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# Let's Beautify Brush!

A good-looking community is one that every citizen desires, and one that must be intentional. We want to be proud of what we have as a community here in Brush!, and therefore we need to take care of what we have. That takes us working together for the common goals, and resolve any obstacles holding us back from being greater. The City has been making strides to boost the community aesthetics through a Beautify Brush campaign.

- We updated our sign code to keep the signs in good condition, in order, and enriching to the businesses and community.
- Provide funding for the Facade Grant program through the Brush Area Chamber of Commerce for businesses to make improvements to the exterior of their buildings.
- Addressing dilapidated buildings and structures in the community.
- In the process of creating standards for cargo containers.
- In partnership with the Brush Area Chamber of Commerce, we are looking at developing regulations for the upkeep on our downtown buildings.
- Partnered with Hometown Auto & Hardware for their Winning Yards! event in which they supplied the Brush High School football team volunteers with what they needed to help clean up some yards in town.
- Continue investing in partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community (27 years!), annually educating our 3rd graders about the beauty and benefits of trees and annually planting new ones around town.
- Completed the 4-phase, award winning downtown streetscape revitalization project with the new streets, sidewalks, planters, lights, and benches that we now enjoy.



*Kids take their turns adding soil to one of the new trees being planted for Arbor Day*

These are just some of the things we are doing to keep our community beautiful. But we also need you to take ownership where you can by taking pride in your yard, home and business. Consider investing in some new paint, fix what's going into disarray, trim trees and bushes, keep grass and weeds mowed down, encourage your friends and neighbors to pick up trash and debris, keep things maintained and well kept. Let's all make the effort to Beautify Brush!

# Code Enforcement Extends to Our Furry Friends



We all are aiming for a safe and respectable community, even regarding our dogs and other pets. So we asked Lisa Lebsock, our Code Enforcement Officer, to put together some reminders from our City Code.

*In addition to picking up after your pet (which needs to be done) when walking them around town, did you know that a dog at large ticket is \$50.00 the first time your fur baby is out loose? The 2nd time is a summons to court, in which it can run \$40.00 in court cost and a higher fee (Sec. 7-7-300).*

*We also have Barking or Howling addressed (Sec. 7-7-280), so please be respectful of your neighbors who sleep in the day time, and those who go to bed early.*

*When it comes to pets, you might think 'the more the merrier!' However, in the City of Brush! you are allowed to have 3 dogs, 3 cats, and no chickens, ducks, or other farm animals (Sec. 7-7-30).*

*Did you also know that your pet needs to be vaccinated and registered in the City of Brush!? You can get pet registration/licensing done at City Hall quickly and for a minimal cost.*

*As we said, safety is something we expect in community, so the owner of any dangerous dogs will be fined. City Council wants to minimize this and is currently discussing raising those fines even more.*

*With all things, please be mindful of others that live in this beautiful city.*

If you have questions, Lisa would be glad to answer them. She works Monday through Friday 7:30am to 4:30pm. Feel free to contact her at (970) 467-4080.

## Alleyway Maintenance

Out of sight, out of mind... except when you leave through the backside of the property, of course. That area that is usually tucked behind the fence or next to the garage that borders the alleyway is easily neglected. Nonetheless, although it's probably not your favorite part of the



property, it still needs to be maintained. There are instances where warnings, and even tickets, are issued for overgrown branches and weeds alongside the alley. Even though

most of the community will not see it, be sure to not let it fall off your radar as the one responsible for taking care of it.

In addition to the weekly waste disposal, the City comes through and checks on the condition of the alleyways, especially after significant weather, to see if any damage has been done, so we can make the necessary repairs as soon as we can.

## Pilot Recycling Program

The City of Brush! began a pilot program for Single-Stream Recycling on May 1st to see what type of interest there was in the community. The first 50 people to contact the City were able to get a container for \$50 and begin gathering their recyclable materials for the weekly Wednesday pickup at no additional charge. The pilot was a success! The list quickly filled up, and those utilizing the service have given great feedback.



We have now ordered another 50 containers, and we have opened up the list for additional users in the City. The cost is still \$50 for the container, and there are no additional charges. Containers should be coming in within the next couple weeks, so get your name on the list over the next 30 days. You can call City Hall, 842-5001, or come on in. First come, first serve!

# City Council Election

The City of Brush! will be participating in the November 7, 2017, Coordinated Election. This Election will be conducted by mail-in ballot.

Ballots will be mailed to you beginning October 16, 2017. You can return your ballot by mail or in person to the Morgan County Clerk's Office, located at 231 Ensign in Fort Morgan.

Important Dates:

- October 30, 2017: 8 days before Election Day - Deadline for online voter registration [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com) (for online registration)  
Last day to submit a voter registration and still receive a ballot in the mail
- November 7, 2017: Election Day  
Register and/or vote in Voter Service Polling Center

The City of Brush election ballot will reflect positions for city council members in each ward. The following individuals have submitted the necessary nomination petition and are qualified to run:

## Mayor - vote for one

Rick Bain  
Paul Acosta  
Vicky Quinlin

## Ward 1 (west of Hospital Road)

Dana Sherman

## Ward 2 (between Hospital Road and Carson Street) vote for one

Daniel R. Scalise  
Jeff Osuch

## Ward 3 (east of Carson Street) vote for one

Jeanine Anderson  
Reagan Buchanan  
Mark A. Thomas  
Glenda Mohrlang McNabb

If you have any questions about the election process or the ballot, call or come by City Hall and talk to our City Clerk, Andrea Strand.



# Farewell Mayor Chuck



Thank you for the honor of serving as your mayor for the past four years. It truly has been a privilege and a pleasure. The four years have gone by very fast; in fact, my last 12 years with the City have been fast! I served eight years as a councilman before becoming Mayor. It was during

this time, watching how then Mayor, Dan Scalise, guided the growth of Brush! that I realized I wanted to continue and hopefully expand this process.

My reason for wanting to be Mayor has always been to help Brush! prosper and wanting to do what I could to help Brush! grow and be viable. I have kept that thought topmost in my mind as I have approached each opportunity or problem that came my way. I would ask, does this help Brush! prosper?

With that in mind, the City has jumped in on several opportunities. We have been very busy! I have been told several times this is the busiest the City has ever been - with many projects in all phases of completion. Some of these accomplishments and projects our City has been working on are listed below...

All these projects are exciting! They take a tremendous amount of time and effort by the City staff behind the scenes to get them developed and implemented. I can't thank the City Administrator and staff enough for all their commitment to make these plans a reality. My respect and admiration for them has grown tremendously. They are talented, committed individuals who strive to do their best for the City.

In addition to the list of project completions, there are other projects that are "in the works", but are slower in getting to completion than I had hoped. Among them, the quiet zone on Hospital Road

### Projects Completed:

- 2012 Wastewater Treatment Facility
- 2014 Acquired English Feedlot
- 2015 Acquired golf course
- 2016 Hospital Road Development
- 2016 Quiet Zone on Clayton St Crossing
- 2017 Recycling Program
- 2017 Downtown Streetscape
- 2017 Paved Elm Street w/ curb & gutter

is finally moving forward, and next year we'll see more progress. Paving the golf course parking lot had to be delayed, as well as a Recreation Master Plan. This plan will give us a... (continued on pg 4)

(...continued from pg 3) roadmap for the years ahead on where we want to expand and enhance our recreation options. The anticipated Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) funding (lottery money) to help fund it is in place now, so the plan will soon see more progress.

Another area where work continues is the City's desperate need for more housing. We have held informational meetings with contractors and



Mayor taking the oath of office

residents to help the building process. We have reduced building fees to where it is now far less in fees and water costs to build a house in the city limits of Brush! than elsewhere in the

County. I have even met with a large developer from Denver. So far this has only made a small difference, but hopefully soon, some of these efforts will begin to pay off with more housing for Brush!. It looks like all the mayoral candidates realize the importance of this issue, and I feel they will give a fresh perspective to it.

One other area I have been pursuing is trying to get broadband, or fast internet service for the City. In the future, this is going to be just as important as a telephone line was 60 years ago.



Speaking to kids for Arbor Day

Numerous awards have honored the City, we can all be very proud of. These awards are a reflection of the citizens and City staff.

I have especially enjoyed working with Monty Torres, your City Administrator. He does an amazing job for you. He shows his commitment and dedication to Brush! and his love for this City regularly. He has worked tirelessly on making ideas turn into reality. This is reflected in all our projects and awards.

Thank you again. It has been a great experience for me. I wish the City well in it's continued progress and best of luck to our new mayor.

-Mayor Chuck Schonberger



## City Council Members

Mayor Chuck Schonberger 370-1666

### Councilors Ward I

Rick Bain 842-2496

Marlene Baker 842-2186

### Councilors Ward II

Kimberly Dykes 380-0593

Vicky Quinlin 380-2279

### Councilors Ward III

Heath Becker 467-0028

Jeanine Anderson 571-3986

## City Staff 842-5001

<b>Monty Torres</b>	City Administrator
<b>Karen Schminke</b>	Assistant Administrator
<b>Andrea Strand</b>	City Clerk
<b>Joanne Gosselink</b>	Director of Finance
<b>Lance Schwindt</b>	Director of Comm. Services
<b>Dale Colerick</b>	Director of Utilities & Public Works
<b>Tyler Purvis</b>	Marketing Specialist
<b>Loranda Packard</b>	Human Resources
<b>Melissa White</b>	Court Clerk
<b>Deanna Schwindt</b>	Deputy City Clerk/ Utilities
<b>Jennifer Vondy</b>	Utility Billing
<b>Travis Anderson</b>	Chief of Police
<b>Tad Anderson</b>	Fire Chief