

Operational Report - Empire Regular Board Meeting
3-18-25

CCFA:

- We have several old fire hydrants from our replacements last summer, and Chief Babeon has designated which hydrants he wants for training. We will reach out to other Fire Departments to get rid of the remainder.

CDOT:

- Damaged crosswalk sign has been replaced.
- The traffic lights should now cycle instead of staying green all the time. This will create a gap in traffic for the locals to get out on the highway.
- Highway Resurfacing Project
 - Empire Junction interchange on hold because of cost increases.
 - Hwy 40 through Empire is still scheduled to start construction in early May.
 - CDOT may use some office space in Empire during the project, bringing some additional business.

Admin:

- Staffing Report
 - In process - interviews are being scheduled.
- Moving workstations - as we stated in the last meeting, we will be creating individual workstations using our furniture. I hope to have everything rearranged by April 1st. This is being done outside of normal work hours.
- Interviews with Wendy – we are doing directed interviews to document institutional knowledge.

Police Department:

- IGA with CCSO for records validation and call coverage - In Process
- IGA with Charlie's Place has not started yet
- Bid for surplus vehicle – we received one bid for the old Ford interceptor.
- Officer Hours – We try not to advertise when our officers are on duty because that highlights the days and times they are not on duty. Hours can change to accommodate training that is scheduled on a day off, or needing additional weekdays for interviewing or working with other entities whose offices are only open during the week.

Public Works:

- We are doing some clean-up and rearranging materials in the Ball Placer. There is no development in the Ball Placer at this time, we are simply managing the area so that we can use the materials for projects this summer.

Save the Date:

- April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt
- May 13 - Lyle Wohlers Law Enforcement Award Ceremony
- May 17 - Rotary's Epic Day of Service
- May 24 - Pack Burro Races - Memorial Day Weekend
- June 7 - Town Clean-Up Day 8am-12pm
- June - Adopt-a Highway (3rd Saturday in June, July, Aug, Sep)
- July 12 - Double Bypass Cycling Event
- August 12 - National Night Out (2nd Tuesday in August)
- September 6 - Devil on the Divide
- October 25 - Halloween - Chili Cook Off
- November 29 - Small Business Saturday
- December 13 - Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Empire Cemetery
- December 13 - Christmas Celebration & Potluck