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Street Maintenance 101

Here is a familiar scenario for an American citizen: you are driving down the road and up ahead you see a Road Work Ahead sign followed by cones, probably moving you over one lane. As you slow down and approach what's going on, you see a crew doing a handful of different things to the road. Unless you are educated in the basics of street preservation, you just know they are fixing the road in one way or another, and go on your way, hopefully not frustrated by any delay it may have caused in your drive time. So let us bring a little more information on what is going on.



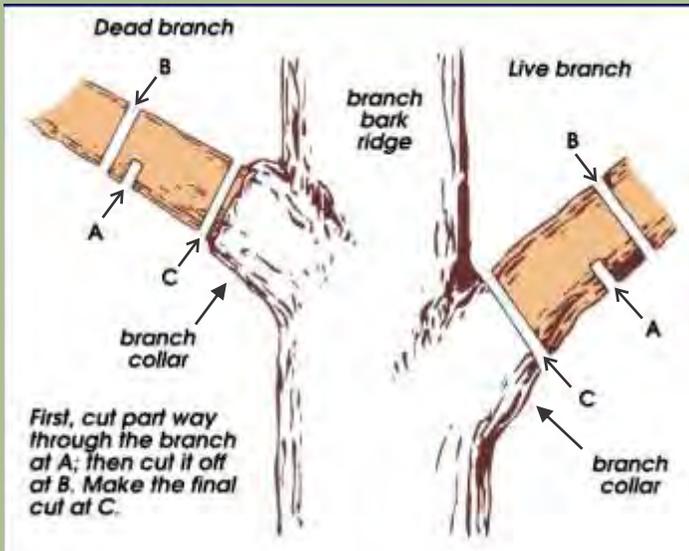
Our streets have always been a crucial component of the infrastructure we have in place across the nation, and the City of Brush! dedicates significant resources to the preservation of our streets. As you might expect, use and weather (especially water) decrease the quality and life of the streets; so naturally, we work to build and maintain them to last as long as we can, and uphold the quality as much as we reasonably can. Of the processes available to preserve the roads, what is used is determined by how damaged the street in subject is. If the condition of an area is determined to be poor enough, the street will be torn out and replaced with new asphalt. Therefore, each year plans are made to tackle what roads we can through our street preservation projects. There are three maintenance processes that the City uses:

1. **Fog Seal** is a light treatment in which an asphalt emulsion is applied to the pavement surface. The emulsion can renew and enrich an older pavement surface that may be experiencing some weathering and raveling. It seals minor cracks, and provides shoulder delineation.

2. **Slurry Seal** is a mixture of asphalt and well-graded fine aggregate. It typically works best with pavements that are in good condition but may be showing signs of aging. It's main advantage is that it provides a quicker, neater application, and the average life for a single application is 3-5 years. It provides a smooth, tight surface similar to a hot mix.

3. **Chip Seal** is a two-step process in which the pavement is sprayed with a coat of asphalt and then covered with coarse aggregate. The seal coat is normally an asphalt emulsion and should have a high viscosity to help embed the aggregate in the asphalt. Chip seal provides excellent skid resistance and adds an average life to the road of 5-8 years.

Beautify Brush! - Tree Trimming



Fall is a great time to get yard work done. With the shorter days and the cooler temperatures comes a list of things to do around the yard to prepare for winter. Among these may be pruning trees. The ability to see the framework of the tree when all the leaves are off provides a good idea of what needs to be pruned, how, and where.

When pruning trees, it is important to remember that branches need to form what is known as a "Branch Collar". This is an area of cells that grows at the connection point of the trunk and the branch when the branch is correctly spaced and maintains a diameter ratio of $\frac{1}{2}$. The branch collar is structurally sound and helps prevent tree failure during heavy wind or snow storms. To form a branch collar, you want to ensure that the crotch angle of the branch is greater than 45 degrees, and that the branch is half

the diameter of the trunk it comes off of.

When pruning a tree, ideally you want to prune branches before they reach a diameter of 4 inches. This is to prevent any decay from moving into the branch. A small cut with decay now can lead to serious potential for problems later on. The bigger the pruning wound, the bigger the potential for decay, and failure. If you can't prune off the whole branch now, prune it back to stop growth and remove the whole branch later.

When pruning branches, remember to prune all the way back to the branch collar. You never want to leave stubs. This increases the chance for decay as well. When pruning the branch off, prune back to the branch collar. This will cause the branch collar to form a defense zone which will grow around the wound



and seal it off. The use of sealants on cuts is no longer considered a good practice in the green industry. Research has shown that this increases the risk for decay and disease to spread through the tree.

For more information on pruning, contact your local County 4-H Extension Office at (970) 542-3540 or visit www.extension.colostate.edu/morgan

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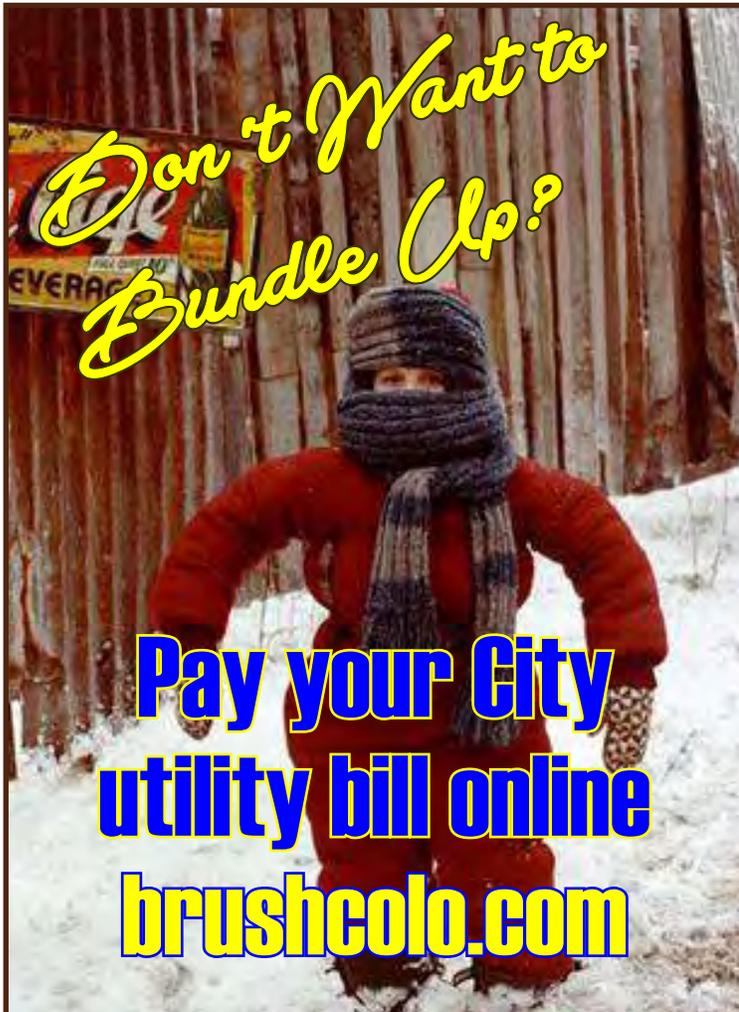
Annual Fall Cleanup

Pull out the jackets and long sleeve shirts, fall is upon us! As you are cleaning things up in the yard, the City of Brush! wants to help you out. From October 1 - November 30 will be our annual Fall Cleanup. You can bag your leaves with your normal trash, and we will pick those up free of charge! Don't mix any trash with the leaves, otherwise it will not be picked up.

Remember that it is against City Code to blow or pile leaves into the streets. In doing so, you run the risk of getting a citation. The issue we have is the potential of the leaves going into the drains and clogging things up; being Colorado, it still could rain at this time of the year and carry that out easily.

You can also bundle branches up to 4 feet in length and no more than a 1 1/2 inch diameter in a load that one person can pick up, and also set that out next to your normal trash service pile, and those will be picked up as well.





City Council Priorities

Each year, City Council looks at where we are as a City, what projects City Staff has been working on, and the direction we are going and creates a list of priorities to be main drivers in what we work to accomplish. Below is what we have for 2017-2018.

PRIMARY PRIORITIES

1. English Property Master Plan/OEDIT Blueprint 2.0 Reuse Study
2. Recreation Master Plan (to include, trails, ballfields, swimming pool, pocket park, wayfinding signage, golf course, community garden and community buildings)
3. Fire Department Building
4. Golf Course Development and Review Lease Options
5. Community and Downtown Aesthetics (Beautify Brush Campaign, dilapidated buildings, weeds, dead trees, etc.)

SECONDARY PRIORITIES

1. Quiet Zone Phase 2 (Hospital Road, CR 26 and East Edison Street)

ADMINISTRATIVE PRIORITIES

Projects Nearing Completion

1. Downtown Project Phase IV (June 30, 2017)
2. Storm water (inlets installed at Emerson, Cambridge, Williams Streets (Fall 2016)
3. Augmentation Pond Special Use Permit (December 2016)

Additional Projects

4. Water Resources Development (Continue with Water Advisory Board ongoing)
5. Housing
6. Waste Water Pre-treatment Program Development and Implementation.
7. Economic Development in General (ongoing)
8. Central School (Dec 2016)
9. Paving Elm and Mill Street
10. Campground Facilities and Management Review
11. Street Maintenance
12. Research Police Body Cameras
13. Fee Review
14. Disaster Management (review plan - police and fire departments present scenarios)
15. Assess City Storage Situation and Options

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Your Vote is Wanted and Needed

This November is your opportunity to declare your decisions on the direction of a variety of issues, locally to nationally. But only if you vote. In 2014, Colorado had 54.5% of registered voters cast ballots, which was 3rd in the nation; but at the same time, still means that nearly half of those who were able to vote, did not. Presidential election years, such as 2016, typically bring out more registered voters, so we hope you are one of them.

If you aren't registered to vote, Colorado is a same-day-registration state, which means voters can register or update their voter registration all the way through Election Day, November 8th at 7 p.m. You can register ahead of time at govotecolorado.com, or contact the Morgan County Clerk and Recorder's office at 970-542-3521, option 5.

Always remember, your vote matters. If the majority thought otherwise, the minority of those who exercised their right to vote would be making the decisions that affect our lives and communities.

The Course Happenings

Things continue to move ahead at The Course at Petteys Park. We had a large increase in memberships this year, a successful golf season, great participation in the tournaments, and are continuing to work toward improvements on the course itself. At the clubhouse, we have a new restaurant manager, have shaken up the menu a little, and plan on doing some additional interior upgrades. We recognize the value that the golf course and clubhouse bring to the community, and would like you to be a part of it. We invite you to come out, either for the first time, the hundredth time, or give things a shot again.

Below is the new weekly menu specials:

Monday – Café Closed (Limited Menu for Golfers)

Tuesday – Taco Tuesday \$6.95 for (3) Tacos or all you can eat for \$8.95 (Pork, Steak, or Chicken) with Beans and Rice

Wednesday – 2-Piece Fried Chicken Meal with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable \$7.95

Thursday – Hot Beef Sandwich w/Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and Vegetable \$8.95

Friday – Steak Sandwich and Fries \$8.95

Friday Night – Surf and Turf Market Price

Saturday – Chefs Choice \$4.95 - \$10.95

You can also book our large dining room for any get-togethers, celebrations, and might be something to consider with employee Christmas parties coming up. You can fit up 80 people, and reservations are needed. Call The Course at 842-9798.



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