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# Brush! UP

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## I-76 Brush Reconstruction



In case you haven't been on the interstate lately, or you have been and saw some construction activity going on and you were left wondering what's going on, Colorado Department of Transportation will be working on a major reconstructing project for a portion of the interstate. Here are the general plans from their website coloradodot.info:

*This project will reconstruct both directions of I-76 from mile marker (MM) 84.9 to MM 91.1 in Morgan County, which is essentially the stretch of the interstate from Fort Morgan to Brush. Crews will build or replace 13 bridges and one box culvert. The work will reconfigure two I-76 interchanges at State Highway 71 and Dodd Bridge Road to standard diamond interchanges. Also, all on- and off-ramps are to be lengthened for a safer transition onto and off of the interstate. The existing six miles of interstate roadway, shoulders, and ramps will be repaved with concrete. Long term drainage improvements will be made along the interstate in Brush.*

*Having a modern up-to-date transportation system makes Colorado's economy stronger by putting people to work and attracting business and employers to Colorado by creating new good paying jobs. With 52% of our state highway infrastructure is in poor condition, our roads have degraded so badly that major reconstruction is necessary. Having a modern and efficient transportation system will help supports economic and job growth in the area. CDOT advertised this project in late December 2012, opened bids January 24, and identified the apparent low bidder as Castle Rock Construction Company. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2013 with a detour that will put traffic in a head-to-head configuration starting April 1, 2013. The configuration is expected to last through October 2013. Minor work is scheduled through the 2013 winter with detours scheduled to resume April 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014. The project is scheduled for completion in winter 2014.*

So it will be quite a task going on for the next year and a half or so, but will certainly help pave the way for the continual future success for the City of Brush!

If you have any questions or concerns about the project, feel free to contact the City offices or the Chamber of Commerce.



## Got Drugs?

**Saturday April 27  
10am-2pm**

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is working with local organizations for the 6th annual National Take-Back Initiative where citizens are provided a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing unnecessary or expired prescription drugs that are just taking up space in your medicine cabinet.

Drop off will be at the East Morgan County Hospital where the Brush PD will have a representative. No liquid or chemo drugs will be received.

For more information, please visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)



# Rentals Needed



Morgan County, especially Brush!, will be a busy place over the next year and a half. In addition to all the normal activities we have around here, we will have the I-76 Reconstruction Project going on, Xcel Pawnee Power Plant will be doing a major addition, the new East Morgan County Hospital expansion, as well as other happenings around the county. One thing that certainly means is: opportunity. Commotion like this is always good for any local economy, but we have to be ready to run with it. One area that is a tough obstacle across the county is RENTAL HOUSING.

Many of these workers that will be coming in have been looking and will continue to be looking for housing to stay at while working here. Right now, there is not much on the surface to offer, so if you or someone you know in the area has a place they could possibly rent out, it would be a great asset for you/them and the community. More people living here means more people spending their money here, which means more business for our local businesses, which means more cash flow at work to progress Brush!

# PARKS & RECREATION

## Spring & Summer Activities

<b>May 4</b>	<b>Downtown Spring Clean Up</b>	<b>June 29</b>	<b>Annual 5k Brush! Rush!</b>
<b>May 6-10</b>	<b>City Spring Clean Up Week</b>	<b>June 29</b>	<b>Brad Amack Softball Tourney</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Swimming Pool opens</b>	<b>July 2-4</b>	<b>59th Annual Brush! Rodeo</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Fishing is Fun</b>	<b>July 4</b>	<b>Fourth of July Parade</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Pitching Machine Baseball Tourney</b>	<b>July 15-20</b>	<b>Parks &amp; Rec Week</b>
	<b>Joslin Needham Baseball Complex</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>Customer Appreciation BBQ</b>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Antique Tractor Show</b>		<b>Library Park</b>
<b>June 14-16</b>	<b>Summer Sizzler Tournament</b>	<b>Aug 4-10</b>	<b>Morgan County Junior Fair</b>

For more info on events, contact the Brush! Parks & Rec office at 842-5280 or the Chamber of Commerce at 842-2666.



## Tree Trimming Trained

City crews have recently completed four different training sessions related to the proper pruning of trees with CSU Extension agent, Rich Guggenheim. The sessions included focusing in on: pruning basics, structural pruning of young shade trees, and pruning mature shade trees. This training equips crews with the knowledge they need to ensure the health of the City's urban forest, and especially working with the young trees that we have planted over the past 20 years with

the City's tree program. We will now be able to begin pruning in a superior manner to assure a long a healthy life for the tree.

If residents have questions related to a tree in their yard the following resources are available:

Rich Guggenheim, CSU Extension Agent: 542-3542

Norland Hall, District Forester, Colorado State Forest Service: 867-5610

# DO YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA FOR A NEW BUSINESS?



In January, City Council approved a new program to 'encourage the establishment of new business within Downtown Brush through assisting new, relocating, or expanding businesses.' So if you have had an idea for a new business that perhaps you have been chewing on for a while, maybe now is the time to take the next step forward.

One of the challenges of any new business is the initial flow of capital, so the program is designed to provide up to \$1500 for rent, city utility costs, advertising, or a forgivable loan. For more information, check out [brushcolo.com](http://brushcolo.com), or contact marketing at City Hall.

## Brush Fire Fighter Update

Your Brush Volunteer Fire Department has undergone a slight change this year. You have a new command staff elected by the Department membership. Your Chief is Tad Anderson, Assistant Chief is Ray Uhrick, Treasurer is Ed Jones, and Secretary is Josh Strand. The Captain and Lieutenants are appointed. Captain is Brooks Massey, Lieutenants are Rob Ring and Pat Walter. A quick bio on each of the crew members:

Ed Jones, Treasurer, has been in the fire service and a member of Brush Volunteer Fire Department for 19 years. He has served as the Treasurer for 12 years. Ed is self employed, He owns and operates Edward D Jones CPA.

Josh Strand, Secretary, has been in the fire service and a member of the Brush Volunteer Fire Department for 9 1/2 years. He has served as Trustee for 2 years, on the Pension Board for 1 year. Josh is working for Schlumberger Well Services.

Pat Walter, Lieutenant, has been in the fire service and a member of Brush Volunteer Fire Department for 12 years. Pat served as an Accountability Committee Member for 2 years. Pat is self employed, he owns and operates Buildings By Design.

Rob Ring, Lieutenant, has been in the fire service and a member of the Brush Volunteer Fire Department for 21 years. In that time he has held multiple positions, LT for 4 years, Trustee for 3 years, and Assistant Chief for 2 years. Rob works for Home Town Auto and Hardware.

Brooks Massey, Captain, has been in the fire service and a member of the Brush Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years. He has held multiple positions, Trustee for 6 years, Lieutenant for 6 years, as well as lead mechanic for about 12 years. Brooks is self-employed. He owns and operates Brush Auto Salvage.

Ray Uhrick, Assistant Chief, has been in the fire service for the 8 years. With Wiggins Vol. Fire Department for 3 years and Brush Vol. Fire Department for the past 5 years. Ray has served as the secretary and trustee from 2010-2012. Elected to the ...*continued on page 4*



## Spring Clean-up



May 6-10, the City will be doing our Spring Clean-up where our trash department will collect those items that you can't normally put out. We weren't able to do one last year, so there are probably some people anxious to get rid of some things. A few rules still do come into play:

No oil, tires, batteries, electronics, hazardous materials, or Freon appliances.

Any sticks must be bundled together, be no more than 4 feet long and 1 inch in diameter.

The extra trash needs to be piled neatly and orderly next to the polykarts to make it easy to collect.

The trash pickup will only be on your regularly scheduled day; if it is set out after your regular day there will be a fee charged to pick it up.

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Tad Anderson, Chief of the Department, has been in the Fire Service for 19 years. 19 years with Brush Volunteer Fire Department as well as 15 years as a career firefighter with Castle Rock Fire & Rescue. He was previously the Captain and held that position for 10 years. Tad continues to work for Castle Rock Fire & Rescue as a Lieutenant Engine 151 C-shift.

The goal of this Command Staff is to provide the training and logistics necessary for the Department to successfully manage any incident we are called to. The Fire Department is tasked with mitigating a multitude of potentially dangerous incidents. Fire, gas leaks, multiple types of alarms, vehicle wrecks, farm accidents, medical calls, etc. To be ready it takes a large commitment, by each member, to attend training and run calls. This entire Department is comprised of Volunteers. Each member has a family and a full time job as well as their commitment to the Fire Department. We are all proud to be a part of the Fire service, and humbled to be serving this community.



by TAD ANDERSON  
brush fire dept fire chief



## Keep It Clean!

We all have likely seen trash sitting around town where it doesn't belong, and some of us may not think twice about it. However, we certainly implore you to not litter, and for you to encourage others to do the same. It's easy to just toss aside a meaningless piece of trash; especially if no trash can is around. But, trash is trash, and someone somewhere is going to have to clean it up because someone else was being lazy. Just hang on to your garbage for a little longer until you get to a trash can and throw it away, and maybe even feel good about it. It's our home, let's keep it clean!



**Don't forget to check out the latest info and updates here in Brush! by dropping in on the city's website: [www.brushcolo.com](http://www.brushcolo.com)**



# Brush!

## City Council Members

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<b>Andrea Strand</b>	City Clerk
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<b>Lance Schwindt</b>	Director of Parks & Rec
<b>Dale Colerick</b>	Director of Utilities & Public Works
<b>Mark Thomas</b>	Police Chief
<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>Colette P Mullins</b>	Utility Billing
<b>Tadd Anderson</b>	Fire Chief