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Let's Carry Our Momentum!

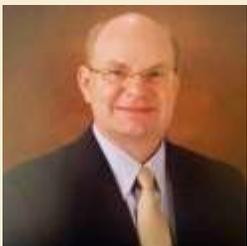
Wow, what a busy year 2014 was in the City of Brush! There were projects started, completed, postponed, and everything in between. All in all, it was a very exciting and successful year for us. I want to thank our City

Council members, City staff, and Brush! citizens for their support, work, feedback, and determination to make Brush! wonderful!

The highlight of the year for Brush! encapsulated our community. In June we received the recognition of "All-America City." It is earned by only ten cities in the entire country each year for the work done in civic excellence. It is truly an honor for Brush! to have won it.

Some of the 2014 projects that further bolster Brush! are: the first dog park in the County; completion of the largest and most contemporary skate park in Northeastern Colorado; purchasing the English Feedlot on Highway 71 for its water resources and solid waste disposal potential (It also has potential to be a state of the art industrial park); a master plan for the airport was developed; street resurfacing, including the airport runway; Hospital Road was rebuilt (widened, leveled, and laid with concrete), and it's just the beginning to a very attractive entrance into Brush! Time limits me going over all the other accomplishments of the year, but you can see that 2014 was very productive. Let's carry our momentum! Long planning and preparation, and much of it, has gone into what we are now seeing the fruit of.

In addition to those completed, we have a few projects that are currently in the works. An augmentation pond at Hospital Road and Mill Street is being built (this was a joint effort between the City, Upper Platte and Beaver Ditch Company, and Castle Rock Construction). This pond will become a multi-use area with a hiking trail, benches and a nature area. We hoped to have had the fourth and final phase of the downtown project completed to finish the new storm water drain system. However, due to lack of bids, the project still awaits commencement. This spring, we will put the project out for bid again. Also on this spring's agenda, we will be looking at a railroad quiet zone on Clayton Street, a recreational plan for the City, and Central School.



As always, the City administration, council and I welcome your input on these or any other issues. Thank you for your confidence in the leadership of Brush! It's an honor to serve you! I wish you and yours a happy and healthy 2015!

Mayor Chuck Schonberger

2014 accomplishments:

- All-America City award*
- New interstate and bridge*
- Doty Pond xeriscape area*
- Pioneer Skatepark*
- Dog park*
- Airport Master Plan*
- 8 new businesses downtown*
- New website*
- Rebranding campaign*
- Augmentation pond*
- Hospital Road rebuild*
- Purchase of English Feedlot*

Additional Fire Fighter Funds

With the Ballot Issue 2B passing in November, beginning January 1, 2015, we will see the 0.4%



increase on local sales tax. An example is if you purchased something in 2014 for \$9.99 plus tax, the total you would have paid would have been \$10.35.

That same item's total would now be \$10.39.

Our sales tax breakdown is now 3.0% for general fund, 0.6% for street fund, and .4% for Brush Fire Department equipment. The ballot issue specified that the additional funding will go to *purchase, replacement, and improvement of firefighting vehicles, safety equipment and gear, fire station building improvements and repairs, training facilities, and other fire related items.*

Capital Projects for 2015

We at the City make it a priority to see that your tax dollars are invested well into the success of our community. Below is a list of some of the projects our City staff brought to City Council and was approved for the new year:

- Phase 4 Downtown Project
Last phase of massive project. Was bid out in 2014, but no bids were received.
\$1,785,000
- Purchase Fire Truck
1994 truck on a 20 year Replacement plan.
\$540,000
- Hospital Road Sewer Main
North Hospital Road lacks sewer line; adding will make property more desirable for development.
\$320,000
- Quiet Zone
Improve quality of life with the reduction of trains sounding horns and whistles.
\$80,000
- Replace pool boilers
Current boiler is over 20 years old and chemicals have caused corrosion, causing maintenance issue.
\$70,000

Washington DC 2015 Community Trip

July 21-31, 2015
(11 days 10 nights)

Cost is \$990

price includes:

- Motorcoach transportation
- 10 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the Washington, DC area
- 18 meals: 10 breakfasts and 8 dinners
- Two full-day Guided Tours of Washington, DC
- Our Tours feature the WWII Memorial, Capitol Hill, Embassy Row, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Smithsonian, the Lincoln Memorial, and more!
- Admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Garden
- Evening Guided Memorial and Monuments Tour
- and *much* more



For more info, contact the
Rec office at 842-5280

- Replacement of Police Car
Will provide continuous update of vehicle fleet, maintain adequate vehicle availability, and keep maintenance costs down.
\$39,000
- Event Tent Purchase
Current tent used in partnership with Brush Area Chamber of Commerce is in need of replacement.
\$25,000
- English Feedlot Master Plan
Develop master plan for future redevelopment of 147 acre property purchased by City in 2014.
\$20,000
- School Crossing Lights
Crossing lights and signage at Thompson, Beaver Valley and possibly Middle School.
\$20,000

There are plenty of other projects on the calendar for 2015 that you will see around town. For a complete look at the 2015 budget, go to our website, brushcolo.com and go to our finance page.

Snow Removal

Remember it is the property owner's/tenant's responsibility to remove snow on sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall. Once snowplows have gone through your street, place your shoveled snow on your property, not into the street.



Keeping snow off of the street will help reduce ice buildup on the streets, gutters, and drain system. Below is a map of our snow removal priorities across town.

City Employees

We have the privilege here at the City of great employees who faithfully show up each day to labor to make our community great. Here are some who hit some milestone years in 2014 with the City of Brush!

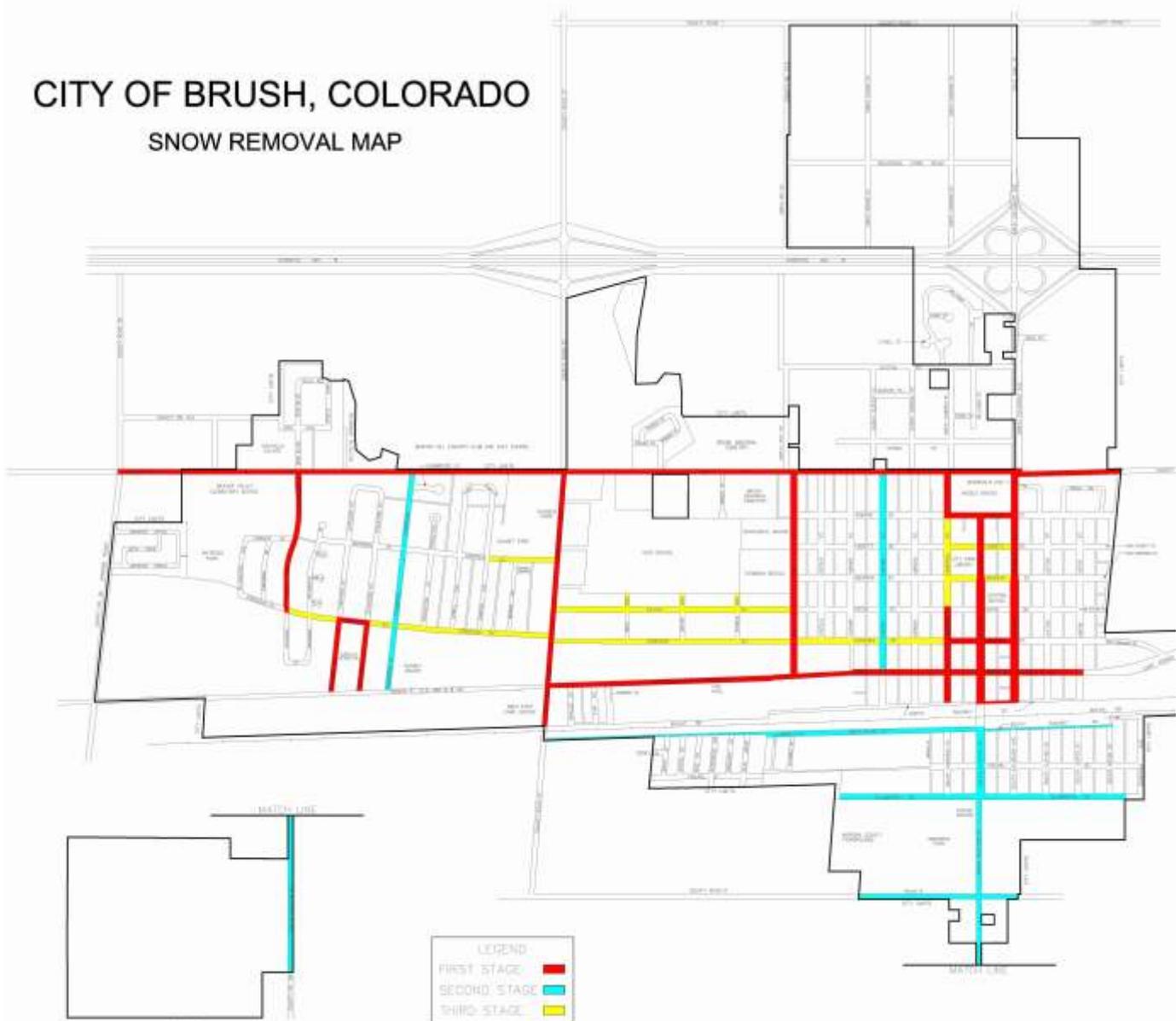
Court Bannock (Police Dept)
5 years

Russel Rodriguez (Streets Dept)
5 years

John Gardino (Streets Dept)
10 years

Jaime Melendez (Sanitation Dept)
25 years

CITY OF BRUSH, COLORADO SNOW REMOVAL MAP



No Frozen Pipes!

As you probably know, water pipes and winter don't play nice sometimes. When temperatures drop too low, many simply run the water to prevent frozen pipes. This may usually work, but remember the problem is cold air reaching the pipes, so the best thing you can do is insulate the pipes. The second best thing is to make sure the basement and crawl spaces have any drafts/cracks sealed. If you are going to be gone for an extended time (vacation), set thermostat to 55 degrees and open cabinet doors to expose water pipes. Do not run water while you're away for that extended time. If at any time your water pipes freeze, never use a flame torch or space heater to thaw out the pipe.

Recycling Considerations

Morgan County began providing single stream recycling in 2012, and has seen a great response from communities. There are some things to keep in mind that are not allowed in the single stream recycling process, but have been seen in an excess of:

- NO OIL Bottles
- NO BAGS of GARBAGE
- NO LIDS on Plastic Food and Beverage Bottles (Please throw Lids and Rings in TRASH)
- NO Laundry Baskets, Totes, Plastic Crates or Toys
- NO Plastic Bags or film
- NO Paper Cups or Drinking Straws
- NO Food Wrappers
- NO Milk or Juice Cartons

There are recycling bins available for single stream, cardboard, and electronics in the City lot just south of the Post Office on Carson Street. For more information on local recycling, go to the recycling page on our City website, brushcolo.com, within the public works department page and trash collection.



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