



City of Cañon City

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Fourth Quarter 2018 Stormwater Management Program News

Regional Stormwater Seminar

The City of Cañon City, City of Pueblo, Pueblo County, Pueblo West and the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment are pleased to once again host a stormwater seminar at CSU-Pueblo on February 13, 2019. Come join us for breakfast and learn about new construction and post-construction permit requirements. The seminar is designed to educate contractors, developers, engineers, municipal employees and anyone interested in stormwater in general. Vendors will be on-site. Cost is only \$20 for the half-day seminar. For more information visit the City of Cañon City website/News at www.canoncity.org or contact the Stormwater Program at (719) 276-5265.

Public Arts Mural Project

The City of Cañon City Stormwater Program and the Mountain View Core Knowledge School are excited to announce a new public arts mural project to promote environmental awareness. This will be a multi-year mural project featuring art work by local Cañon City students, Kindergarten through 12th grade in various locations around the City. The first project will be replacing most of the existing murals which are fading on the supports of the 4th Street Viaduct near the Royal Gorge Train Station. Other locations to be included in future projects include the concrete walls of the Forked Gulch drainage channel on the west side of Centennial (Duck) Park and bridge underpasses along the Riverwalk on the north side of the Arkansas River. On September 4, 2018, Cañon City Council approved funds of \$1500/year for three years for the program.

We are now accepting art submittals from any Cañon City students, including those in alternative education programs, for the 4th Street Viaduct project. The murals will be painted by students and volunteers on six pylons measuring 2' x 3' x 8' (each with 4 faces) and one large support measuring 23' x 8' with two 2' end supports. One large existing mural will be touched up during the project.

The deadline for submittal is February 1, 2019.

Submittals need to be as hard copy drawings or paintings to Meg Olsen c/o Mountain View Core Knowledge School, 890 Field Ave, Cañon City, CO 81212. A committee and City Council will choose the finalists. The selected images will be featured in a gallery exhibition at the Fremont Center for the Arts, where the public will be able to vote on the final images to be featured in the murals.

Citizens who wish to donate time or materials to the project are encouraged to contact Glenda DeBekker at grdebekker@canoncity.org or Meg Olsen at meg.olsen@canoncityschools.org.

Calling all artists grades K-12

PUBLIC ARTS MURAL PROJECT IN NEED OF DESIGNS

Theme: Clean Environment and the People and Animals Who Depend on it

Location: 4th Street underpass by the Royal Gorge Train Station



Deadline for entries: Feb. 1, 2019

All Students who live in Cañon City are welcome to submit designs for this project, collaboration among students is encouraged. Please research the theme and submit designs to Meg Olsen at Mountain View Core Knowledge School. Please include your name, grade, and contact information. All entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges. Selected images will be featured in a gallery exhibition at the Fremont Center for the Arts, where the public will select the final art work.

There are six pylons measuring 2'x 3'x 8' and one large support measuring 23'x 8' with 2' end supports

Please submit hard copy, colored pencil drawings to Meg Olsen c/o MVCKS 890 Field Av. Cañon City, CO 81212

Questions contact: Meg Olsen meg.olsen@canoncityschools.org or Glenda DeBekker grdebekker@canoncity.org

Stormwater Capital Improvements

On November 5, 2018, the City Council approved Resolution No. 11, Series of 2018, which provides authorization and direction to City Staff to proceed with the process to obtain financing through Certificates of Participation (COPs) to fund a stormwater capital improvement plan with specific stormwater projects. This resolution authorizes City Staff to work with bond counsel and finance consultants to take the necessary steps to obtain the financing of \$8 Million in stormwater projects. The projects will be completed over a three-year period.

Cañon City Council is seeking members for a Stormwater Prioritization Committee to assist in determining which stormwater capital improvement projects will be receive priority. City Staff will present an initial first draft of projects with prioritization based upon criteria and weights adopted by City Council. The Stormwater Prioritization Committee will review this initial draft and modify it as needed to provide guidance on which projects are included in the capital improvement plan. The Council anticipates that two or three committee meetings will be needed to finalize the list.

Ideally, City Council desires to have citizens representing each of the eight drainage basins in Cañon City:

- North Sand Creek Basin
- Northeast Cañon Basin
- North 9th Street Basin
- Hogbacks Basin
- Orchard Ave Basin
- Abbey Basin
- Fourmile Creek Basin
- South Sand Creek Basin

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please submit a letter of interest to City Council, c/o Cindy Foster Owens, City Clerk, P.O. Box 1460, 128 Main St, Cañon City, CO 81215-1460. **Letters of interest must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2019.** For more information or questions, please contact City Clerk, Cindy Foster Owens at 269-9011. The map of the drainage basins can be viewed at City Hall or on the Cañon City website at www.canoncity.org.

Stormwater Utility Fees

On November 19, 2018, City Council approved an increase of 45% to the Stormwater Utility base rate. The current rate is \$0.002549/square foot of impervious area on each parcel within the City of Cañon City limits. The increase will take effect in January, 2019, making the new base rate \$0.003696/square foot of impervious area. For an average residential parcel with 3,600 square feet of impervious area, the increase will be \$4.23; an average business with 19,000 square feet of impervious area will see an increase of \$21.79. This increase will cover the principal interest repayment of the \$8 Million the City of Cañon City will be borrowing to do immediate stormwater capital improvement projects. Since the Stormwater Utility Fee was instituted in 2004, the base rate has always been kept as low as possible, providing only enough funds to cover expenses associated with meeting Federal and State water quality permit requirements, with little left over to bank for stormwater capital improvements. Those permit requirements included six areas which had to be addressed:

- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Stormwater Runoff
- Post-Construction Stormwater
- Municipal Operations Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping

With the increased utility fee base rate, both the permit requirements and the repayment of the financing for the capital improvement projects will be funded.



“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe.” – John Muir

Please feel free to direct any concerns or questions to Glenda DeBekker, City of Cañon City Stormwater Program at either 276-5265 or grdebekker@canoncity.org.