

Mother's Day

TOWN OF SWINK

May, 2009

April 13, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

The Town of Swink Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Trustee Shannon Wallace on April 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm for executive session. The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm with all council members present except Mayor Cordova and Mayor Pro-tem Lytle. Also in attendance was Attorney Malouff, Public Works Director Dell and Clerk Clodfelter.

Consent agenda, which consisted of the minutes from the March 9, 2009 Meeting, the Disbursement List, the Public Works Director's Report, Clerk's Report and the Librarian's Report were all approved.

Clerk stated that the Swink Recreation Program registered 77 children for soc-

cer.

The Annual Swimming Party/Pot Luck will be held on August 3, 2009 at Potter's Park and the swimming pool in La Junta.

Donald Cotterman has been hired for the Summer Recreation Director.

Finance Committee did not meet last month.

The contract for the new maintenance building/fire department was awarded to Ponderosa Constructors. The work will begin soon.

Stone again reported that the plans for the annual celebration are still going smoothly. Parade entries and sponsors are still needed. He also reported that we will have BINGO this year at the Swink

Community Center. He also stated that the band will be paid for by JC Carica.

Modern Woodmen Foundation will donate \$750.00 toward the planting of the trees at Reynolds Park. Van Hook's will do a lot of the landscaping and planting.

The speed limit signs for Columbia were tabled until the May meeting.

Dell stated that a proposal from GMS for the engineer study will be \$20,000. Council approved the expenditure by a vote of 4-1. Stone voted NO.

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May Agenda

Annual Celebration—June 13, 2009—Update

Swink Recreation—Update

Speed Limit Sign—Columbia Ave—Update

Finance Committee—Update

Liquor License—Dave Anderson—Tavern

Liquor License—Special Event—May 30, 2009—Bike Rally—Ark Valley Hospice

Liquor License—Special Event—June 13, 2009—

Swink Days

Next Regular Meeting will be held on June 8, 2009

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Special points of interest:

- www.swinkcolorado.com
- *Tree Spraying-June 2 & 3, 2009*
- *Annual Celebration-June 13, 2009*
- *No water restriction*
- *National Arbor Day*

SWINK PARK – REYNOLDS PARK



The Town of Swink celebrated Arbor Day on April 22, 2009 with Jim Bender, Kenny Cranson, Shelly Van Landingham, Steve Van Hook, Tom Brubaker, Mrs. Hobbs, Bev Kite and the Swink Kindergarten class.

The Town received a donation from Modern Woodmen of America for \$750.00 to get our new park area started. Picture above from Modern Woodmen of America are Jim Bender and Kenny Cranson.

Steve and Tim Van Hook are from Van Hook's Nursery who also donated supplies and labor for the new park.

Shelly Van Landingham is from the Colorado State Forest Office located in La Junta.

The new park is located at 3rd and Reynolds adjacent to US Highway 50.

The afternoon started with the kindergarten class marching around in single file while Mrs. Hobbs and her aide, Bev Kite talked to them about the new park that the city is planning.

The children learned about Nation Arbor Day and Earth Day from Shelly Van Landingham.

Tom Brubaker is one of the members from the Tree Board for the Town of Swink.

Rick Dell supervised all the work at the park. This was

the 11th year that the Town of Swink received national recognition for being named a Tree City USA Community by the Arbor Day Foundation.

A little history about the new park area. The late Ruth Watts Reynolds had the land set aside for creation of a park when she created the Reynolds Sub-

division in Swink in the early 1960's It was preserved also by the late Bryon Hanagan

who purchased the property along with the plots of land where the new homes are being built in the Hanagan West Subdivision the past few years. The children might be too young to fully understand they were part of history on April 22nd.

The Town of Swink purchased American Liberty Elm saplings this month along with the honey locust trees. The trees were all planted along Third Street.

Shelly Van Landingham stated that these trees have been cultivated from America elms that survived the Dutch elm disease that

killed millions of trees across the nation starting over 25 years ago. Research by Cornell University and the University of Wisconsin helped save the parents of these American Liberty Elms and grow trees that are so resistant to the disease that fewer than 1 percent of them have died from it during 23 years of

testing. She also stated that horticultural projects have produced 300,000 American Liberty elms for distribution across the United States.

The Town of Swink future plan is to purchase playground equipment. We would like to purchase the equipment next year. We will be working on a Conservation Trust grant to help with this project. If anyone has any ideas concerning this area, please call Terry.



Bottom picture taken by La Junta Tribune Democrat.

Black and White picture to the left taken by Rocky Ford Daily Gazette.



The Town of Swink would like to thank the Modern Woodmen of America for their donation along with Van Hook's Nursery.

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Rich's Tree Service will be spraying the trees on June 2nd and 3rd.

Trustee Wallace signed the Arbor Day Proclamation for April 22, 2009. (see page 2)

Dell has asked Southeast Co. Water Conservancy District for 200 Acre Fee of water for 2009.

A copy of Ordinance 2009-5 concerning water restriction was given to council. After looking at the ordinance and the current water supply we will stay in Stage

1 which allows you to water anytime and as long as you wish.

Debra Basye, Hogg Stopp Saloon, has asked for Special Event Liquor License for May 30, 2009 and June 13, 2009. This was tabled until next month.

Clerk stated that she visited with a representative for CENSUS 2010. She stated that everyone needs to fill out the paperwork as this helps the Town of Swink with finances.

Clerk stated that she received information

concerning insurance. Council stated that we are not interested in changing insurance at this time.

The weather siren test has been fixed to only go off one time at noon on Saturday according to Dell.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next months meeting will be May 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Public is invited to attend all regular board meetings.

Weeds



It is that time of the year again that we all dread. CUTTING OF THE WEEDS! But with all the moisture we received this past month our weeds are growing fast.

ORDINANCE 8.16.0101 Reads:

“NO OWNER OF ANY LOT, BLOCK OR PARCEL OR GROUND WITHIN THE TOWN, NOR ANY TENANT OR AGENT IN CHARGE THEREOF, SHALL ALLOW OR PERMIT WEEDS TO GROW, OR REMAIN WHEN GROWN, ON SUCH LOT, BLOCK OR PARCEL OR GROUND, ON OR ALONG ANY SIDEWALK ADJOINING THE SAME, OR IN THE ALLEY BEHIND THE SAME, BUT SUCH WEEDS SHALL BE CUT CLOSE TO

THE GROUND AND KEPT SO CUT”.

The process for weed letters:

- 1) The maintenance crew will watch for anyone in violation of the above ordinance.
- 2) Once the maintenance crew deems it necessary for you to receive a letter they will notify the clerk.
- 3) The clerk will send a letter to remind all residents that are in violation of the weed ordinance.
- 4) This letter will give the residents approximately a week to cut the weeds.

- 5) If the weeds have not been cut the clerk will then send a certified letter to the resident and give them 5 days to cut their weeds and inform them that if the weeds are not cut the maintenance department will go in and cut the weeds at a cost of \$35.00 per hour, per man that will be billed to them.

Make Sure you Cut your Weeds

This and all ordinance's can be read on the Town of Swink web page:

www.swinkcolorado.com

Tree Spraying

Rich's Tree Service will be spraying for elm beetles on June 2nd and 3rd.

If you are not on our list to get your trees sprayed, please call Terry at 384-7155.



Please remember to take proper precaution with your children and pets.

Although Rich has stated that the spray is safe for humans and pets we would

just like for you to take the extra time that morning and make sure your animals are in a safe spot.

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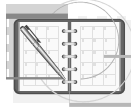
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Closed on Friday
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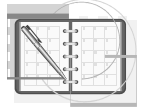
We hope to have a section in the next issue titled "ASK A COUNCIL MEMBER". Please send your signed letters to the Town Clerk.

Current Water Restriction:

No water restrictions—Water restrictions were lifted for the Town of Swink at the May 12, 2008 meeting. You may water anytime and as long as you wish.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 1, 2009 NOTICE: All dogs must be licensed with the Town of Swink
May 11, 2009 Town of Swink Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Public Invited
May 22, 2009 Read Water Meters
May 25, 2009 Town Hall Closed—Memorial Day

Swink Recreation

Baseball, softball and t-ball games are under way. Please try to attend some of the games at Swink School.

August 3, 2009 Annual end of the year swim party—pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm.

Swink Sr. Citizens

May 11, 2009 Birthday Party
May 14, 2009 Lunch at Swink School
May 18, 2009 Potluck Dinner
May 21, 2009 Board Meeting at 9:00 am
May 25, 2009 Center Closed—Memorial Day

Every Monday and Thursday—Coffee at 9:00 a.m. and Cards in pm. Sage meals M-F at 11:00 a.m.

Annual Celebration



Our Annual Celebration is about a month and a half away. We know you are all getting excited about spending the day in downtown Swink. Come and visit with your neighbors, eat good food, watch the live entertainment all day long. So mark on your calendar JUNE 13, 2009!!!!

We have special events scheduled for this day. Some of the events are:

- ☺ A Parade at 10:00 am
- ☺ BINGO
- ☺ Booths
- ☺ Live Entertainment—MC for the day will be Lance Valliant
- ☺ Talent Show from dancing chickens to playing your best spoons or singing us



a song. Prizes will be award to the most entertaining and talented person.

- ☺ Street Dance - "WIND RIVER BAND"
- ☺ Pony Rides for children
- ☺ SWINK LIONS ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST— 7:00– 9:00 am - in the street in front of the Community Center
- ☺ Bouncing Booth for Children
- ☺ Contests
 - ▶ Egg Toss
 - ▶ Jalapeno Eating
 - ▶ Pie Eating Contest
 - ▶ And Many More
- ☺ Beer Garden behind the Hogg Stopp Saloon
- ☺ Horseshoe Tournament



- ☺ Dunking Booth—Swink Boys Scout
- ☺ Lots to Eat all day long
- ☺ Fun for the entire family

The Swink School will have the grand opening of the new gym.

We are still in need of sponsors.

We still have spaces for booths.

We also need parade entries—so bring your dancing chickens and lets march to the beat of the band.

Bingo may be a monthly event in Swink.

COME ON DOWN AND HAVE FUN IN SWINK

