

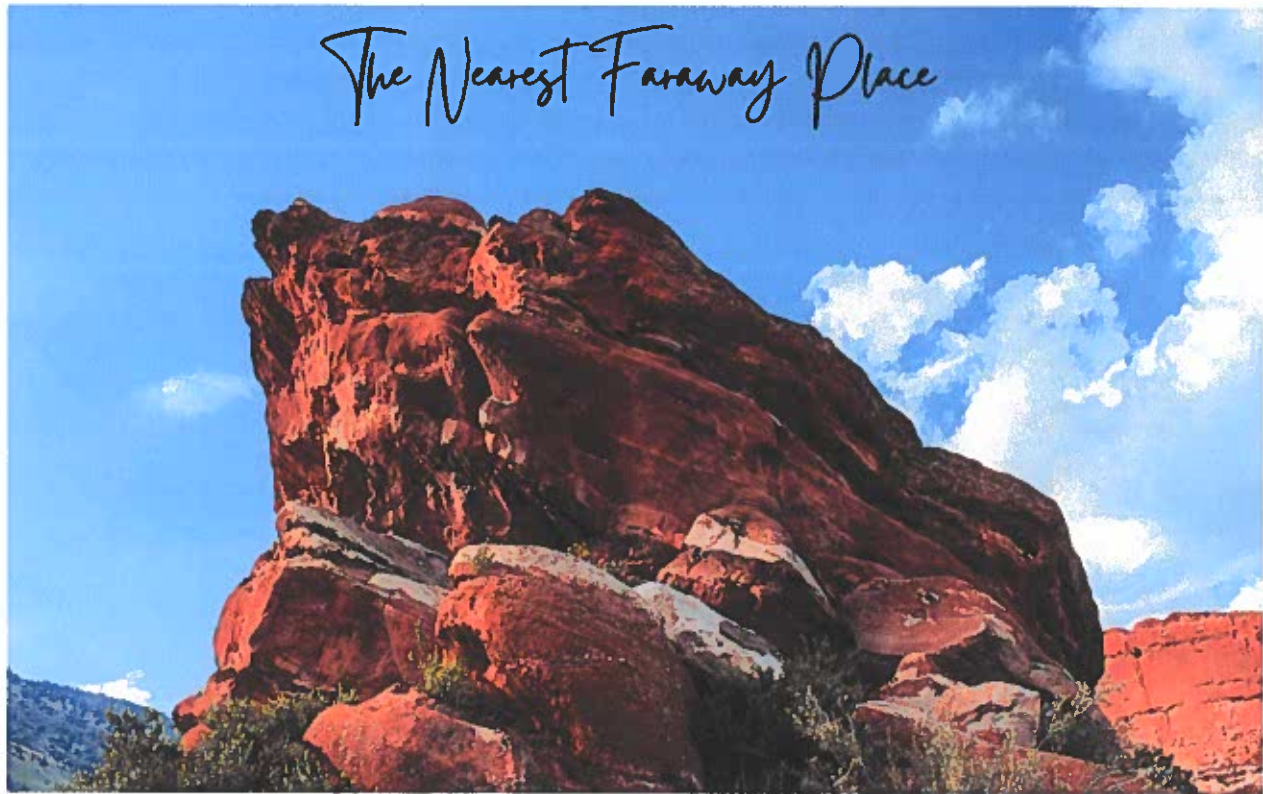
MORRISON, CO

AUGUST 2022

MORRISON



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MAYOR: CHRIS WOLFE

MAYOR PRO-TEM: KATIE GILL

TRUSTEES: SEAN FOREY, MATT SCHWEICH, PAUL SUTTON, ADAM WAY,
DAVID WIRTZ

BOARD MEETINGS: AUGUST 2, 2022 AND AUGUST 16, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT TOWN HALL: 110 STONE STREET

TOWN STAFF

TOWN MANAGER: KARA WINTERS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: DEBBIE JACOBSON

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: FRITZ FOUTS

MUSEUM CURATOR: MATT MOSSBRUCKER

MUSEUM COORDINATOR: DOUG HARTSHORN

TOWN OFFICE: 321 HIGHWAY 8

PHONE: 303-697-8749



POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE CHIEF: BILL VINELLI

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POLICE DEPARTMENT: 321 HIGHWAY 8 - 303-697-4810

JEFFCOM 911 DISPATCH: 303-980-7300



THE POLICE BEAT



July was a busy month for the Town and the nearby event venues, which meant that it was also busy for the Morrison Police Department. Officers worked throughout the month to patrol at events and along the roadways during all of Morrison's summer happenings.



Morrison PD with our friends at Columbine PD, Lakeside PD, Sheridan PD, and the Colorado Rangers

Along with assisting with traffic control for Red Rocks events, Morrison PD worked with Bandimere Security to keep two large racing events fun and drama-free. The first event was the Jet Car Nationals on July 2nd, which included a fireworks show for the holiday, and the second and largest Bandimere event, which is Mile High Nationals, was on July 15th through 17th. Both events were an overall success and Morrison PD enjoyed being able to work with Bandimere and other law enforcement agencies to secure this event.

At the end of June, a request was made by Chief Vinelli to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to get a flashing pedestrian beacon placed at the intersection of Highway 8 at Red Rocks Vista Dr. CDOT has approved this request and will also be making some other changes at this intersection. CDOT plans to move the location of the crosswalk to the north side of the intersection where the roadway is less wide and where visibility around the curve is clearer. They will also install what is called a "pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flashing beacon system," so that the beacon only flashes when a pedestrian has pressed it with the intention to cross. The date of these changes and the arrival of the beacon are to be determined depending on availability of the parts to construct it, per CDOT.

After getting approval for the beacon at this location and then experiencing the high volume of traffic going in and out of Bandimere for Mile High Nationals, a second request has been made for a similar beacon for the crosswalk on Morrison Rd. at Rooney Rd. Updates regarding the approval of this request will be made when the police department receives them.

A lot of important police work has been done this past month, but it hasn't been all work and no play! Morrison PD has also taken several steps to improve how they will interact with the community from here on out. First, the department just received two E-bikes for officers to use in Town. The bikes are already in use and you may have already seen the officers enjoying their new patrol "vehicles." Second, the PD is officially back on the Facebook and Twitter platforms. You can now follow along with important Town and department updates under @morrisonpdco on both. And lastly, the Morrison Police Department will attend two community events in the month of September. The first is a picnic meet and greet with the members of the department on 9/9 at Morrison Park, and the second is the annual Ciderfest event that the Town hosts, on 9/24. A flyer for both is attached to this newsletter!

Did you know?

Many Morrison addresses, though Morrison presenting, are actually considered part of unincorporated Jefferson County. This means that these addresses do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Morrison Police Department and therefore fall under the jurisdiction of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. A great tool to learn which fire department and/or law enforcement agency responds to your address, is the Jurisdiction Lookup tool on the Jeffcom 911 site under the Resources tab. Simply enter your address or current location to determine which agencies service your location.

Website: <https://www.jeffcom911.org/jurisdiction-lookup>



FROM THE TOWN OFFICES



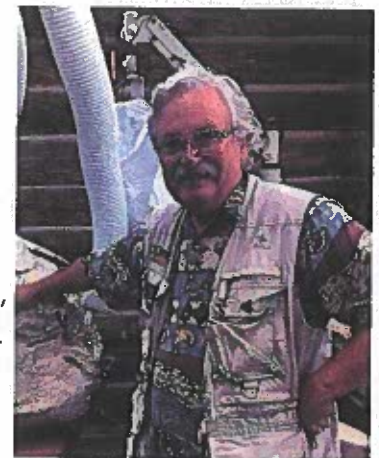
MEET THE STAFF OF THE MORRISON NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Morrison is very lucky to be the home of a natural history museum that is well respected in paleontology circles. It houses rare finds such as baby Stegosaurus fossils, baby sauropod tracks and the muzzle of *Apatosaurus ajax*. The museum has been featured in the *Smithsonian Magazine* and other world-wide media outlets. Much of the museum's success is due to its amazing staff. The full-time staff members include:

Matthew Mossbrucker is the Director and Chief Curator of the Morrison Natural History Museum. In a Reddit article, he describes his job by saying "I dig up old dead monsters and show them to children. I am the discoverer of the first baby Stegosaurus fossils and have worked on many other Jurassic fossils, from *Apatosaurus* to species never seen before. Oh, I also clean the museum toilets." Matthew's passion for "old dead monsters" led him to his first visit to the Morrison Natural History Museum in 1994, and he started as a volunteer in 1996. In 2002, he joined the full-time staff as the Coordinator. Matthew loves the soul and personality of the Morrison Natural History Museum. He feels that the museum's small environment offers a personal touch and humble approach for visitors who want a hands-on experience conducted by knowledgeable staff members. Matthew has been instrumental in creating the Triceratops Gulch Project in partnership with the Glenrock Paleon Museum in Glenrock, Wyoming. This program offers participants an opportunity to participate in paleontological field work in the fossil fields of Wyoming. This summer, Matthew has conducted 8 programs to the Glenrock area. Matthew is appreciative of the Morrison Town Board's support of the museum and its mission of public service, especially in these times of financial frugality.



Doug Hartshorn serves as the museum's Operation's Manager. He has been involved with the museum since 2005 when he started working as a volunteer. As an avid rock-hound, Doug was looking for an environment where he could ask questions. When someone suggested he visit the Morrison Natural History Museum, Doug found the perfect fit. In 2011 Doug was offered a part-time position at the museum, and several years later he became one of the full-time staff. He loves conducting tours because the exhibits are hands-on. He also enjoys working on the fossils, especially the fish fossils from Green River, Wyoming. Doug is a Colorado native who graduated from Fairview High School. After serving in the Air Force, he attended CU majoring in Environmental Conservation. Doug has an extensive rock collection. His most prized specimen is a rock sample from the Flaming Cliffs of Mongolia. Doug lives in Park Hill with his wife, Vicki. In his free time, he enjoys activities with his 8-year-old grandson, Auden. They love to go rock hunting, fishing and working on inventions. Doug wants incorporated Morrison residents (those with 3 digit addresses) to know that admission to the museum is free. He would love to see you enjoying this local treasure.

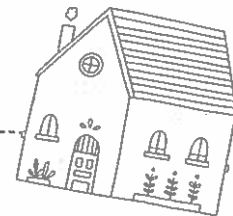


Sarah Miller worked as a museum volunteer for 5 years before becoming a staff member a year ago. She is now the Assistant Operations Manager at the museum. Sarah is a local girl, born in the Roxborough area. She was home schooled and, in the free time home schooling provided, she studied theater, ballet and piano. Sarah attended Arapahoe Community College and then moved east to the Boston area where she attended Gordon College and Tufts University where she majored in history and museum studies. For Sarah, the best part of working at the museum is getting to share its discoveries with the visitors. She especially enjoys telling them about the history of the Dinosaur Ridge area around Morrison. Sarah lives in Lakewood with her dog, Pippin, and the two enjoy hiking the beautiful trails that the region offers. She also loves board games, especially Settlers of Catan. Her other main past-time is reading history and science fiction. Her favorite author is Ray Bradbury, and her favorite book is The Martian Chronicles.



THE 11TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER FOR THE TOWN OF MORRISON

Saturday August 13, 2022



"If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace between neighbors. If there is peace between neighbors, there must be peace in your heart." - Taoist Proverb

All residents of the Town of Morrison are invited!

What is a progressive dinner? It is an evening where you go to 3 homes. One home for appetizers with all townies, another home for a more intimate dinner with 8 people or less, and for dessert the whole group is meeting again.

A dinner party is a great way to get to know your neighbors better!

5pm to 7pm - Appetizers (the whole group - if the weather is nice, we can have it outside)

7pm to 9pm - Dinner (8 people per house or less)

9pm to 11pm - Dessert (entire group)

Every person participating will have to bring a dish or beverage to the Progressive Dinner. It'll be a fun way to feed neighborly connections in our quirky little town! The journey (walk) or drive from house to house is part of the evening's fun, to see other houses, and make new friends. If you are new to the neighborhood, it is also a good way to introduce yourself!

Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors! We hope you can join us!

RSVP by calling Petra at 303-748-2817 or email at petralikesyoga@gmail.com



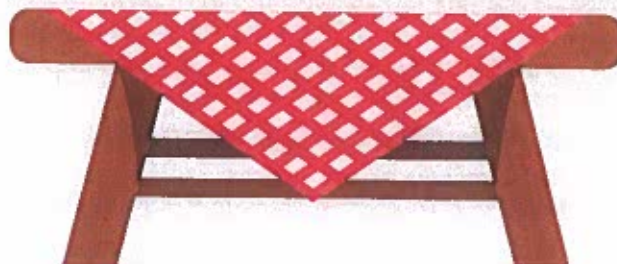
PICNIC WITH THE POLICE

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

5:30 PM AT MORRISON PARK

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MEET AND GREET EVENT WITH
THE MORRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



CIDERFEST NEEDS YOU!

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022



It's time to start thinking about Ciderfest, Morrison's annual community event. The Ciderfest Committee needs your help to make the 2022 festival run smoothly for our residents and visitors. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to this fantastic Morrison happening! Thank you in advance for volunteering to help make Ciderfest the best ever!

To volunteer or for more information, please contact:
Jen Singer - jennifersuzannesinger@gmail.com



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	 1	BOARD MEETING 2	3	4	5	6
7	8	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 9	10	11	12	TOWN PROGRESSIVE DINNER 13
14	15	BOARD MEETING 16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE AT 6:00 PM AT 110 STONE STREET		



**August 1st is
Colorado Day!**

In celebration of Colorado's birthday, entry to all State Parks is free! Per the Colorado Parks & Wildlife website, here is a short list of some of Colorado's most popular parks!

1. State Forest
2. Stagecoach
3. Steamboat Lake
4. Crawford
5. Vega