

# Park County Bi-Annual Newsletter

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## IN LOVING MEMORY

### Park County Commissioner Louis Doc McKay



**We Will Miss You**

After coming to the high country in the 1990s, Doc McKay happily and tirelessly served the people of his community and all of Park County.

Doc began working for the Building Department in 1999, became Chief Building Official in 2001, and was sworn in as Park County Commissioner for District III in January of 2007.

After battling a prolonged illness, Doc passed from us on May 8, 2008 at the age of 68.

Our love and deep regret go out to his wife, Liz, and to the family.

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#### First Half 2008

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## Park County Libraries

On our website (<http://parkcounty.colibraries.org>) is a new page to show you the value of the library. From the homepage click on the link "What is my library worth?" shown on the left hand side. This is an "individual return on investment calculator", showing the value of all the services you might use at the library. You will be amazed at how much your library is worth!

Your libraries are community resources. They provide a wealth of materials for pleasure and education in a variety of mediums – books, magazines, videos and DVD's and books and music on CD's and audiotapes. The libraries provide these other services:

Photocopy machine

Computers with Internet access and filters compliant with CIPA

Fax machine

Meeting room

Microfiche/film readers – Bailey and Fairplay only

Homebound service

Book Clubs

Children's story time

Tax forms

Friends of the Library

Used book sales



One of the best tools new to the libraries is the resource *Learning Express*. It is an online source of practice tests and skill-building courses for GED exams, SAT exams, etc.

Go to the Park County Public Libraries' website (<http://parkcounty.colibraries.org>), click on the Learning Express Logo and enjoy free, unlimited access to interactive skill-building courses and a broad range of practice tests based on such official exams as the ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB, Firefighter, Police Officer, Paramedic, EMT Basic, U.S. Citizenship, Postal Worker, Cosmetology, Real Estate Agent and Broker Exams. This valuable service is available 24/7 from any internet-enabled computer - at home, in the library, ANYWHERE!

Learning Express offers comprehensive courses in math, reading, and writing; essay writing practice with instant scoring; resume

writing and workplace skills enrichment; and more than 300 online practice tests for students and adults of all ages. All practice tests include instant score reports that help you target those skill areas that need the most attention. Complete answer explanations accompany each test question so that you understand why a particular answer is right or wrong. If you are preparing for the SAT or GED, LearningExpress Library offers a complete course series, as well as targeted essay writing practice with multiple writing prompts and instant score reports that immediately let you know how you preformed in each skill area.

We recently referred a patron to the resume and cover letter assistance and received this response: "I love that program. It was unbelievably helpful."

All you need is a library card and you can log on as a Park County Public Libraries cardholder.

School will be out before you know it! All the Park County Public Libraries have been busy preparing for the summer vacation and our summer reading programs.

This year's theme is "Catch the Reading Bug." Sign up for the program begins in May with the program schedules as follows:

Bailey – Mondays from 10:30 to noon. Begins June 16 through July 21.

Fairplay – Wednesdays beginning June 18 through July 23.

Pre-school through those entering 1st grade in September at 9:30 a.m.

2nd graders through 6th graders in September at 10:30 a.m.

Guffey – Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Begins June 5 through July 31.

Lake George – Mondays at 11 a.m. from June 2 to July 7.

June 9- Brigetta of the Manitou Art Theater will bring a special performance of her program, "Elephants".

June- 23 Bill Anderson will present his "Buggy about Books".

The program is open for all children ages 3 – 12 (entering 6th grade in September). There will be lots of special events at the libraries so check your local library for the schedule. Each participant will receive an award. Children do not have to attend the events in order to enjoy the summer reading club and receive prizes and awards.

## Park County Sheriff's Office

The Park County Sheriff's Office had a busy winter, working continuously with the Emergency Manager and our County Commissioners to keep our roads open. The unusually harsh conditions presented a lot of challenges for not only Sheriff's Office, but for the entire county as a whole.

Our jail has been doing well, and continues to pass all Federal and State inspections. We were able to offset our jail budget by 2.3 million dollars last year. The Patrol Division is being kept busy and as Park County continues to grow we expect more demand on services. In 2007, there were over 2,650 calls for service.

We are now gearing up for what we expect to be a very active sum-

mer. As the reservoirs, Gold Metal fishing streams, trails, recreation areas, and campgrounds open we expect to have thousands of summer guests make their yearly trek into Park County to enjoy our inviting summer activities.

Sheriff Wegener reminds our citizens and guests to check with their local fire districts concerning fire bans before starting any outdoor fires, and to be sure fire permits are up-to-date. Even though there was a tremendous amount of snow this winter, limited fire bans are already in place due to dry conditions. We encourage everyone to enjoy the many summer activities that Park County has to offer, but it is imperative that everyone is careful with fire at all times.

## Public Health

Public Health is busy in several areas right now. We continue to work on Emergency Preparedness with a focus on Pandemic Flu. We urge area residents to put together an emergency kit containing items that you will need to survive for 3 days. You will want to continue adding to your kit to eventually be self-sustaining for 2 weeks. Don't forget prescription medications and supplies for your pets. For a complete list of items to include in your kit visit: [www.parkco.us/oem.htm](http://www.parkco.us/oem.htm)

With warmer weather people will be starting to clean up sheds and outbuildings. Precaution should be used to avoid contact with Hantavirus. Infected rodents shed the virus through urine, droppings, and saliva. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome is transmitted to humans through a process called aerosolization, which occurs when dried materials contaminated by rodent excreta or saliva are disturbed. Humans become infected by breathing in these infectious aerosols. The best way to prevent HPS is to **Seal Up, Trap Up, Clean Up**. Seal up rodent entry holes or gaps with steel wool, lath metal or caulk. Trap rats and mice by using an appropriate

snap trap. Clean up rodent food sources and nesting sites and take precautions when cleaning rodent-infested areas. Put on rubber, latex, vinyl or nitrile gloves when cleaning. Do not stir up dust by vacuuming or sweeping. Thoroughly wet contaminated areas with a bleach solution or household disinfectant. Once everything is wet, pick up contaminated materials with a damp towel and then mop or sponge the whole area with a bleach solution or household disinfectant. Disinfect gloves before taking them off and thoroughly wash hands with soap and water after glove removal.

Through the Vaccines for Children program we continue to offer free immunizations to children who don't have private insurance. We offer walk-in clinics in both Fairplay and Bailey and will also make appointments. We plan to have nurses at back-to-school nights in the fall to ensure that children are up to date on their vaccinations prior to starting school. For information on our vaccine program call Park County Public Health Nursing Service: (719) 836-4147 in Fairplay and (303) 816-5970 in Bailey.

## Development Services

### Planning & Zoning

The main goals for our department this year are to:

- Continue the county wide rezoning project in accordance with the Park County Strategic Master Plan and "Rural Centers" defined and illustrated in the current Land Use Regulations.
- Complete the review and possible revision to the current Land Use Regulations to be in accordance to the Strategic Master Plan and be more user friendly.
- At the end of the year, start preparing for the requirement under state statute, a revision of the current Strategic Master Plan.
- Develop and put in place a more efficient Code enforcement policy.
- Reduce and eliminate redundant documentation between the Planning, Environmental Health and Building Departments related to property development.

We will be notifying our citizens of the locations, dates and times of the rezoning project, Land Use regulations revision and Strategic Master Plan revision through our county website [www.parkco.us](http://www.parkco.us) under Planning, as well as Agenda and Meeting Items, and also in the Flume.

### Environmental Health

It's that time of the year to start thinking about West Nile Virus, Hantavirus, tick borne diseases and the Plague.

There are several readily available resources for information about all of these potential viruses and diseases that can affect our health and our family's health (pets included). To provide more details, we update information and links on our county website [www.parkco.us](http://www.parkco.us) under Environmental Health. Some of our recommended link sites are; [www.cdphe.state.us](http://www.cdphe.state.us), [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [www.fightthebitecolorado.com](http://www.fightthebitecolorado.com).

You will also find information on avoiding Hantavirus in the Public Health article shown above.

Our heavy snow year may have had an effect on your water or septic systems. You may want to perform some maintenance to your water well to reduce any health risks associated with possible infiltration to your well. Please contact our office and we will make available some general maintenance information and tips.

You may also need some general information about your septic system if you suspect it isn't performing properly. Please contact at 719-836-4267 or visit our website [www.parkco.us](http://www.parkco.us) for general maintenance information and tips.

### Farewell to Corporal Craig Gaffner

Sheriff Wegener is saddened to announce that Corporal Craig Gaffner passed away at his residence May 11. Craig was with the Sheriff's Office for six years and enjoyed working with his K-9 companion, "Scribbles". Craig received three Letters of Commendation, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award and the Sheriff's Commendation for his actions at the Platte Canyon High School Shooting on September 27, 2006. We will all miss Corporal Craig Gaffner and his favorite faded ball cap.

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to his family and friends.



## GIS Mapping

**Mapping has become a greater part of our lives than ever before and now is available on the Web.**

### Need Topo Maps?

The USGS has a really cool thing out! They've converted all their 1:24,000 (7.5 minute) topo quads to a relatively new format called a **GeoPDF**. The file is basically a PDF, and opened with Adobe Reader, but since the image is location-aware, or georeferenced, you can input GPS coordinates to see where they fall; or, going the other way, you can derive a coordinate from the map to key into a GPS unit. The PDF even has the ability to track your movement if you have a GPS linked up to your computer. The key to being able to maximize the new capabilities is to download the GeoPDF Toolbar for Adobe Reader. Both the PDF's and the toolbar are free! Be aware however that the coordinate readings are displayed in Decimal Degrees. Many GPS units (including Garmin) display Lat/Long in Decimal Minutes. To use coordinates from the PDF, you would have to either convert to Decimal Degrees, or simply change your GPS to display in Decimal Degrees.

To get the GeoPDF's, go to [www.store.usgs.gov/](http://www.store.usgs.gov/), then click on "Map Locator and Downloader". You can either use the Google-enabled map locator to find an area; or you can type in a geographic feature - for example *Buffalo Peaks*, or other place name, like *Shawnee*. Using the map for input, you drop a marker on your place of interest, and then right-click to see what products are available for download. There is also a link for the toolbar. It can take some time to figure out how the site works, but it's worth the effort if you want your own free digital topo's.

## Communications

The Communications Department, once a part of the Sheriff's Office, is now separate, reporting to the BOCC and also working with an Operations Board. We expect good things to come out of this, taking us in great upward strides and through changes for the better.

Lydia Alvarado has just joined us as the Communication Director. She brings over 20 years of experience in law enforcement, instruction and related fields. We currently have five experienced dispatchers; Kim Beaman, Carrie Fikejs, Dee Hutcheson, Rob Dahlberg, and Dana Walker. In addition we welcome our new dispatchers Cassie Perrin and Nicole McChesney. During this transition all have worked not only over time, but double time to keep the citizens of Park County safe. We have had numerous applicants, but due to the stress factor involved with this job few complete the probation period.

Tony Frey, Park County Telecommunications Specialist, has been working with us and has made many improvements, including a new base radio as a back-up. Thank you to Tony and Information Services.

### Other Mapping Sites of Interest

**The National Atlas ([www.nationalatlas.gov](http://www.nationalatlas.gov))** has several functions, as listed on their site:

- Customize your own map for printing or viewing
- Investigate the layers that you can mix and match when making your own map
- Print pre-formatted maps on a variety of topics.
- Order larger maps suitable for the wall of your office, home, or classroom
- Play with interactive maps
- Learn about topics that interest you

Topics, or map layers, that are available range from Agriculture to Geology to Water, and everything in between.

**Wikimapia ([www.wikimapia.org](http://www.wikimapia.org))**. This site is much like the interactive encyclopedia site Wikipedia, but works in a mapping environment instead. Utilizing Google Maps™ technology, users can view, add, or edit points of interest for everyone in the world to see. Clicking on a flagged area brings up more information about the site, as well as presenting a forum for comments... ingenious.

#### A Word of Caution...

When using any map products, whether online such as Google Maps™ or Mapquest®, or data provided on a GPS unit - **don't trust the data!** This is particularly true with road and address data. Nearly all map data out there relies on federal-level data, which for the rural areas is very inaccurate. As the GIS Department cleans up the road and address data for the County, it will be made available to the two vendors that supply virtually all road data to all the map providers. Eventually, Park County's accurate

We are currently cross training all Communications dispatchers. We have also been working with the Office of Emergency Management to implement a system called "CODE RED", and while we are still in training, we are excited for the final implementation, because it will allow us to do group paging and alert an entire neighborhood of an emergency.

Communications has received a freestanding TTY telephone (typing communication with the deaf) so that we can work with and understand TTY calls as they come into dispatch. This will enable us to better communicate with the hearing impaired in the community. We are currently in the final installation process of the TTY phone and training of its use.

Things keep getting better for Park County Communications and we are all happy about the changes and the ones still to come!!!

*Dana Walker*

## Clean-Up Days

### PARK COUNTY CLEAN UP DAYS 2008

Park County Government is again sponsoring a Countywide Clean-Up Day for free collection of household debris and appliances.

#### Notice

#### Dates, times, and locations:

|             |          |                 |                                      |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Fairplay    | June 7   | 8:00 am-4:00 pm | Road and Bridge gravel pit on Hwy.9  |
| Bailey      | June 28  | 8:00 am-4:00 pm | Top of Crow Hill next to Loaf-n-Jug  |
| Lake George | August 9 | 8:00 am-4:00 pm | Road and Bridge shop on Hwy 24       |
| Guffey      | August 9 | 8:00 am-4:00 pm | Road and Bridge shop at 1619 N.CR 59 |

#### Guidelines and Procedures

- 1) The cleanup is open only to Park County residents. Proof of Residency will be required.
- 2) Forest slash and debris will not be accepted.
- 3) Household trash will not be accepted.
- 4) Automotive batteries will be accepted.
- 5) Hazardous and toxic materials will not be accepted. (i.e. wet paint, paint thinner, gasoline, oil, turpentine, wood stains, etc...)
- 6) Automotive and pickup tires will be accepted. Rims will be accepted but must be dismantled from tires. No commercial tires.
- 7) Private contractors will pick-up vehicles (cars, trucks, junked vehicles, buses, etc.) and will pay you \$40.00 small, \$ 60.00 full-size, \$ 200.00 or more for bus or heavy equipment. This service will be available at any time. (Call Matt Flores to schedule: 303-838-2492 or Cell # 303-895-1062)
- 8) Scrap metal will be accepted at no charge only at the collection site and only on the scheduled dates.
- 9) No dumping before or after scheduled dates or times.
- 10) Separate all electronic hardware for recycle (computers, monitors, radios, microwaves etc.)

DONATIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED – RECEIPTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

## Search and Rescue

Park County Search and Rescue would like to welcome the graduates of our recent New Member classes to our fieldable ranks just in time for our busy season. We have had a very good turnout this year and look forward to the next class coming up in October! We would also like to thank everyone for their ongoing support of PCSAR. Our upcoming events which should be very fun for everyone include the Bailey Dayz Spaghetti Dinner and Dance on June 20<sup>th</sup> and our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Golf Tournament at the Homestead Golf Course in October. Start gathering your foursomes now for this challenging event in support of your local Search and Rescue team! Contact any team member for information or visit PCSAR.org.

Hiking and camping season is now upon us and we would like to encourage everyone to travel safely! Don't forget to bring adequate supplies for the duration and weather conditions of your trip. Teach your children how to stay together with you and to stop immediately should they even think they don't know where they are. Always go with friends, let others know your plans, and know that we are here in case you need us.

Have a wonderful summer!



Rescue Training on Hoosier Pass

by Marcia McMahon

# Park County Jail

By Colorado statute 17-26-101 all counties with a population of more than 2,000 must have a jail - *"There shall be maintained in each county in the state, at the expense to the county, a county jail for the detention, safekeeping, and confinement of persons and prisoners lawfully committed..."*

After several threats of lawsuits for not having a jail, in 1994, Park County entered into an agreement with a private company, Fenton Security, which was to build and run a 120-bed jail. Fifteen of those beds were to be reserved for Park County inmates. Park County would pay the \$4.5 million cost for the construction at a rate of \$400,000 a year, with a \$1.5 million balloon payment due in 2015.

In 2000, after some changes in ownership, the private company walked away and left the jail to Park County. The Sheriff's Office took over the operation and found the building to be in disrepair, and poorly designed for proper security. Under Sheriff Monte Gore, then the Jail Captain, began a series of necessary upgrades to make the jail safer and more efficient, including a new security fence built by the inmates themselves. However, some flaws could not be improved without major new construction.

In 2004, the Sheriff's Office contracted for a \$2.5 million expansion and improvement to the facility that would increase the number of beds to 220. By re-financing the existing bonds at a better rate, the yearly mortgage payment increased to \$600,000, but the debt still expires in 2015 and eliminates the \$1.5 million balloon at the end.

Of the 220-person capacity, the average number of Park County inmates has now grown to approximately 42, with the remainder bringing in revenue of approximately \$45 per prisoner per day - paid for by contracts with the state and other agencies to house

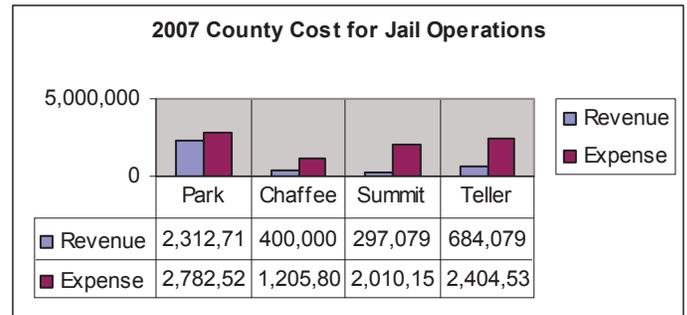
their prisoners. As the Park County inmate population continues to grow in the future, the revenue from housing other inmates will go down.

In 2008, the budget allows for an increase in expenditures of \$240,000 and a decrease in expected revenue of \$700,000.

When compared to surrounding counties, Park County Jail has shown an appreciably lower net cost.

2007 net loss  
Park County \$470,000,  
Chaffee County \$805,800,  
Summit County \$1,713,078.  
Teller County  
\$1,720,453

Even with the expected decrease in prisoners from the outside, with the 220 bed capacity, Park County will be able to house its own prisoners for many years to come without the need for an increase in the size of the jail.



# Clerk and Recorder

## AVOID WAITING IN LINES REGISTER TODAY FOR PERMANENT MAIL-IN VOTER STATUS

COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE AND MAIL TO:  
Park County Clerk and Recorder ,PO Box 220 Fairplay, Co 80440

### FIRST TIME VOTERS WHO VOTE BY MAIL

Colorado law requires identification at the polls and for first time voters by Mail-Ballot. Types of approved ID may be found on the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.co.us>. You may also contact your County Clerk and Recorder's office for information at (719) 836-4223.

### TO REGISTER TO VOTE

- You must:
- Be a U.S. Citizen
  - Register to vote no later than 29 days before the election.
  - Be 18 years old on or before the date of the election in which you want to vote.
  - Reside in Colorado and at your present address at least 30 days before the election.
  - Complete the "REQUIRED" fields on the application, including your address and apartment or unit number.

### PERMANENT MAIL-IN BALLOT INFORMATION

After the County Clerk & Recorder receives your complete application to receive a "Permanent Mail-in Ballot" your name will be placed on a list to receive a "Mail-in Ballot" for each election. Your name will remain on the list until: You request that your name be removed: your "Mail-in Ballot" is returned as undeliverable: or your voter registration recorded is marked **"inactive."**

| <b>Colorado – Combination Voter Registration &amp; Mail-In Ballot Application</b>  |  |  |   |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Instructions:</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRINT clearly using black ink</li> <li>READ the important information on the reverse side</li> <li>SIGN this form and return it to your County Clerk</li> </ul>   |  |  | For County Clerk and Recorder Use Only  |  |  |   |  |
| <b>VOTER INFORMATION: Required fields must be completed.</b>   |  |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| Are you a citizen of the United States? (Required)<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO<br>If you checked "NO" to this question, DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM.   |  |  | Will you be 18 years of age on or before Election Day? (Required)<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO<br>If you checked "NO" to this question, DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM.                             |  |  |   |  |
| Last Name (Required)   |  | First Name (Required)  |   | Middle Name  | Suffix (Jr., III)  |   |  |
| Colorado Legal Residence Street Address (Required – No P.O. Boxes)   |  |  | Apt/Unit #  | City/Town (Required)   | Zip (Required)   |   |  |
| Mailing Address or P.O. Box (Required if different from address above)   |  |  | Apt/Unit #  | City/Town (Required)   | State (Required)   | Zip (Required)  |  |
| Date of Birth (Required)<br>MM / DD / YYYY   |  | Gender (Required)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |   | Telephone Number (Including Area Code)<br>( ) - -  |  | Party Affiliation: (Required to vote in a party's Primary Election)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> American Constitution<br><input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian<br><input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated |  |
| <b>IDENTIFICATION (Required)</b><br><b>DO NOT LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK</b>   |  |  |   | Colorado Driver's License Number    OR    Department of Revenue ID Number<br><input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a Colorado Driver's License or Dept. of Revenue Identification Number. |  |   |  |
| Pursuant to Federal Law, your completed voter registration form must contain your State of Colorado Driver's License Number or your Dept. of Revenue Identification Number. If you do not have a Driver's License or Dept. of Revenue Identification Number, then you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have a Driver's License Number, a Dept. of Revenue Identification Number, or a Social Security Number, you must check the appropriate boxes. A unique identifying number will be assigned to you by the State and you will still be registered to vote.<br><b>NOTE: If the identification section is left blank and you do not check the boxes indicating you do not have identification, you will not be registered to vote.</b>  |  |  |   | OR<br>Social Security Number<br><input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a Social Security Number.   |  |   |  |
| <b>PREVIOUS RESIDENCE: Complete only if you are registered to vote at a different legal residential address.</b>   |  |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| OLD Residential Street Address (No PO Boxes)   |  |  |   |  | On what date did you, or will you, begin living at your new address?<br>MM / DD / YYYY |   |  |
| City/Town  |  | State  | Zip   |  |  |   |  |
| <b>PERMANENT MAIL-IN BALLOT LIST: Place a (✓) in the box to be added or removed from the list. (Optional)</b>  |  |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Add my name to the list   | <b>Address to mail your Permanent Mail-In Ballot(s) to - If different than your mailing or residential address</b>       |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remove my name from the list  | Street Address   | Apt/Unit #   | City/Town   | State  | Zip Code   |   |  |
| <b>CURRENT YEAR MAIL-IN BALLOT LIST: Place a (✓) in the box to request a Mail-In Ballot for that election. (Optional)</b>  |  |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> August Primary Election Only  | <b>Address to mail your August Primary Election Ballot(s) to - If different than your mailing or residential address</b> |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> November Election Only  | Street Address   | Apt/Unit #   | City/Town   | State  | Zip Code   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> November Election Only  | <b>Address to mail your November Election Ballot(s) to - If different than your mailing or residential address</b>       |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> November Election Only  | Street Address   | Apt/Unit #   | City/Town   | State  | Zip Code   |   |  |
| <b>READ, SIGN AND DATE:</b>  |  |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| By completing and signing this Voter Registration Application, you are affirming the following information:<br>(a) You intend to claim the present address as your sole legal place of residence and, in so doing, abandon claim to any other legal residence. (b) You are aware that, if you are a resident of this state for voting purposes, you are also a resident of this state for motor vehicle registration and operation purposes and for income tax purposes. (c) You cannot legally vote in more than one place in any election. (d) You are aware that a violation of the self-affirmation, of which you are about to make, is a criminal act under the laws of this state and you will be subject to the penalties provided by law.<br><b>WARNING: It is a crime to swear or affirm falsely as to your qualifications to register to vote.</b><br>Self-Affirmation: I do solemnly affirm that I am a citizen of the United States and that on the date of the next election I shall have attained the age of eighteen years and shall have resided in the state of Colorado at least 30 days and in my present precinct at least 30 days before the election. I further affirm that the present address I listed herein is my sole legal place of residence and that I claim no other place as my legal residence.<br>Under Colorado law, your Mail-In Ballot Application must contain your printed name, signature, residence address, mailing address if you wish to receive the ballot by mail, and date of birth. If you do not provide all of this information, you may not receive a Mail-In Ballot according to the rules established by the Secretary of State. C.R.S. 1-8-104 |  |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| <b>Signature or Mark (Required)</b>  |  |  | <b>Witness Signature (Optional)</b><br>The Mail-In Ballot Application must be personally signed by the applicant; or, in case of the applicant's inability to sign, the applicant's mark must be witnessed by another person. |  |  |   |  |
| X _____<br>Signature (Required)    Date (Required)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I want to be an Election Judge (Optional)  |  |  | X _____<br>Witness Signature (Optional)    Date   |  |  |   |  |

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**COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER CONTACT INFORMATION**

|   |   |  |  |   |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <b>ADAMS</b><br>1865 W. 121 <sup>st</sup> Ave., Suite 600<br>Westminster, CO 80234-2327<br>(303) 920-7850 | <b>CROWLEY</b><br>631 Main St., Suite 102<br>Ordway, CO 81063<br>(719) 267-5555                   | <b>GUNNISON</b><br>221 N. Wisconsin St., Suite C<br>Gunnison, CO 81230-2433<br>(970) 641-1516      | <b>MESA</b><br>Box 20000<br>Grand Junction, CO 81502-5009<br>(970) 244-1662              | <b>RIO BLANCO</b><br>Box 1067<br>Meeker, CO 81641-1067<br>(970) 878-9460                  |
| <b>ALAMOSA</b><br>Box 630<br>Alamosa, CO 81101-0630<br>(719) 589-6681                                     | <b>CUSTER</b><br>Box 150<br>Westcliffe, CO 81252-0150<br>(719) 783-2441                           | <b>HINSDALE</b><br>Box 9<br>Lake City, CO 81235-0009<br>(970) 944-2228                             | <b>MINERAL</b><br>Box 70<br>Creede, CO 81130-0070<br>(719) 658-2440                      | <b>RIO GRANDE</b><br>Box 160<br>Del Norte, CO 81132-0160<br>(719) 657-3334                |
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| <b>BACA</b><br>741 Main<br>Springfield, CO 81073-1548<br>(719) 523-4372                                   | <b>DOLORES</b><br>Box 58<br>Dove Creek, CO 81324-0058<br>(970) 677-2381                           | <b>JEFFERSON</b><br>100 Jefferson County Pkwy, Ste 2560<br>Golden, CO 80419-2560<br>(303) 271-8111 | <b>MONTROSE</b><br>Box 1289<br>Montrose, CO 81402-1289<br>(970) 249-3362                 | <b>SAN JUAN</b><br>Box 466<br>Silverton, CO 81433-0466<br>(970) 387-5671                  |
| <b>BENT</b><br>Box 350<br>Las Animas, CO 81054-0350<br>(719) 456-2009                                     | <b>DOUGLAS</b><br>P. O. Box 1360<br>Castle Rock, CO 80104-1360<br>(303) 660-7444                  | <b>KIOWA</b><br>Box 37<br>Eads, CO 81036-0037<br>(719) 438-5421                                    | <b>MORGAN</b><br>Box 1399<br>Fort Morgan, CO 80701-1399<br>(970) 542-3521                | <b>SAN MIGUEL</b><br>Box 548<br>Telluride, CO 81435-0548<br>(970) 728-3954                |
| <b>BOULDER</b><br>1750 33rd St., Suite 200<br>Boulder, CO 80301-2546<br>(303) 413-7740                    | <b>EAGLE</b><br>Box 537<br>Eagle, CO 81631-0537<br>(970) 328-8715                                 | <b>KIT CARSON</b><br>Box 249<br>Burlington, CO 80807-0249<br>(719) 346-8638                        | <b>OTERO</b><br>Box 511<br>La Junta, CO 81050-0511<br>(719) 383-3024                     | <b>SEDGWICK</b><br>315 Cedar St., Suite 220<br>Julesburg, CO 80737-0050<br>(970) 474-3346 |
| <b>BROOMFIELD</b><br>One DesCombes Dr.<br>Broomfield, CO 80020-2495<br>(303) 464-5857                     | <b>ELBERT</b><br>Box 37<br>Kiowa, CO 80117-0037<br>(303) 621-3116                                 | <b>LAKE</b><br>Box 917<br>Leadville, CO 80461-0917<br>(719) 486-1410                               | <b>OURAY</b><br>Box C<br>Ouray, CO 81427-0615<br>(970) 325-4961                          | <b>SUMMIT</b><br>Box 1538<br>Breckenridge, CO 80424-1538<br>(970) 453-3479                |
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| <b>CHEYENNE</b><br>Box 567<br>Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810-0567<br>(719) 767-5685                             | <b>FREMONT</b><br>615 Macon Ave., Suite 102<br>Canon City, CO 81212-3381<br>(719) 276-7330        | <b>LARIMER</b><br>Box 1547<br>Fort Collins, CO 80522-1547<br>(970) 498-7820                        | <b>PHILLIPS</b><br>221 S. Interoccean Ave.<br>Holyoke, CO 80734-1521<br>(970) 854-3131   | <b>WASHINGTON</b><br>Box L<br>Akron, CO 80720-1553<br>(970) 345-6565                      |
| <b>CLEAR CREEK</b><br>Box 2000<br>Georgetown, CO 80444-2000<br>(303) 679-2339                             | <b>GARFIELD</b><br>109 8th Street, Suite 200<br>Glenwood Springs, CO 81601-3303<br>(970) 945-2377 | <b>LAS ANIMAS</b><br>Box 115<br>Trinidad, CO 81082-0115<br>(719) 846-3314                          | <b>PITKIN</b><br>530 E. Main St., Suite 101<br>Aspen, CO 81611-1948<br>(970) 920-5180    | <b>WELD</b><br>Box 459<br>Greeley, CO 80632-0459<br>(970) 304-6525                        |
| <b>CONEJOS</b><br>Box 127<br>Conejos, CO 81129-0127<br>(719) 376-5422                                     | <b>GILPIN</b><br>Box 429<br>Central City, CO 80427-0429<br>(303) 582-5321                         | <b>LINCOLN</b><br>Box 67<br>Hugo, CO 80821-0067<br>(719) 743-2444                                  | <b>PROWERS</b><br>301 S. Main St., Suite 210<br>Lamar, CO 81052-2868<br>(719) 336-8011   | <b>YUMA</b><br>310 Ash St., Suite F<br>Wray, CO 80758-1850<br>(970) 332-5809              |
| <b>COSTILLA</b><br>Box 308<br>San Luis, CO 81152-0308<br>(719) 672-3301                                   | <b>GRAND</b><br>P. O. Box 120<br>Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451<br>(970) 725-3347                  | <b>LOGAN</b><br>315 Main St., Suite 3<br>Sterling, CO 80751-4357<br>(970) 522-1544                 | <b>PUEBLO</b><br>Box 878<br>Pueblo, CO 81002-0878<br>(719) 583-6620                      |   |



Hearing impaired persons may call the state TDD number at (303) 869-4867.

Para información en español, por favor llame por teléfono al Secretario y Registrador del Condado correspondiente.

**TO REGISTER TO VOTE**

- You Must:
- Be a U.S. Citizen.
  - Register to vote no later than 29 days before the election.
  - Be 18 years old on or before the date of the election in which you want to vote.
  - Reside in Colorado and at your present address at least 30 days before the election.
  - Complete the fields marked "REQUIRED" on the application, including your complete address with apartment or unit number.

**PERMANENT MAIL-IN BALLOT INFORMATION**

After the County Clerk & Recorder receives your completed application to receive a Permanent Mail-in Ballot, your name will be placed on a list to receive a Mail-in Ballot for each applicable election. Your name will remain on this list until: You request that your name be removed; your Mail-in Ballot is returned as undeliverable; or your voter registration record is marked "inactive."

**ELECTION OFFENSES**

Colorado law provides penalties for submitting a false voter registration application and for submitting false information as to the voter's qualifications or place of present residence, as well as other election related offenses. See C.R.S. 1-2-228, 1-13-104, 1-13-106 and 1-13-201 et seq. The penalties provided are set forth in the Colorado Criminal Code, C.R.S. 18-1-101 et seq.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

You should receive an official information card from your County Clerk and Recorder approximately 20 days after you sign this registration form. The information card will confirm your registration form has been received and processed by the County Election Department. If you do not receive the information card, please call your County Clerk and Recorder for verification that your application was received.

## Clerk and Recorder

### Major Election Year

Did you know this is a “**Presidential**” election year? 2 elections this year.

The Secretary of State has recertified Park County’s Hart voting system.

Park County will be using paper ballots in their elections.

All counties in Colorado will be using the SCORE II statewide voter registration system for elections in 2008.

Park County had the privilege to be a “Pilot County” for the SCORE II voter registration system and to use the system for the 2008 General Election done by “Mail Ballot”. The election was a success, with all verifiable mail ballots being counted.

### Park County’s Voting System

Park County will be using the Hart voting system that is accurate, verifiable, accessible and easy to use. The system has 2 components: eScan that will read your paper ballot and an accessible eSlate.

The eScan will read your paper ballot and give the voter a second chance if ballot is mis-marked to correct before paper ballot is accepted.

The eSlate is accessible to voters, enabling those who are blind or visually impaired or have limited dexterity to vote privately and independently. The eSlate is a Help America Vote Act required in all polling locations.

### Important Primary Election Dates:

**August 2, 2008 through August 8, 2008- Early voting** begins at the Bailey Clerk & Recorder Office at 59865 HWY 285 and the Fairplay Clerk & Recorders Office at 501 Main Street. Voting will be from

8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.

**August 5, 2008-** Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot if the ballot is to be mailed.

**August 8, 2008-** Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot if the ballot is **NOT** to be mailed.

**August 12, 2008- Primary Election,** polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

### Important General Election Dates:

**October 20, 2008 through October 31, 2008- Early voting** begins at the Bailey Clerk & Recorders Office at 59865 HWY 285 and the Fairplay Clerk & Recorders Office at 501 Main Street. Voting will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**October 28, 2008-** Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot if the ballot is to be mailed.

**October 31, 2008-** Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot if the ballot is **NOT** to be mailed.

**November 4, 2008- General Election,** polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

### Drop off locations for “Mail-in ballots”:

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|---|---|
| Bailey Clerk & Recorder<br>59865 HWY 285, Bailey, Co. | Fairplay Clerk & Recorder<br>501 Main St. Fairplay, Co. |
|---|---|

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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**Election Day, drop off time 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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### You may mail your “Mail-in Ballot” to this address:

Park County Clerk & Recorder  
PO Box 220 Fairplay, Colorado 80440

### Vote Center Locations

#### Fairplay

Fairbarn- 880 Bogue Street, Fairplay, Colorado

#### Lake George

Community Building - 9141 HWY 24 Lake George, Colorado

#### Bailey

Platte Canyon Fire Dist. Station #2 - 152 Dellwood Dr, Bailey, Colorado

#### Guffey

Community Building - 1625 Co Rd 102, Guffey, Colorado

### Why wait in a line at Early Voting or on Election day?

Apply for a “Mail-In Ballot”. Vote in the convenience of your home.

## Rodeo

### Planning Your Family’s Summer Fun?

Plan now to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual South Park Ranch Rodeo Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Park County Fairgrounds in Fairplay.

You won’t want to miss this exciting afternoon of family fun at the Park County Fair.

The participants in this team ranch rodeo get to exhibit their ranching skills while competing for prizes. Each 5-member team has both male and female members. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 teams and to the overall top hand.

Last year’s event included 7 great teams participating in events such as team branding, wild cow milking, team penning, rope-catch-and-ride.

There are many ways to get involved – register your team today; become a sponsor; or volunteer to help out. For more information contact Kathy Curcio (719/836-4289) or Marcey Hodshire (719/836 – 3631).

## Park County Fair 2008 Schedule of Events

### Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM – 4-H and Open Class Exhibit Interview and Judging, Exhibit Hall\*  
10:00 AM – 3 PM Fairgrounds Cleanup Day  
12:00 PM – 1 PM Fashion Review

### Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM – 4-H Shooting Sports – Park County Sheriff's Shooting Range  
8:00 AM – 4-H Horse Show, South Arena English  
10:00AM – 6:00 PM - Fiber & Craft Show- Tent  
Children & Adult craft activities of all kinds  
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM – 4-H and Open Class Exhibits Open, Exhibit Hall\*  
10:30 AM – Open Horse Show

### Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM – 4-H Horse Show, South Arena Western & Trail

### Fair Queen Competition

10:00AM – 6:00 PM Fiber & Craft Show-Tent  
Noon - ? South Park Ranch Rodeo  
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM – 4-H and Open Class Exhibits Open, Exhibit Hall\*

### Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM – 4-H Gymkhana, Joe Lynch Arena

### Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM – Livestock Barn open for show animals  
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM – 4-H and Open Class Exhibits Open, Exhibit Hall\*  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM– 4-H Livestock Weigh-in, Livestock Barn  
6:00 PM – 4-H and Open Class Dog Show, Barn Arena  
*To participate in the Open Class Dog Show, you must register with fairgrounds office by July 7<sup>th</sup>*

### Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM - Entries will be taken for horticulture  
9:00 AM - 4-H and Open Class Garden & Horticulture Judging, Exhibit Hall  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – 4-H Horse Events, Joe Lynch Arena  
2:00 PM – Rancher's Pride  
6:00 PM – 4-H Swine Judging, Barn Arena  
8:00 PM – Open Class Livestock & Dairy Judging, Barn Arena

### Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM – 4-H Poultry & Rabbit Judging, Poultry/Rabbit Barn  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – 4-H Lamb and Beef Judging, Barn Arena  
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM – 4-H and Open Class Exhibits Open, Exhibit Hall\*  
10:00AM – 2:00 PM - Children's Games & Activities  
10:00 AM - Cloverbuds Display  
11:00 AM - Costume Contest and Parade  
1:00 PM – Round Robin Showmanship, Barn Arena  
5:00 PM – Buffet for Market Livestock Buyers - Tent  
5:30 PM – Junior Livestock Auction, Barn Arena  
8:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight – Family Fair Dance, "Sneakers"  
Legion Hut at 6th & Clark, Fairplay –  
Admission \$5.00 Adults, Children 12 and Under Free

### Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM – Livestock Truck loaded  
7:30 AM – Cowboy Church Service, Barn Arena  
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM – 4-H and Open Class Exhibits Open, Exhibit Hall\*  
12:00 Noon – Joe Lynch Arena  
Catch-A-Calf  
Rocket Fly

12:30 PM – South Arena & Barn Arena  
 Shooting Sports Awards Ceremony  
 Stick Horse Rodeo  
 Mutton Bustin'  
 Catch-A-Lamb  
 Catch-A-Hog  
 Greased Pig Chase  
 1:00 PM - Family Gymkhana

### Schedule Subject to Change

\* Limited Handicapped Accessibility to second floor exhibits – Please contact the Park County Fairgrounds Office at 719-836-4289 at least 3 days before event if access is needed.

## Road and Bridge

When extreme winter came to Park County in November 2007, it stayed until March of 2008. Winds were often clocked in excess of 110 mph and stayed persistently fierce for months. Many roads repeatedly blew closed and were reopened several times each day. Some snow ridges got so large that even the largest equipment the county owns had trouble.

Road and Bridge crews worked approximately 37, 218 hours during this period. Crews in District II and III worked seven days a week, 12 to 21 hours a day to keep the road system open, and rescued approximately 300 stranded motorists. Administrative staff, supervisors, and mechanics jumped in to assist, and finally had to call on outside assistance to help with the overwhelming burden of snow and wind drifts. Extreme conditions, long hours, budget restraints, reductions in staff and extremely high equipment and fuel costs weighed heavily on the county's resources. CDOT fought similar battles, with US Highway 285 closed 19 days due to wind and snow.

Road and Bridge is gearing up for a possible heavy run-off season, which could cause flooding and even washing out some roads. All the roads within Park County suffered from the extreme winter conditions. Many miles of chip-sealed road were devastated by the severity of the winter conditions and snow removal operations.

The department's main function this spring and summer will

be grading the roads, patching chip seal surfaces and drainage maintenance. Currently the County has 18 graders to grade and maintain 3,000 lane-miles of gravel roads, averaging 166 lane-miles of road per grader. Depending on the type of road surface and other conditions, a grader can work approximately four lane-miles of road to re-establish drainage, repair the surface and re-crown it. At that rate, in good conditions it would take 42 days for a grader to complete its 166 miles of work. But that's not all that has to be done. Grader operators also need to assist with snow removal, emergency situations, patching, culvert and cattle guard maintenance, hauling, clearing rows, chip sealing and fence building. For example, in the high traffic volume District I Bailey area, a patching operation needs four crewmembers -two operators for traffic control and two operators for road patching. This leaves only one operator for the many other maintenance needs within the district, including road grading.

Winter took a sizable bite of the budget, and with fuel reaching \$4.00 per gallon and skyrocketing material and equipment costs will limit the amount of maintenance that can be done this summer. There are no major construction or repair projects scheduled and no funds in the 2008 budget for surface materials to improve the driving surface of the roads.

When you see the road and bridge workers out this summer, give them a wave in appreciation for a hard year's work under some of the roughest conditions the county has seen in a long time.

## Mountain Peace Shelter

Mountain Peace Shelter is calling 2008 *The Year of the Volunteer*. Mountain Peace Shelter is our mountain community's only women and children shelter and 24/7 crisis hotline.

We serve survivors of Domestic Violence. Statistically, one in three women will experience domestic violence at some point in their life. Especially in our rural mountain community, resources are few and far between and having a local resource can literally make the difference between life or death. Mountain Peace Shelter is honored to be that resource for our community. We also have a unique SafePets program so families can bring their pets to our shelter, too.

We need your help! As a nonprofit organization, volunteers are

**critical** to stretching limited dollars and keeping our shelter doors open and crisis line answered.

There are MANY opportunities for people to share their talents, including: office support, crisis counseling, our Empowerment Program where people come in and share their skills with shelter residents, shelter repairs/maintenance, help with our fundraisers--and more! Together we can help empower our homeless families and survivors of violence to be safe and become self-sufficient. We have volunteer orientations on a regular basis. For more information on volunteering please call Lynn MacDonald our Volunteer Coordinator at 303-838-7176 or access our web site at [www.mountainpeace.org](http://www.mountainpeace.org). Thank you for your caring and support!

*Kathy Mastroianni Executive Director*

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## Helpful Phone Numbers

Here is a list of the direct dial numbers for most of the commonly called departments and offices. Please post this in a handy location and use it whenever you have a question for us!

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Park County Government Main Line<br>(719) 836-2771 | Development Services/Planning<br>(719) 836-4254 | Motor Vehicle<br>(719) 836-4333                                   |
| Administration (719) 836-4201                      | District Attorney (719) 836-2080                | Public Health (719) 836-4161                                      |
| Animal Control (719) 836-4125                      | Environmental Health<br>(719) 836-4267          | Road and Bridge (719) 836-4282<br>Comment Line (719) 836-4291     |
| Assessor's Office (719) 836-4331                   | Finance (719) 836-4218                          | Sheriff's Office<br>Emergency 911<br>Non-Emergency (719) 836-2494 |
| Building Dept. (719) 836-4256                      | G.I.S./Mapping (719) 836-4288                   | Treasurer (719) 836-4240  |
| Clerk & Recorder (719) 836-4333                    | Historical Preservation<br>(719) 836-4298       | Veterans' Affairs (719) 836-4168                                  |
| Community Development & Tourism<br>(719) 836-4279  | Human Resources (719) 836-4217                  | Other Numbers:  |
| Coroner (719) 836-4340                             | Human Services (719) 836-4139                   | Crisis Center (303) 838-7176                                      |
| County Attorney (719) 836-2771                     | Libraries                                       | CO Div/Wildlife (719) 836-2207                                    |
| Commissioners (719) 836-4201                       | Fairplay (719) 836-4297                         | Road Conditions (719) 836-4134                                    |
| County Court (719) 836-2940                        | Bailey (303) 838-5539                           | U.S. Forest Svc. (719) 836-2031                                   |
| CSU Extension (719) 836-4289                       | Guffey (719) 689-9280                           |   |
|  | Lake George (719) 748-3812                      |   |