

FRANKTOWN COMMUNITY UPDATE

March 19, 2009

2009 Douglas County Town Meetings

www.douglas.co.us/meetingsandagendas/
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2009

Location: Franktown Fire Station
 SW corner of Hwy. 83 and 86

TOWN MEETING AGENDA

- **Community Update**
- **Guest Official Reports**
- **Individual Commissioner Updates**
 - **Jack Hilbert** - District I
 - **Steven A. Boand** - District II
 - **Jill Repella** - District III
- **Citizen Questions & Comments**

2030 TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Purpose: The 2030 Transportation Plan defines a long-range vision for a multi-modal transportation system that offers choices in how people travel supported by a realistic plan to fund and implement improvements.

Vision: A transportation network that is comprised of diverse types of transportation facilities, support improved access and mobility, shapes the way we travel, and the development of our communities. The integration of the transportation network and land use provides important benefits, including:

- Improved travel choices and options
- Reduction in road network demands, vehicle miles traveled and time spent driving
- Support for community health and active living
- Support for economic vitality, and
- Conservation of energy and natural resources

What Questions will the Transportation Plan Answer?

How does growth and the Douglas County Comprehensive Master Plan land-use policies affect the need for transportation facilities in the county?

- What multi-modal transportation improvements are needed to serve the future growth of Douglas County and support the Douglas County Comprehensive Master Plan?
- How much will Douglas County's transportation improvements cost?
- How might we fund the improvements?
- How will the transportation improvements be prioritized?

A 2030 Transportation Plan meeting will be held later on in the year. Please visit www.douglas.co.us/publicworks/ for more information on this Plan.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Residential/Commercial Development:

1. The Pinery Planned Development (PD) Commercial Area, located at the southwest corner of US 83 and North Pinery Parkway is currently under review. This development consists of 86 residential patio-style lots, four commercial lots and accompanying tracts (greenways) on approximately 31 acres. Public hearings on the residential component will be scheduled. This same area is also under review for an Administrative Amendment to the PD to modify the configuration of the Fonder Draw Open Space.

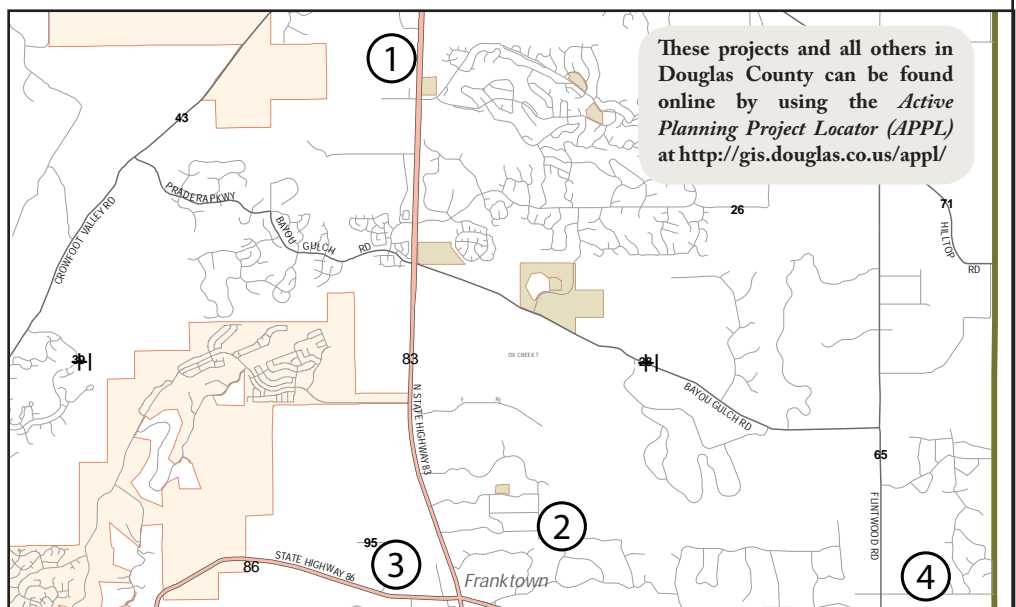
2. Legacy Pines East: A proposal for 29 lots over 244 acres (one dwelling unit per 8.4 acres) is currently in the post-referral period. The applicant intends to schedule neighborhood meetings to allow for public input on the proposed sketch plans.

Proposed Zoning/Land Use Amendments:

3. Pfeifer Open Space: An application to rezone approximately 7 acres of County-owned Pfeifer Open Space from A-1 to Open Space Conservation is being considered. Pfeifer is on the north side of Hwy. 86, right at Cherry Creek. The property is bisected by the Cherry Creek Trail. The Open Space Conservation District provides additional open space protection for the property.

4. Fox Trail Right-of-Way Vacation: A proposed vacation of a 400 foot x 80 foot right-of-way off of Ponderosa Road in the Flintwood Hills Subdivision will be considered at the Board of County Commissioner's meeting on March 31. This road segment is currently unbuilt and is not in use.

Please visit www.douglas.co.us/community/planning/Whats_New_-_Hot_Topics to obtain additional development information.



LATEST COUNTY NEWS

Find projects online with the new Active Planning Project Locator (APPL)

Residents can now visit Douglas County's new Active Planning Project Locator (APPL) map tool available online at <http://gis.douglas.co.us/appl/> to find local residential and commercial development projects and proposed zoning/land use amendments.

Citizens often see construction taking place in a specific area, but don't always know what is being constructed. This new online tool allows citizens to locate a project based on its area instead of by project name or number so that citizens can find out if a business office, restaurant or some type of service will soon be available. Those who are aware of the project number, parcel number, address, or planner assigned to the project can also search by those topics.

Citizens may also notice signage near a site or receive a letter regarding a proposed zoning or land use amendment. They can visit the APPL to find out what zoning/land use changes may be occurring.

Additional planning projects and more detailed information is available online at www.douglas.co.us/community/planning/Whats_New_-_Hot_Topics.html or call the Planning Division at 303-660-7460.

Franktown Update

Franktown representatives are seeking an appeal to the Colorado Supreme Court regarding the status of the Town of Franktown. The County anticipates receiving word on whether their appeal has been approved or denied within the next 60 days.

The County has opposed that the Supreme Court hear the case and doesn't think this case involves issues of statewide importance, although it certainly has importance to the Franktown area.



Household Hazardous Waste Roundups

The first Household Hazardous Waste Roundup is on Saturday, April 25 at the Joint Services Center, 17801 E. Plaza Drive in Parker.

Assessor Launches Online Video Series

Property owners' and real estate professionals' most frequently asked questions are now answered in a series of videos called "QuickClips," available from the Douglas County Assessor on the Douglas County Web site.

Subjects such as property taxes for homeowners; buying a home; property taxes for business and industry; exploring the Assessor Web site; property tax exemptions for seniors and disabled veterans; and protesting the valuation of a home can be found at www.douglas.co.us/assessor/QuickClips.html

Douglas County Assessor Teri Cox, said "These videos are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week allowing property owners and real estate professionals to access information during non-business hours when it may be more convenient."

Additional online resources include: property searches, neighborhood sales analysis, free downloadable forms and data, QuickReports, which is a tool to create custom reports and MapIt, which allows users to map out parcels. Visit www.douglas.co.us/assessor to utilize these tools.

Sheriff Announces Emergency Notification Sign-Up

Douglas County will now be using 3n InstaCom™ Citizen Alert, an emergency notification system provided by 3n Global, the leading global emergency notification system provider, to communicate with thousands of businesses and residents in minutes in an emergency.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office will be able to alert residents about severe weather, fires, floods, toxic environmental issues and other emergencies using 3n InstaCom Citizen Alert. Messages can be sent to residents on

any communication path desired – cell phone, home phone, email, text messaging, pager, PDA and more – ensuring that residents and County staff receive life-saving emergency information and important public service announcements in minutes. Citizens listed in the County's 9-1-1 database will be automatically subscribed to alerts by phone, though any citizen may self-register, provide additional contact information or opt out.

Visit www.dcsheriff.net/Emergency_Mass_Notification_System.html to sign up.

Human Services Program Info Available Online

Information about programs and services provided by the Douglas County Department of Human Services is available online via a more user-friendly Web site, focused on the public's most frequently asked questions.

The Department of Human Services provides child and adult protection, and assistance with basic living needs. The mission of the Department is to deliver quality Human Services to our community by strengthening individuals, preserving families and protecting vulnerable adults and children.

Topics with icons have been created for the most frequently utilized Human Services categories including: financial, food, medical and child care assistance; veteran services; senior services; the Neighbor Network program; frequently asked questions; and contact information.

"During these challenging economic times, we've received an influx of clients in need of assistance," said Deputy Human Services Department Director Sharon Svendsen. "We knew it was important to redesign the Web site to better accommodate the most pressing needs of our community."

Anyone without Internet access can visit a Douglas County library branch for use of a computer or can visit the Human Services Department at 4400 Castleton Ct. in Castle Rock.

For more information, please visit www.douglas.co.us/humanservices or call 303.688.4825 ext. 5341.

Douglas County Weed Doctor Makes House Calls

As spring approaches, residents, local gardening organizations, garden clubs and others may want to call on Douglas County Weed Inspector, Jonathan Rife, sometimes affectionately known as the County Weed Doctor, who is available by appointment for an on-site weed assessment or to speak to local community groups.

According to Rife, May and early June are ideal times of the year to eliminate weeds. Mr. Rife will offer counsel by phone or, especially for large acreages, will make 'house calls.'

"It's good to address the issue as soon as possible as some weeds spread very quickly taking over an entire area," Rife said. "Some weeds are very thirsty, preventing water from reaching native plants growing nearby, causing these plants to die."

"We must work together to maintain healthy yards, parks and green spaces by eliminating weeds," said Rife. "This will contribute to the County's water conservation efforts, leading to a more sustainable community for us all," he concluded.

Learn more by visiting www.douglasweedcontrol.com or contact Rife at 303-660-7476 or at noxweeds@douglas.co.us.

County Seeks Citizen Pothole Patrol

In an effort to identify and fill potholes more rapidly, Douglas County road and bridge staff seeks citizen assistance with the reporting of potholes on County streets and roads. Location of the pothole can be reported by intersection or an approximate location on a County street or road.

To report a pothole call 303-660-7480, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., submit a report online by using citizenConnect at www.douglas.co.us, or e-mail a pothole location to pwoperations@douglas.co.us.

Douglas County Television

Watch The Network DC on Comcast Channel 8 or online at www.thenetworkdc.us

