little Beach Park and surrounding areas. That entire area is an elk migration / winter range corridor and disruption can lead to extremely harmful outcomes for wintering wildlife.

Thank you for respecting our seasonal closures.

For more information on area trail closures, visit <https://www.vvmta.org/seasonaltrailclosures/>.

For more information on why these trail closures exist, and why they are so important, please read more information at <https://www.vvmta.org/seasonal-wildlife-closures-the-why/>

Mountain Community Survey

CAST (Colorado Association of Ski Towns) is again partnering with the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments on a research effort. The Mountain Community Survey is designed to capture the diverse experiences and perspectives of those connected to our western mountain regions as our communities look to balance tourism and resident interests. The target audience for the survey is local residents, second homeowners, and the workforce who commute into your communities. Your input will help shape the future of our mountain communities.

Survey Distribution:

In early December, postcards were sent to a random sample of residents and second homeowners across the five NWCCOG counties. This approach was designed to obtain a statistically valid data set from a broad and representative sample.

Open Survey for Wider Participation:

An open version of the survey is now available and accessible to all CAST member communities. **The survey can be accessed at mountainlifesurvey.org/CAST**