

**AGENDA  
OURAY CITY COUNCIL**

**Monday, June 1, 2026 - 6:00 PM**

**Ouray Community Center  
320 6th Ave  
Ouray, CO 81427**

**VIRTUAL OPTION - <https://zoom.us/j/9349389230>**

Meeting ID: 934 938 9230 Passcode: 491878 Or dial: 408 638 0968 or 669 900 6833

**Ouray City Council Regular Meeting**

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- Electronic copies of the Council Packet are available on the City website at [www.cityofouray.com](http://www.cityofouray.com). A hard copy of the Packet is also available at the Administrative Office for interested citizens.
- Notice is hereby given that a majority or quorum of the Planning Commission, Ouray Economic Development Committee, Beautification Committee, Tourism Advisory Committee, Main Streets Committee, and/or Parks and Recreation Committee may be present at the above noticed City Council meeting to discuss any or all of the matters on the agenda below for Council consideration

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. REMOTE PARTICIPATION PER RESOLUTION 14, SERIES 2022
  - a. Consideration of a Request from Councilor Dave Doherty to Participate in this Meeting Remotely
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION
6. CEREMONIAL/INFORMATIONAL
  - a. Proclamation 2, Series 2026 - Ouray County Pride Month - June
7. CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. Approval of Minutes - April 20, 2026 Special Meeting
  - b. Approval of Minutes - April 20, 2026
8. ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Fourth of July Fireworks Show
9. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a. Parking (Catchment Basin)
  - b. Ouray Police Department Rebuild Update
  - c. Future Agenda Items
10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
  - a. City Administrator Metteer
  - b. Fire Chief Kunz
  - c. Public Works Director Coleman
  - d. Parks and Recreation Director Brown
  - e. Marketing & Communication Director Rhoten
11. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION  
Mayor Underwood, Mayor Pro Tem Schiffer, Councilor Lindsey Scott, Councilor Hart, and Councilor Doherty
12. ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF  
**OURAY**  
COLORADO

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF  
THE CITY OF OURAY, COLORADO**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2, 2026  
OURAY COUNTY PRIDE PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ouray is home to people of all ages who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, 2 Spirit and more (LGBTQIA2S+); and

**WHEREAS**, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ouray strives to encourage, celebrate, and sustain innovation and creativity in our community, including the varied lifestyles of creative individuals who hope to thrive here; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council supports the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQIA2S+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQIA2S+ people have made immeasurable contributions to the cultural, civic, and economic successes of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, the fabric of our community is strengthened by inclusion, equity, justice, and love; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating LGBTQIA2S+ Pride influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for Ouray County’s LGBTQIA2S+ community, and is an opportunity to increase visibility, take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael Underwood, the Mayor of the City of Ouray, do hereby proclaim support for June as Pride Month and the sixth annual Ouray County Pride celebration on August 15, 2026 in support of the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

June 2, 2026

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Michael Underwood, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kara Rhoades, City Clerk



## Ouray City Council Special Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2026 5:00 PM  
Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave, Ouray, CO 81427

Dave Doherty: Present  
Jenny Hart: Present  
Peggy Lindsey Scott: Absent  
Kevin Schiffer: Present  
Michael Underwood: Present

Also present were City Administrator Michelle Metteer and City Attorney Harper Powell.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Underwood called the special meeting to order at 5:02 pm.*

### 2. ROLL CALL

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

### 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ouray City Council will enter an executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for a conference with the City Attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions, including matters related to OH v. Little Switzerland, Ouray County District Court Case No. 24CV30020.

*Participants in the executive session were City Attorney Harper Powell, City Attorney Mike Sawyer, Mayor Michael Underwood, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Schiffer, Councilor Dave Doherty, Councilor Jenny Hart, and City Administrator Michelle Metteer.*

*The executive session ended at 5:42 pm.*

Motion to enter into Executive Session. This motion, made by Jenny Hart and seconded by Kevin Schiffer, Carried.

Dave Doherty: Yea, Jenny Hart: Yea, Kevin Schiffer: Yea, Michael Underwood: Yea

### 4. ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.*

Motion to Adjourn. This motion, made by Kevin Schiffer and seconded by Jenny Hart, Carried.

Dave Doherty: Yea, Jenny Hart: Yea, Kevin Schiffer: Yea, Michael Underwood: Yea

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Michael Underwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Atkinson, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca Atkinson, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Ouray, Ouray County, State of Colorado, and that the above minutes are a true and correct summary of the meeting of the Ouray City Council held on Monday, April 20, 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this Monday, April 20, 2026.

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Rebecca Atkinson, Deputy Clerk



## Ouray City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2026 6:00 PM  
Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave, Ouray, CO 81427

Dave Doherty: Present  
Jenny Hart: Present  
Peggy Lindsey Scott: Present  
Kevin Schiffer: Present  
Michael Underwood: Present

Also present were: City Administrator Michelle Metteer Finance and Administration Director Kara Rhoades, Public Works Director Joe Coleman, Parks and Recreation Director Joe Brown, Community Development Director Dan Murphy via zoom, Director of Communication Kailey Rhoten via zoom, City Attorney Harper Powell via zoom, and City Attorney Mike Sawyer via zoom.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Underwood called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.*

### 2. ROLL CALL

### 3. REMOTE PARTICIPATION PER RESOLUTION 14, SERIES 2022

a. Consideration of a Request from Councilor Peggy Lindsey to Participate in this Meeting Remotely

Motion to accept Peggy Lindsey remote participation. This motion, made by Kevin Schiffer and seconded by Dave Doherty, Carried.

Dave Doherty: Yea, Jenny Hart: Yea, Peggy Lindsey Scott: Abstain (With Conflict), Kevin Schiffer: Yea, Michael Underwood: Yea

### 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

*No Public Hearings were held.*

### 6. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

*John Hart — requested a tour of the pool house. Then stated interest in potential work sessions regarding parking and purchase of 333 6th Ave. Inquired if the City thought about issuing a fire ban this summer. Lastly, retold a citizen's experience with getting their yard to the wildfire mitigation code.*

*Don Funkhouse —inquired about contacting the county about smoothing county road 17. Then inquired about enforcing the code for trash on property for a long amount of time.*

*Kathy Hall— discussed the need for code enforcement to prevent fire from abandoned vehicles surrounded by tall grass.*

*Paul Smith— Inquired who is being paid to enforce the code. Then gave feedback over stifling public records about citizens' questions could have negative consequences.*

*Eric Foster— Requested a work session from city council, explained the status subdivision application process they are in. City Attorney Mike Sawyer— interjected that this is not a council work session topic, as this communication must remain between legal and citizen.*

*Kim Schinew — Inquired about the police survey. Sought understanding of why certain results are being more focused on than others. City Administrator Metteer, explained.*

*Cat Lichtenbelt— discussed the EMS survey and what the county ems are thinking to start including in their services.*

**11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

d. Ouray County Sheriff

*This was done right after Citizens' Communications. The Sheriff's Department explains how they have modified schedules to include coverage of City of Ouray. Gave information on calls handled. Councilor Lindsey voiced appreciation for the Sheriff's Department coverage.*

**7. CEREMONIAL/INFORMATIONAL**

a. Proclamation 1, Series 2026 - Mental Health Awareness Month

*Mayor Underwood read the proclamation.*

b. Home Trust of Ouray County - Eva Henson, Housing Services Director

*Housing Administrator Henson presented the highlights from the quarterly report in the packet.*

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Kevin Schiffer and seconded by Jenny Hart, Carried.

Dave Doherty: Yea, Jenny Hart: Yea, Peggy Lindsey Scott: Yea, Kevin Schiffer: Yea, Michael Underwood: Yea

a. Liquor License Renewal - El Reno Inc dba Mi Mexico

b. Liquor License Renewal - JPT Incorporated dba Ouray Riverside Resort - The Smokehouse

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

a. Resolution 5, Series 2026 - Approving a Settlement Agreement with Little Switzerland (15 minutes)

Motion to approve resolution. This motion, made by Kevin Schiffer and seconded by Jenny Hart, Carried.

Dave Doherty: Nay, Jenny Hart: Yea, Peggy Lindsey Scott: Yea, Kevin Schiffer: Yea, Michael Underwood: Yea

b. Resolution 6, Series 2026 - Appointing Regional Housing Admin and Delegating Limited Authority (10 minutes)

*Housing Administrator Henson stated the reason for increasing current AMI rates is due to people unable to currently qualify for assistance.*

*Councilor Doherty stated his concerns that the affordable housing cost isn't truly affordable as a reason why he is against an AMI acceptance rate increase.*

Motion to Approve. This motion, made by Jenny Hart and seconded by Peggy Lindsey Scott, Carried.  
Dave Doherty: Nay, Jenny Hart: Yea, Peggy Lindsey Scott: Yea, Kevin Schiffer: Yea, Michael Underwood:  
Yea

c. Resolution 7, Series 2026 - Via Ferrata / Box Cañon Fees (10 minutes)

Motion to approve this action. This motion, made by Jenny Hart and seconded by Kevin Schiffer, Carried.  
Dave Doherty: Yea, Jenny Hart: Yea, Peggy Lindsey Scott: Yea, Kevin Schiffer: Yea, Michael Underwood:  
Yea

d. OCETSA Termination Agreement (5 minutes)

*OCETSA Representative Jessica Tice, explained the program being terminated, due to lack of use for 10 years.*

Motion to approve this agreement as presented. This motion, made by Jenny Hart and seconded by Kevin Schiffer, Carried.

Dave Doherty: Yea, Jenny Hart: Yea, Peggy Lindsey Scott: Yea, Kevin Schiffer: Yea, Michael Underwood:  
Yea

e. Professional Services Agreement - Mid-America Pool Renovation Inc (10 minutes)

*Director Brown answered questions over budget constraints and explained which pools would be resurfaced.*

*Ryan Thompson with Mid-American Pools addressed concerns over maintenance and cleaning practices.*

Motion to amend agreement with Mid American Pools to include warranty for installation and materials.  
This motion, made by Kevin Schiffer and seconded by Jenny Hart, Carried.

Dave Doherty: Yea, Jenny Hart: Yea, Peggy Lindsey Scott: Yea, Kevin Schiffer: Yea, Michael Underwood:  
Yea

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Definition of Light Industrial EQR (15 minutes)

*City Attorney Powell explained the ordinance that would establish a Light Industrial EQR rate*

b. Ouray Free In-Town Shuttle: Best Practices (20 minutes)

*Postponed to May 4th council meeting.*

c. 4th of July Entertainment (15 minutes)

*Council discussed July 4th entertainment options set forth by Director Rhoten based on the current \$25,000 budget, in case of a fire ban due to ongoing drought.*

d. Future Agenda Items

*Councilor Hart, requested the state speaker, Aaron Johnson, with knowledge of the wildfire residency code, speak to council at the May 4th council meeting.*

*Director Murphy, stated that the Bed and Breakfast code and lighting code amendments must first go through the Community Development Department and City Legal before becoming agenda items.*

**11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Mayor Underwood referenced the packet for reports.*

a. City Administrator Metteer

*City Administrator Metter gave an overview of the report.*

*Kathy Hall, asked if there could be a city-issued letter to have if citizens do not take care of their yard, then the City will, and then the citizen will be billed.*

b. Director of Finance and Administration Rhoades

*Rhoades, highlighted the sales tax did not make it into the packet and provided paper materials but will be uploaded to the council packet for the public.*

c. Community Development Director Murphy

**12. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

a. Mayor Underwood

*Report in packet.*

b. Mayor Pro Tem Schiffer

*Report in packet.*

c. Councilor Lindsey

*Nothing to report.*

d. Councilor Hart

*Report in packet.*

e. Councilor Doherty

*Report in packet.*

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.*

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Peggy Lindsey Scott and seconded by Kevin Schiffer, Carried.

Dave Doherty: Yea, Jenny Hart: Yea, Peggy Lindsey Scott: Yea, Kevin Schiffer: Yea, Michael Underwood: Yea

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Michael Underwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

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# Fiscal and Operational Impacts

## Overview

This document outlines the projected financial and operational impacts if the Council advances with **Scenario 1 – Ouray Police Department Rebuild**. It addresses the budget effects in the next fiscal year and in future years, the resulting implications for staffing levels across General Fund departments, and the anticipated consequences for city service delivery. It also explains the impact of renovating the first floor of the building purchased for the Police Department, including the depletion of General Fund reserves and the need for a long-term reserve-rebuilding strategy.

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## 1. Budget Impacts

### 1.1 Impacts in the Next Fiscal Year

- **Increased Capital Costs:** Scenario 1 requires immediate capital investment, resulting in a significant one-year increase in expenditures due to the hiring and training of officers while simultaneously paying for services by the Sheriff's office (funds will come from reserves).
- **Operating Cost Changes:** Additional operating costs may arise from building preparation, temporary relocation needs, or transitional service adjustments.
- **Reduced Budget Flexibility:** The increased spending reduces available discretionary funds for other General Fund priorities.

### 1.2 Impacts in Future Years

- **Ongoing Operating Costs:** Scenario 1 may introduce recurring costs such as maintenance, utilities, or staffing adjustments especially tied to an additional facility.
  - **Debt Service (if applicable):** If financing is used, annual debt service payments will reduce long-term budget capacity.
  - **Structural Budget Pressure:** Higher ongoing costs may create a structural imbalance, requiring future adjustments to General Fund expenditures.
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## 2. Impacts on General Fund Staffing

### 2.1 Staffing Reductions

Because Scenario 1 increases police department expenditures, fewer resources remain available for personnel budgets in other departments. This may result in:



- Delayed backfills
- Elimination of some vacant positions
- Possible future position eliminations

## 2.2 Effects on City Services

Reduced staffing capacity will directly affect service levels, including:

- Longer response times for public-facing services
  - Delays in administrative and support functions
  - Lower ability to launch or sustain new initiatives
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## 3. Scenario 1: Residency and Response-Time Requirements

### 3.1 Requirement Overview

Scenario 1 is the only scenario in which officers would be required to:

- Live within a defined radius of the city (e.g., 10–20 minutes from town)
- Meet a mandated emergency response-time standard

### 3.2 Financial Implications

These requirements introduce additional costs, including:

- **Higher Personnel Expenditures:** Officers may require higher salaries or incentives to afford housing within the required distance.
- **Recruitment and Retention Costs:** A smaller eligible hiring pool may necessitate additional recruitment efforts or compensation adjustments.
- **Potential Relocation Assistance:** To meet residency requirements, the City may need to offer relocation stipends or housing support.

### 3.3 Operational Implications

- **Reduced Candidate Pool:** Fewer qualified applicants may meet the residency and response-time criteria.
  - **Increased Turnover Risk:** Officers unable to secure housing within the required radius may leave for other agencies.
  - **Service Reliability:** While intended to improve response times, staffing shortages could offset these benefits.
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## 4. Impact of Renovating the Building (First Floor Only)

### 4.1 Depletion of General Fund Reserves

Renovating the first floor of the building under Scenario 1 requires a level of funding that would fully deplete

the City's General Fund reserves if grants can't be obtained. The City is currently looking into grant opportunities now, which looks like grant options may exist but are not guaranteed. Without grants there are several risks:

- No financial cushion for emergencies or economic downturns
- Reduced creditworthiness and potential impacts on borrowing costs
- Increased vulnerability to unexpected capital or operational needs

## 4.2 Required Reserve Rebuilding Plan

If reserves are depleted or lessened greatly, the Council will need to adopt a multi-year strategy to rebuild them. A formal Reserve Replacement Plan may include:

- Setting annual reserve targets
  - Allocating all surpluses to reserves
  - Restricting discretionary spending
  - Identifying new or enhanced revenue sources
  - Implementing phased expenditure reductions
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## 5. Next Steps for Council

- Review the financial projections associated with Scenario 1
  - Total Amount of \$1,522,838 (original 2026 PD Budget \$1,375,430)
- Evaluate service-level impacts and staffing implications
  - Not filling the current open position of IT Supervisor:
  - Re-evaluation of the Community Development Department structuring
  - Possible additional staffing cuts to begin with the 2027 budget
- Reassess the feasibility and cost of residency and response-time requirements
  - Consider the timing and costs associated with hiring a new Police Chief, including phased hiring intervals of 12 to 14 weeks to onboard trained officers from the Sheriff's office
  - Account for the transition of officers moving to the City, which may involve relocation support, integration into the community, and adjustments to local policing strategies to ensure a smooth onboarding process
- Consider alternative funding strategies or phasing options
  - Evaluate when to start building rehabilitation to accommodate new employees, weighing whether to delay facility upgrades until after hiring the new Police Chief to address their specific needs and preferences
- Determine reserve policy targets and timelines for replenishment
- Confirm whether Scenario 1 aligns with long-term strategic priorities

## 2024 Top Calls

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Phone Call	176
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Information Report	89
Citizen Assist	82
VICTIM NOTIFICATION	74

## 2025 Top Calls

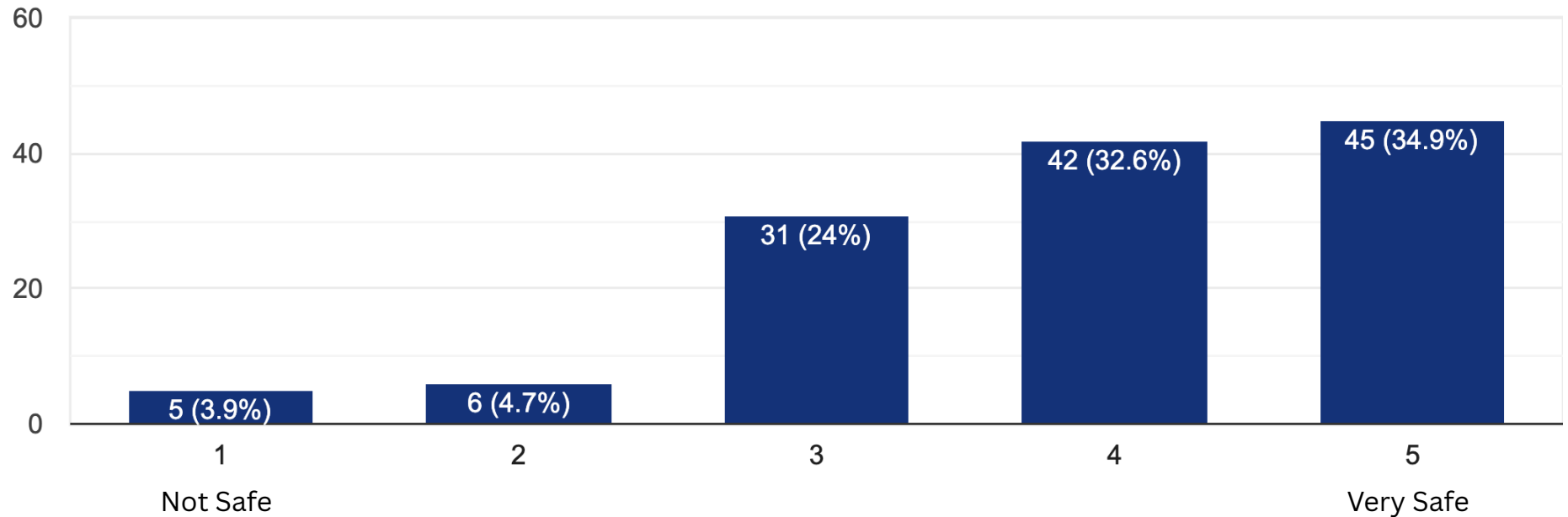
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## Total Calls from 12 am to 8 am (WestCo Dispatch)

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1:00 to 1:59 am	17	16	-5.88%
2:00 to 2:59 am	6	7	16.67%
3:00 to 3:59 am	5	5	0.00%
4:00 to 4:59 am	5	4	-20.00%
5:00 to 5:59 am	9	3	-66.67%
6:00 to 6:59 am	19	26	36.84%
7:00 to 7:59 am	177	135	-23.73%
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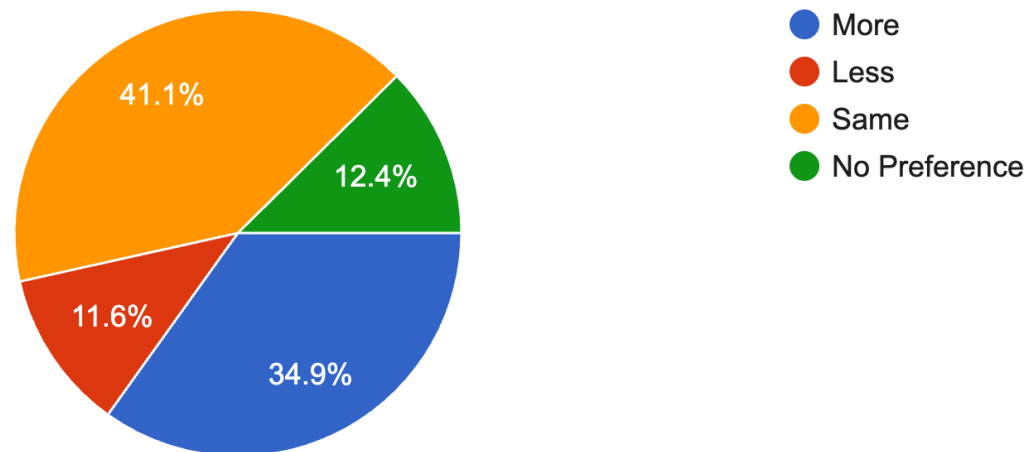
# How safe do you feel with the amount of presence of the police officers in Ouray?

129 responses

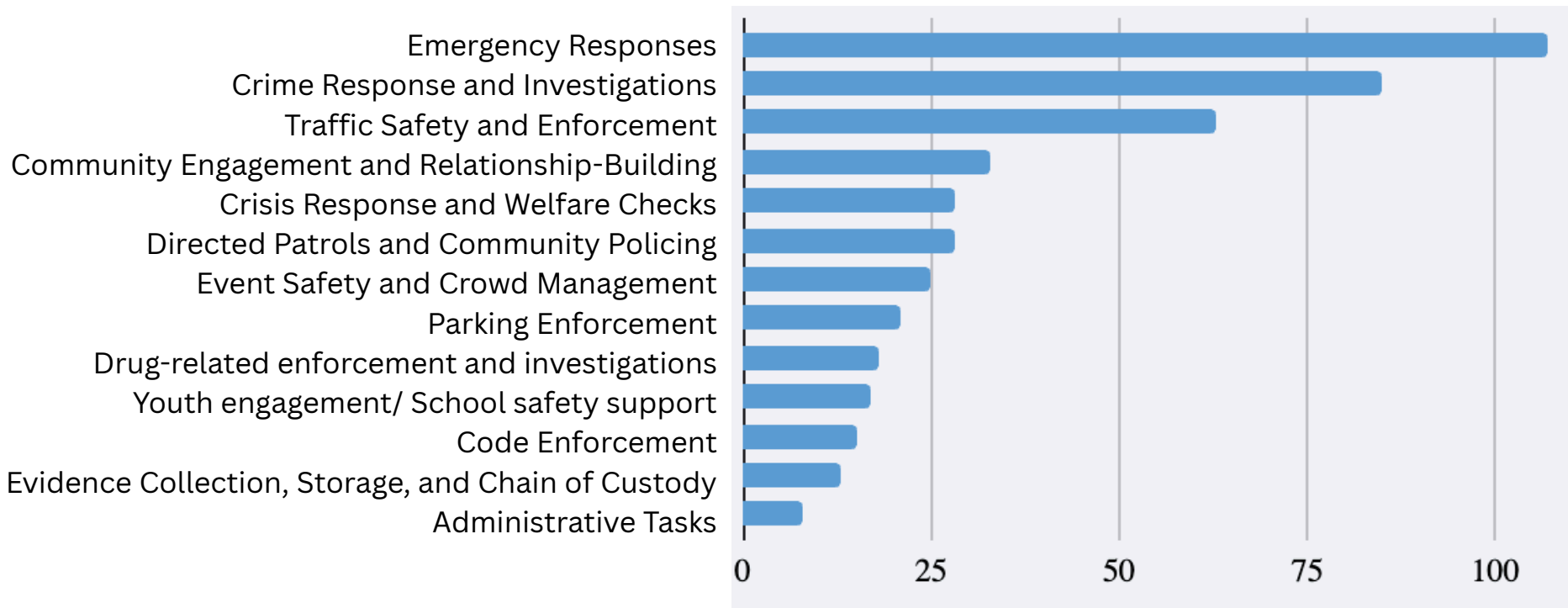


## Would you prefer more police presence, less police presence, same, or you don't have a preference?

129 responses



## What Roles are Most Important (Survey Results)



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## ON-CALL VS 24/7 COMPARISON CHARTS

AGENCIES	24/7 COVERAGE	ON-CALL	SHIFTS
Ouray PD	No	Yes	Day Shift   7:00 am - 5:00 PM   Night Shift 12:00pm - 10:00pm or 2:00pm - 12:00 am
Ouray County SO	No	Yes	2 morning, 2 night, one mid-shift (supervisor) 3 on
Ridgway Marshals	No	Yes	7 am - 5 pm day, 3 pm - 1 am, on-call 1 am - 7 am
Montrose PD	Yes	No	Day   5:30 am to 3:30 pm. Afternoon   2:00 pm to 10:00 pm Night   8:00 pm to 6:00 am
Olathe PD	No	Yes	6am - 6pm and a 2pm-2am shifts

**Calls from the hours of 2 am and 6 am for Ouray Police Department:  
2024 - 25 total for the year | 2025 - 19 total for the year**  
*Data from WestCo Dispatch statistics*

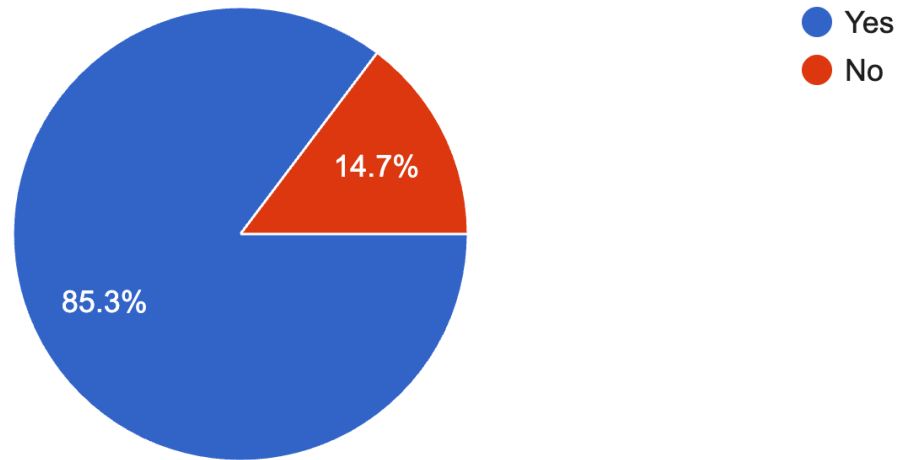
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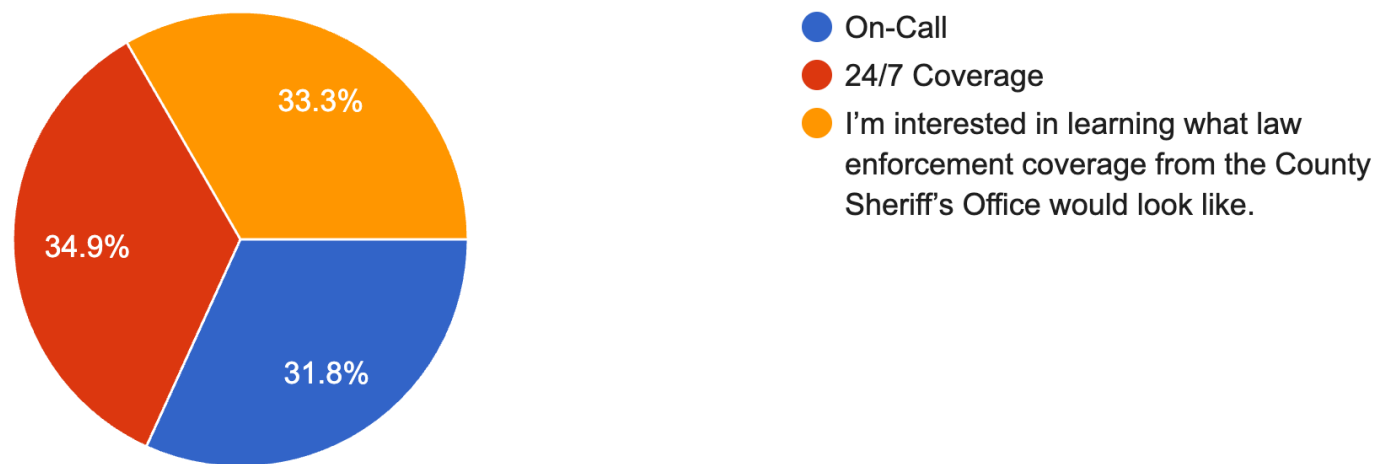
Do you feel comfortable with a Code Enforcement Officer being employed to handle the tasks listed in the description at the beginning, so police can focus on other calls for service?

129 responses



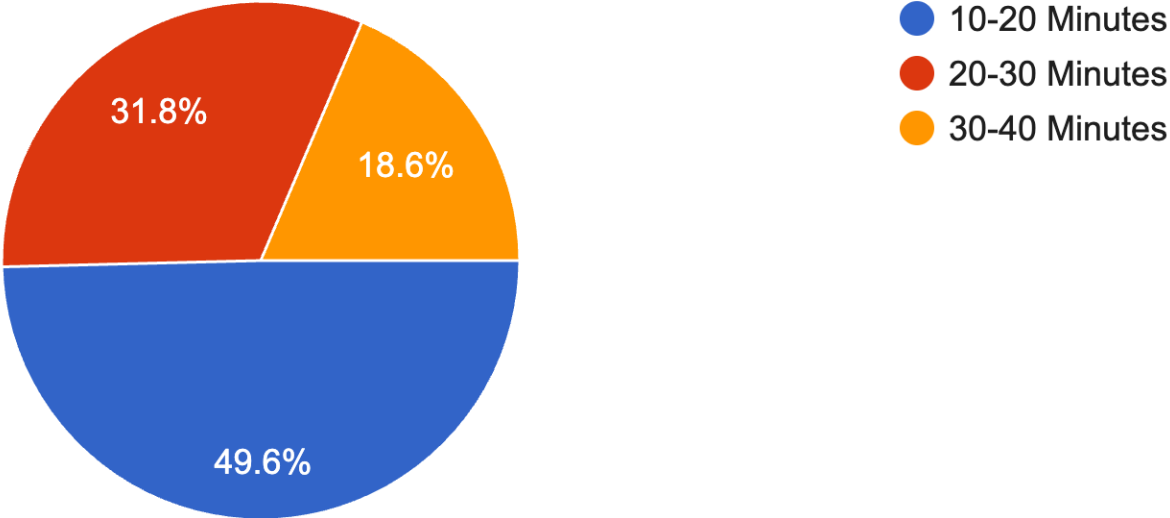
What type of law enforcement coverage do you think would work best for Ouray?

129 responses



# In your opinion, what would be an appropriate response time for an ON-CALL (not on-duty) police officer in Ouray?

129 responses



## LIVING REQUIREMENTS COMPARISON CHARTS

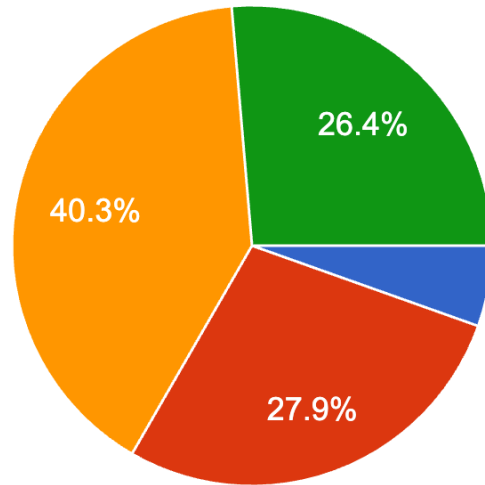
AGENCIES	MUST LIVE IN TOWN	MUST LIVE WITHIN	24/7 POLICING	CHIEF REQUIREMENTS
Ouray PD	No	20 min	No	No difference
Ouray County SO	No	20 min to county line	No	Live within county
Ridgway Marshals	No	25 min of town	No	15 min from town
Montrose PD	No	70 miles	Yes	No difference
Olathe PD	No	30 min	No	No difference

*\* Upon taking the position, officers and Chief must live within 45 minutes of the Ouray Police Department. Ouray Police Department allows one year to meet the living requirements.*

Information is based on 2025 data from each agency and Resolution NO. 25 (Series 2025)

# In your opinion, what is an appropriate and realistic living expectation for officers.

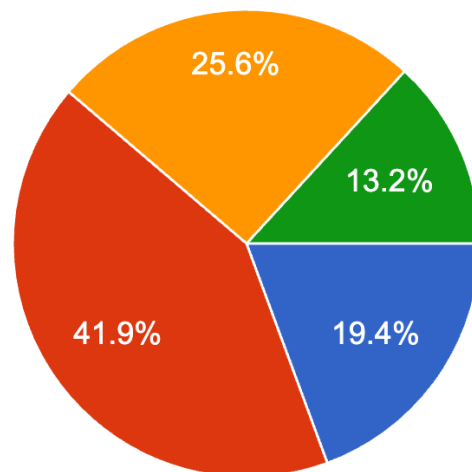
129 responses



- They must live in city limits
- They must live within 20 minutes of city limits
- They must live within 45 minutes of city limits
- I prefer 24/7 policing

# In your opinion, what is an appropriate and realistic living expectation for the Chief of Police.

129 responses



- They must live in city limits
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**RESOLUTION NO. 25 (Series 2025)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OURAY, COLORADO, ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OURAY POLICE CHIEF AND OFFICERS OF THE OURAY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO LIVE WITHIN A REASONABLE RESPONSE DISTANCE AND TIME OF THE CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, C.R.S. § 8-2-120 authorizes local governments to establish reasonable requirements as to the maximum distance key employees may reside from the City when their duties clearly and demonstrably require them to be close to their place of employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds and determines that police officers, due to the essential nature of their duties to respond to emergencies in a safe and timely manner, are key employees of the City of Ouray; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has identified the importance of requiring the Police Chief and police officers, as key employees of the City, to live within close proximity of the City for prompt response times to calls within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds and determines that it is reasonable to require the Police Chief to live within twenty (20) miles, not to exceed a driving time of twenty (20) minutes of the City and other police officers to live within twenty (20) miles, not to exceed a driving time of twenty (20) minutes of the City, as determined by standard mapping platforms that calculate the driving distance and time between the place of residency and City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, new hires for Police Chief and police officer employment positions have one year to comply with the above distance and time requirements and upon employment with the City must live within forty-five (45) miles, not to exceed a driving time of forty-five (45) minutes of the City, as determined by standard mapping platforms that calculate the driving distance and time between the place of residency and City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the City provides a housing stipend for police officers to live within City limits; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5.1.C of the City Home Rule Charter authorizes the City Administrator to establish and implement personnel rules and regulations for City employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council directs the City Administrator to update the employee manual and all other applicable policies, manuals, or practices to include the police distance and response times established under this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds and determines that establishing the police distance and response time requirements pursuant to this Resolution is necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Ouray.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OURAY, COLORADO, that:**

1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the City Council.
2. Police Response Distance and Time Residency Requirements. Due to the critical importance for police officers to live within close proximity of the City to be able to conduct their duties in a safe and timely manner, the City Council hereby establishes requirements for the Police Chief and police officers of the City to reside within the respective driving distances and time from City Hall, as stated in the above recitals. The City Council further authorizes and directs the City Administrator to amend the employee manual and all necessary policies to include such police response distance and time requirements.
3. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution is found to be unconstitutional or unlawful, such finding shall only invalidate that part or portion found to violate the law. All other provisions shall be deemed severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

**ADOPTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2025 by the Ouray City Council.

CITY OF OURAY, COLORADO



Ethan Funk, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Michelle Metteer, City Administrator

## **Future Agenda Items / Work Session Topics**

- Ordinance: Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code – June 15, 2026
- Work Session: 2027 / 2028 Vision for the City of Ouray – TBD
- Ordinance: City Lighting Code – TBD
- Discussion (Ordinance): Bed & Breakfast / Lodging – TBD
- Work Session: Capital Improvement Plan – TBD
- Work Session: Deed Restriction Template – TBD

### 2027 Items / Topics

- Discussion: Wayfinding Way Forward – TBD
- Discussion: Tobacco Retail Licensing – TBD

The schedule of future agenda items and work session topics is provided for informational purposes only.  
Dates, times, and topics are subject to change.

5/29/2026



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**Date:** June 1, 2026  
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**From:** Michelle Metteer, City Administrator  
**Re:** City Council Administration Report

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### **CDOT 10-Year Plan**

Part of the work conducted by the transportation team is to contribute toward the CDOT planning process. This is the work by Region 10 and the Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (GVTPR). [Here](#) is the link to the 10-Year plan including the work that will be conducted in the Ouray region.

### **Crystal Reservoir Conveyance Act (H.R. 5911)**

Congressman Hurd notified the City that the Crystal Reservoir Conveyance Act (H.R. 5911) is expected to be on the House floor for a vote the week of June 1, 2026. This is an exciting step in the greater legislative process.

### **OIPI Board Meeting**

I attended the OIPI Board meeting where the group provided updates on the electrical install for the pump, and an update on their work for the hiring of a new executive director. The work to repair the paved area of 3rd Ave will occur later this summer once materials are ready and mobilization can take place. Additional conversations took place on ensuring a productive work session with the Council.

### **Lisa Pool – Senator Hickenlooper Representative Visit**

On Tuesday, May 26th Mayor Underwood and I met with Lisa Pool from Senator Hickenlooper's office. We received updates on the work the Senator is doing toward updating the electrical grid, his efforts leading the Colorado Water Caucus, the efforts on the Water Project Navigators Act and the work to reauthorize the Cooperative Water Management Program. We also had the opportunity to discuss the Crystal Reservoir Conveyance Act and Senator Hickenlooper's ongoing support of this important legislation. For more information on Senator Hickenlooper and the work being done through his office, please visit: <https://www.hickenlooper.senate.gov/>.

## Fire Department Report for May, 2026

5/29/26

### Chief's Report:

The ladder truck remains in repair, with photos attached for reference. The project continues to progress as planned, with current work focused on the transmission and powertrain systems. Additional photos are attached for reference.

We had an excellent turnout at the two wildfire awareness events, where we served over 150 hamburgers and hot dogs. These events provided a valuable opportunity to engage with the community and share important wildfire prevention and preparedness information.

As we prepare for the summer season, we are actively ordering supplies for potential wildland fire incidents and scheduling training opportunities throughout the summer months to ensure readiness.

On May 15th, the Ouray County Evacuation Exercise took place. This was an excellent training opportunity that involved multiple agencies and entities throughout the county, helping strengthen coordination and emergency response capabilities.

Training and Call Report for April are attached.



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**Public Works May 2026 Update  
Report for June 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 Meeting**

**Water**

- Water Usage Numbers for **April:**
  - Influent (Water from spring) – 36,972,492 Gallons
  - Effluent (Water to town) – 16,011,329 Gallons
  - Ice Park – 15,124,732 Gallons
  - Mineral Farms – 48,400 Gallons
- Cleaned rocks and debris at the Red Mountain Ditch head gate. Water is flowing unobstructed and flow is being monitored through data loggers. City staff inspects the ditch on a weekly basis to ensure water is flowing properly.
- Continued sampling source water per new CDPHE sampling scheduling. City staff will be sampling our source water twice a month for a year. Sampling requirements with CDPHE continue to expand and take up more of staff's time.
- Multiple water turn on request for incoming second homeowners.
- Located and repaired a leaking water service line that was not on the property owner's side of the service line.
- Located and dug up a curbstop in order to isolate water so a homeowner could make repairs to a frost free yard hydrant. The valve was buried approximately 10 inches below the surface that included asphalt.
- City staff was able to troubleshoot and fix an automated valve that was not functioning properly on one of the treatment skids at the water treatment facility.
- City staff has been working on rerouting sample lines at the water treatment facility. We have been having large amounts of air entering the sample lines. Staff lowered the lines and rerouted them along with installing bubble traps to capture air. We no longer have excess air in our sample lines.
- The paint on the doors at the water treatment plant has started to bubble, peel and fail. Aslan Construction has been onsite along with a subcontractor who is sanding and repainting the doors. This is a warranty issue that has no cost to the City.
- Backflow Update – City staff spent approximately 25 hours this month working on the organization of the backflow program and answering questions from the public. This includes multiple site visits to businesses in town to verify what needs to be tested on the property. As of now, there are currently 102 devices in the City distribution system that require testing. This number could grow or decrease as we go through the year.

## Sewer

- Continue taking wastewater samples on a weekly basis. The new Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to stay in compliance with all of CDPHE permit standards.
- City staff continues to operate the new wastewater treatment facility on a daily basis. Daily rounds are completed along with process adjustments as needed.
- City staff has been working closely with engineers and pump manufacturers to try and troubleshoot why we continue to see foaming in the digesters. Staff believes that the pumps that were installed by the manufacture maybe oversized, causing cavitation and the creation of foam. A representative will be onsite at the end of the month to test the current pumps and help with resolving this issue
- City staff continues to work with a forensic engineer and monitor power at the wastewater treatment facility. We had a power issue at the facility this month that only lasted about 5 seconds but caused a VFD (variable frequency drive) to fail on one of the non-potable water pumps. Staff was able to install a spare VFD and has sent all monitoring information to the forensic engineer.

## Streets/Miscellaneous

- Public Works attended a call before you dig training at the Ouray County Fairgrounds on Monday may 4<sup>th</sup>. The seminar is a yearly reminder for equipment operators of the importance of calling in locates before any digging occurs. It was also a chance for staff to network with crews of other local utilities.
- Parking stall striping was completed the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> after being delayed multiple times due to weather. A huge thank you to the City Crew and CDOT crew for sweeping and cleaning the highway prior painting.
- Multiple members of the Public Works Department received negative feedback about applying mag chloride several times throughout the year on Oak St as suggested at the last City Council meeting. The general consensus was that if one street is going to get multiple applications then all streets should.
- City staff conducted an unofficial speed monitoring along Oak St on different days and at different times over the month as time allowed. Staff collected the speed of 50 vehicles and the average speed was 21.72 MPH. The lowest speed collected was 14 MPH and the highest speed was 32 MPH.
- Added class six road base to roads needing material in preparation for mag chloride application on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Watered roads as time allowed in an effort to keep dust down.

# City of Ouray Parks Department

## City Council Update 5/29

### Department Operations

Park Operations has one vacant position. Due to the police budget increase we had considered freezing this position. Park operations capacity is already razor thin and losing even one position would yield the following results.

- Reduced or decommissioned operations at the ice rink and Lee's Ski Hill
- Delays in snow removal services
- Reduced trash service on Main Street
- Restroom closures
- Reduced mowing and service frequency to medium priority parks
- Suspended maintenance to the river trail

At this time, we are also declining certain facility maintenance requests because current staffing levels cannot support both daily operations and ongoing maintenance responsibilities with only one operator. With the decision to renovate and maintain an additional building for the police department we fear the city will have a building they cannot afford or maintain in the long term without adding additional parks and facilities staff to do so.

These service reductions will create long-term capital challenges associated with deferred maintenance of existing infrastructure. Many of our parks and facilities already have significant capital improvement needs due to years of under-resourced maintenance staffing and funding. I do not recommend further reductions to park maintenance resources, as doing so will accelerate deterioration of critical facilities and infrastructure.

The parks department has serious concerns about the amount of general fund dollars that have now been committed to the police department. The vast majority of service needed within our city occurs in our parks, not in criminal activity. The parks department would like to encourage the council to consider what it is willing to cut from Parks, Public works, and administration to increase the police budget to \$1,560,000. The loss of even one operations position will create long term detriment to the financial sustainability of this city. We urge you to invest in maintaining the amazing place we call home rather than duplicating services found across the street from city hall.

Parks currently maintains the following facilities with 3 team members. This list is in priority order:

- City hall (Highest Priority)
- The Community center
- Fellin Park Restrooms (new in 2024)

- Fellin Park
  - The visitor center
  - Box Cañon
  - The women's park restroom (new in 2025)
  - The Via Ferrata Restroom (new in 2026)
  - Rotary park restroom (new in 2023)
  - The citizen state bank restroom
  - Ski Tow
  - Rotary park Ice Rink
  - Rotary park
  - The dog park
  - Womans Park
  - The Ouray Hot springs (support)
  - The Via Ferrata
  - Cascade Falls Restroom
  - The River Trail
  - Other Trails (Lowest Priority)
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## Trails and Volunteer Projects

- **Love Your Trail Day** will focus on maintenance of the River Trail in partnership with Colorado West Land Trust. The event is scheduled for June 6.
  - **VOC Trail Maintenance Day** will take place at Cascade Falls on May 30. Work will focus on repairs to the stairway leading to the falls.
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## Current Vacancies

- Lead CSA – Pool
  - Aquatics Coordinator – Pool
  - Parks Operator – Park Operations
  - Lifeguards – Pool
  - CSA – Pool
  - Recreation Supervisor – Parks
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## Community Events and Programs

### School Landscape Project

The school landscape cleanup project continues through a partnership between Parks, Beautification, and the school district. Following weed removal and soil preparation, the partnership will focus on soil amendments, irrigation repairs, and garden planting.

# Community Cleanup Day

Community Cleanup Day is scheduled for June 7, 2026.

Key updates include:

- Twice the landfill space compared to previous years
- Bruin Waste utilizing an alternate staging location to improve traffic flow and reduce wait times
- Ongoing green waste diversion and branch chipping efforts since early May
- Approximately 15 yards of chipped material diverted to date
- Aspen Sav-A-Tree will provide additional branch chipping services at Rotary Park during the event

## Youth Adventure Days

Youth Adventure Days will feature half-day outdoor recreation trips for youth ages 11–15.

### Scheduled Dates

- June 4, 9, 23
- July 2, 14, 21
- August 6, 11

Activities include:

- Archery
- Hiking
- Fly fishing
- Climbing
- Via ferrata
- Paddleboarding
- Additional outdoor recreation activities

## Ouray Day

Ouray Day is scheduled for August 22, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The goal of the event is to complement Highgrader Holiday festivities by providing entertainment and community engagement opportunities for all ages.

Planned activities include:

- Dunk tank
- Bounce houses
- Games
- Vendors
- Community contests

Staff also plans to engage residents in the Parks Survey effort. In exchange for participation, all Ouray County residents will receive free admission to the Hot Springs after 4:00 p.m.

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# Box Cañon Falls Park

## Retaining Wall Repairs

Retaining wall repairs were completed on May 13. During construction, staff and contractors identified several additional hazards and structural deficiencies that required repairs beyond the original project scope.

## Fuel Tank Inspection

The Box Cañon fuel tank failed inspection and was red-tagged in early May. Staff is coordinating excavation and replacement of the tank anodes to prevent corrosion and restore compliance.

## Parking Lot Improvements

The Box Cañon parking lot has been cleaned and overgrowth removed. A center guide rail was installed to improve parking alignment and reduce incidents involving fire hydrant obstruction and stuck vehicles.

## Revenue Update

From May 1–28, 2025, Box Cañon generated gross revenue of \$58,651.36.

During the same period in 2026, gross revenue increased to \$70,911.69, representing an 18% increase year over year.

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# Ouray Hot Springs

## Financial Update

The Ouray Hot Springs and Fitness Center continues to demonstrate strong revenue growth.

Period	2025 Revenue	2026 Revenue
May	\$214,318.45	\$249,568.96

January–May      \$832,073.89    \$948,963.69

## **Concessions Operations**

Staff is currently evaluating concession operations and profitability. Existing operating hours are typically 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Midweek closures may be considered if current trends continue to show unprofitable operating periods. No changes are recommended at this time, and staff will continue evaluating performance through June and July.

## **Operating Hours Review**

Attendance trends during late evening hours are also being reviewed. Historically, the 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. hour has not been profitable and presents the greatest challenges associated with unruly behavior.

At the same time, late evening operations provide a unique and quieter guest experience. Staff is not making a recommendation at this time but wanted to inform Council that operational adjustments may be considered following the peak summer season.

## **Memorial Day Weekend Operations**

The facility exceeded last year's Memorial Day revenue and experienced strong attendance throughout the weekend.

Staff responded to two water rescues during the holiday weekend. Both incidents provided an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the updated zone coverage lifeguard model. In both cases, response times were under eight seconds.

## **Zone Coverage Lifeguard Model**

Since March, the facility has implemented a zone-based coverage model for lifeguards. Under this system, guards are assigned responsibility for designated areas rather than staffing ratios based solely on patron counts.

The updated model is intended to:

- Improve safety standards
- Increase vigilance and accountability
- Reduce staffing pressure while maintaining effective coverage

Special recognition goes to Swim Safety Coordinator Zack Root for successfully implementing this operational transition.

## **Life Jacket Program**

Life jackets are now available for younger children using deeper areas of the pool and activity pool. The program is intended to:

- Improve guest safety
- Encourage family participation in aquatic activities

- Reduce demand for swim testing
- Support more effective lifeguard supervision

## **Summer Pool Openings**

Seasonal pool operations began Memorial Day weekend.

The following amenities opened on Friday, May 22:

- Shallow pool
- Activity pool
- Waterslides
- Snack shack

The waterslides recently passed state inspection with only minor recommendations noted. Because the slides are no longer expected to be relocated during a near-term pool house replacement project, staff anticipates the need for gel coating maintenance in 2027 and will pursue cost estimates for the 2027 budget process.

## **P101 Pump Replacement**

The P101 pump was successfully exchanged with its backup unit. The removed pump is currently undergoing rebuilding procedures. This pump serves as the primary system moving geothermal water from the collection basin to the facility.

## **Box Canyon Line Jetting**

Jetting operations on the Box Canyon line were completed successfully. However, the work did not result in measurable increases in geothermal water flow.

Current flows remain at historically low levels, with the Box Canyon line producing approximately 140 gallons per minute.

## **Pool House Maintenance and Capital Needs**

Staff continues to assess deferred maintenance needs associated with the pool house facility.

To date, approximately \$983,000 in necessary repairs has been identified for next year, including:

- Urinal line replacement
- HVAC replacement
- Snack shack rehabilitation
- Facility painting

Additional major projects still requiring estimates include:

- Balcony repair
- Elevator installation
- Structural improvements to the second floor

Contractors have expressed concerns regarding the balcony repair project due to the extent of deterioration and construction challenges.

At this time, staff anticipates recommending a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget exceeding \$3 million for 2027. Prioritization of projects will likely be necessary as cost estimates continue to be refined.

## **Gym Structural Recommendations**

Buckhorn Engineering recently completed an assessment of the gym floor structure and provided recommendations regarding load limitations.

Based on the assessment, staff will remove all free-weight equipment from the gym over the coming weeks, including:

- Bench press equipment
- Abductor machine
- Squat rack
- Free weights

These actions are being taken to ensure public safety and protect the structural integrity of the facility.



## Marketing & Communications Director

### Website

- Created the Temporary Encroachment fillable form – uploaded to business resources page
- Created the Sidewalk Encroachment fillable form – uploaded to business resources page
- Finished the clean up and revamping of the Community Development page
- Created the Ouray Business Partners Hub page
- Finished the clean up and revamping of the Tourism page
- Finished the clean up and revamping of the Planning Commission page
- Finished the clean up and revamping of the Main Street page
- Finished the clean up and revamping of the Ouray Economic Development page
- Created the Human Resources page
- Finished the clean up and revamping Clerk Services page
- Finished the clean up and revamping Finance Department
- Finished the clean up and revamping of the Community Safety page
- Finished the clean up and revamping of the Community tab drop down
- Finished the clean up and revamping of the Business Resource pages

### Newsletters

- Scheduled July, August, September, and October for the business newsletters
- Created the Grant Opportunities email for businesses
- Wildfire Resiliency Code Feedback
- June City Newsletter (Brooke taking the lead)
- June Business Newsletter

### Business Assistance/ Collaborations

- Hot Springs Pass Promotion: Timber Ridge Lodge, Ouray Inn, Ouray Riverside Resort, San Juan Chalet, St. Elmo Hotel, Hot Springs Inn
- Total of 270 passes distributed of the 350 purchased, will look to do this again in the fall

### Events

- Created a Google form for live music businesses to apply for consideration of the 4th of July evening concert
- Reviewed all applications for the 4th of July live music request

### Emergency Management

- Participated in the full-scale evacuation drill on Friday, May 15th. My role was Public Information Officer and assisted with creating captions, graphics, setting up a hotline, and answering the phone calls from the hotline.



## Marketing & Communications Director

### Media

- Worked with Heidi Town on a San Juan Scenic By-way story, hope to see this story soon
- Story of “Highway to Well” in AAA’s Westways magazine. We hosted the writer back in 2024 and he wrote an additional story in April for an online publication about our hot springs. This new print piece earned media value is approximately \$4,000 with a potential to reach 4.6M readers. In this article, it talks about the Ouray Hot Springs, Wiesbaden Hot Springs, and showcases three photos of Ouray.
- Story “Million Dollar Ride” was published by a writer we hosted in 2025 in Cowboys and Indians magazine. This story has a potential to reach 3,000,000 people between print, online, and newsletters.
- “Over the Divide” article published in Denver Life Magazine
- “From silver-rush towns to ancient pueblos, explore the wild heart of Colorado” article published in The Australian from a FAM we hosted in 2025. This has an audience of 600,000 people and a media value of \$12,537. She talks about St. Elmo Hotel, Bachelor Syracuse Mine Tour, and St. Elmo Tavern.
- “In Search of White Gold” was published in Robb Report Australia & New Zealand and Autumn 2026. This was a FAM we hosted in 2024, this has a value of \$40,800 and an audience of 10,900. He talked about Mountain Trip.

### Media Results




- Art Walk (Brooke set up)
  - Meta - \$7/ day allocated
    - \$157.66 spent | 31,830 impressions
- Summer Promotion
  - Google - \$2,000 allocated
  - Meta - \$2,000 allocated
    - \$460 spent | 174,581 impressions
- Do Ouray Right - Know the Elements
  - Meta - \$1,125
    - 2,515 reached
- Wildfire Resiliency
  - Meta \$10 | 38 Clicks, 886 reach

### Marketing

- Made half-page flyer for the hot spring pass program for the lodgers, TAC volunteered to hand them out
- Created the wildfire resiliency code survey, social graphics, and flyers
- Prepped all materials and spreadsheets for IPW Tradeshow meetings





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## Marketing & Communications Director

### Social

- Created graphics and captions for the summer yard of the month program

### Visitor Center

- Worked the Do Ouray Right booth at the first day of the 7th grade climbing event

### Main Street Manager




- Attended the monthly webinar about Colorado Main Streets
- Met with our group for our May brainstorming session
- Created the 8-Point Visual Check-List for the group
- Created the Community Capital review for the group

### IPW Tradeshow

- Prepared for the IPW trade show by: collecting photos of area and bookable lodging properties, gathering data from Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours, comparing information on our TRiP reports, organizing swag/ giveaways, putting together a press release for the top things that are new/ exciting for Ouray, analyzing and comparing my 2026 appointments with last years
- Created a report for Ouray to give to the international representatives for the IPW conference
- Conducted 40 meetings within the week. Met with Tour Operators, Tour Receptives, and Media.
- Met with each of the Colorado Tourism Office international representatives to give updates on Ouray.
- Common trends I heard in regards to international travel sentiment/ what's impacting:
  - Gas prices here are cheaper than Europe
  - Gas isn't a thought for the international traveler because of how much they are spending to get here
  - Because of the war in the Middle-East, many travelers are looking to travel within Europe, or North America (opportunity here)
  - Media doesn't help portray the United States correctly, many feel we are not safe because they may be detained upon entry of our country (not true)
  - Because Colorado is a "blue" state, we are not as overlooked as "red" states
  - Our dollar is still high for exchange rates (especially Australia)





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## Marketing & Communications Director

### Tourism Advisory Committee

- Attended the May Tourism Advisory Committee
- Created an information sheet for the hot springs program, printed the table tent cards, and an informational sheet about the in town shuttle for them to disperse out

### Placemaking Program

- Had our kickoff call with Mission2Market, next steps are to supply M2M with plans, data, photos, and other resources.
- Core team currently is myself, Brooke Warren, and Dolgio

### Non-Project Based Updates

- Attended the Grant Requirements webinar with the Colorado Tourism Office
- Created a manual for the Communications and Marketing department with instructions for while I am out on maternity leave (and for any future staff members for how to do tasks):
  - City Council Reports
  - Concierge Program
  - Credit Card Reconciliation (Brooke will take over my reporting)
  - Do Ouray Right
  - FAM Tours (EmmaGrace will work on these and host)
  - Influencer / Content Creators
  - Inventory Process (Kara will be the approver for my staff)
  - Management Grant
  - Media Requests
  - Payroll
  - Sending Emails (all-staff, directors, city council)
- Attended the Care for Colorado Coalition quarterly meeting
- Attended the City Council full day retreat



## Media Manager

### Photo/ Video Capture

- Photos of Brown Chicken Brown Cow for social feature
- Photos of theater performance at the Wright Opera House
- Photo and video of local shops for evergreen promotion/social features
- Filmed the Ouray Fire Department and edited footage to create fire mitigation campaign

### City Communications

- Mayor's Update filming, editing x2
- Notice of 5/4-5/5 alley closure on alerts, website, pop-up, social, and newsletter
- City Council Agenda notices x2
- Work Session notice for law enforcement and oak street paving discussion
- Built and scheduled City Newsletter

### Evacuation Assistance to County

- Participated in the 5/15 evacuation scenario as a PIO

### Paid Campaigns

- Art Walk event and social media (\$200 for the month of May)
- Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Survey (\$10 Meta Boost)

### Events/ Meetings

- 8+ artist features on social media to promote the Ouray Art Walk on May 23
- Grant Requirements Webinar with CTO for Tourism Management project
- Cultural Tourism Kick-off Meeting and planning
- Attended webinar about GOCO grants

### Visit Ouray

- Built and scheduled Tourism newsletter
- Planned and scheduled social media for June
- Attended CTO webinar for Blueprint program
- Attended CTO Western Slope Partner Session in Fruita and toured new Colorado Welcome Center

### Via Ferrata

- Opening Day post
- Updated header images on website
- Suggested changes to google listing and map location
- Updated the website plugins to include a popup to include closure (and other) notices
- Updated copy regarding weight restrictions



## Media Manager

### Hot Springs

- Consulted, updated website, scheduled social marketing for swimming lessons
- Suggested changes to map location on google so there are no longer duplicates and the pins are in the correct location
- Created Highlights for social media to promote Hot Springs Events, Snack Shack, Visitor Reviews, Facts and History about the pool, and more
- Updated website with job availability and more links to swim lesson signups.
- Sent All-Staff Email for Swim Safety Coordinator to share pool information
- Promo for Memorial Day Volleyball/Basketball tournament
- Made Hot Pool Closure notice (social, website popup) for May 20-21 (CANCELLED)
- Made All Pools Open notice for social for May 22
- Planned and scheduled social media for June

### Parks and Recreation

- Social and event promo for Community Cleanup Day
- Sent all-staff email to promote Community Cleanup Day and prior dropoff for greenwaste
- Opening Day post for Box Canyon Falls
- Calendar design for June and July
- Created Community Calendar, FB events, and flyers for all Parks Activities

### Branding and Information

- May Social plan for @visitourayco
- Newsletter for visitors (included new event calendar, winter lodging promo, hot springs ideas)
- Highlight on @visitourayco for Silver Eagle Saloon
- Created a logo for "fire" in the Ouray brand style

### Training

- Credit Card reporting
- Took IS-200 course: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response

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## Guest Services

### Visitor Center Data

- Visitor Count (May)
  - Show below is data from 2025 full month and 2026, up to the report due date.
    - 2025 Visitor Count: 3167 | 2026 Visitor Count: 1739
    - 2025 Phone Count: 196 | 2026 Phone Count: 294
    - 2025 Mail Count: 64 | 2026 Mail Count: 131

### Volunteer Outreach Efforts




- Met with Jill to discuss volunteer interest and set dates for the summer to help
- Met with Karen to discuss volunteering and established summer volunteer dates
- Created volunteer materials
- Check-in sheet
- Volunteer email template
- Volunteer Interest form via Google Form
- Volunteer Flyer with QR code to Google Form
- Sent info out for Kailey to share in newsletter
- Created Onboarding and training checklist

### Visit Ouray Website

- Updated pet-friendly restaurants & lodging
- Updated City Map to 2026 map
- Reached out to new businesses to add to the website
- Deleted "Closed for season" on Box cañon webpage
- Removed businesses no longer active
- Created AI buttons on 6 new pages
  - Homepage
  - Indoor Things to Do
  - Restaurants
  - Web Cams
  - Box Cañon Falls
  - Fall
  - Family-Friendly
  - Summer
- Added Cassidy's Cafe & Antiques to Restaurant page
- Added Alpenglow Treat Co. to Restaurant page
- Added Ouray KOA to camping page
- Checked Visit Ouray In- town pages for mobile use and corrections on accuracy and design





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## Guest Services

### Visitor Center

- Created binder for easy access procedures steps and common use info sheets for printing
- Updated Ouray Via Info packet for staff FAQ
- Created Ice Climbing cheat sheet for Staff FAQ
- Restocked Gift Shop
- Received new Ouray Patches and magnets
- Restocked and updated rack cards & magazines
- Filled Visitor Guides with Do Ouray Right Brochures
- Inventoried Light weight hoodies
- Refilled printable materials
- Updated Emergency Contacts
- Updated Clothing Sales list
- Refilled Copy paper
- Folded and hung Perimeter Trail Shirts on rack
- Delivered Pool Pass cards to lodgers

### Meetings




- Discussed July 4 event details on booking bands and food vendors
- Drafted monthly meeting agenda
- Held May Meeting for staff
- Included volunteers
- Onboarded 2 new volunteers for the summer
- Attended and spoke at the San Juan Mountain Association VIS Workshop
- Durango headquarters
- Shared relevant and future updates for the region to know about to share with visitors
- Attended Main Street Committee Monthly meeting
- Learned about historical facade reconstructions and renovation hosted by DOLA

### Do Ouray Right

- Staff attended the Wildfire shop
- Attended Ouray Middle school Climb & cleanup at Rotary Park
- Set up booth from 1:30-3
- Shared Volunteer opportunities
- Shared our mission and who we are
- Talked with students about what they see that they don't like and why its important to respect these ethics
- Gave out brochures to Ouray Businesses
- Stuffed brochures into Visitor Guides to hand out





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## Guest Services

### Gift Shop

- Updated Rack Cards/Gift shop contact list
- Inventoried Ouray custom tote bag
- Inventoried magnets and Ouray patches
- Inventoried new Ouray Custom Stickers
- Added Perimeter Trail Shirt in the system
- Add Ouray Sheriff Blanket in POS
- Ordered summer Colorado official Visitor Guides
- Added Custom Ouray Nalgene in POS
- Ordered additional Stay the trail Brochures

### Ouray Ridgway Calendar

- Reviewed pending events for approval
- Working with Localist IT dept. To authenticate the domain for approving the bulletin email
- Joined a meeting with the admin team to discuss guidelines on event submission & newsletters
- Authenticate domain emails for the newsletter email verification step

### Tasks

- Called & emailed about laser light shows for July 4th
- Delivered Mail and cash deposits
- Collected information and handouts for SJMA VIS Workshop(Visitor Information Summit)

### Miscellaneous

- Made room for informational handouts in the garage
- Confirmed tent reservation for July 4
- Picked up staff snacks at Walmart
- Delivered CO Resiliency Code Survey handouts around town
- Called/emailed businesses on 2026 map and Visitor Guide delivery
  - Asked if businesses wanted 1-2 pads of maps
  - Offered ½ or a box of Visitor Guides
- Passed out scavenger hunt cards to participating businesses
- Delivered materials around Ouray
  - Maps
  - Visitor Guides
  - Chamber foldable maps
  - Do Ouray Right Brochures



Type of Business	Business	Region Served	Name	Email	Phone	Discussion	Receptives Used	Interests/ Ideas
International Leisure Buyer	Exciting West	France & Europe	Line Vandenabeele	line@excitingwest.com	32 50 15 30 90	70% is USA sales. Col booking, DIA, HS Loop. National Park loop, webinar educations, individuals, new world travel	Expedia	National park loop, hot springs loop
International Buyer	USA Travel Consultants	Belgium	Oliveier Vandenbroucke	olivier@usatravel.be	32 02 734 97 00	Need multi-state itineraries, check website and give feedback, images are important. B2B and B2C, fluid itinerary, need positive news	Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours, Bonotel	Stay Two Nights Get Third Night Free
International Buyer	<a href="#">Fly2America.de</a>	German Speaking	Thorsten Freimuth	TF@fly2america.de	49 540496 080	FIT and Small Groups (18 max). They self drive. Interested in Music tours.		Mountain Air Music Series
International Buyer	Bike the Best	German Speaking	Michaela Kern	m.kern@bikethest.de	49 0 22 47 92 37 444	2026  We did get results and are on their new Colorado itinerary. We need to send them photos and flyers. Get them in touch with dirt bike tours, FIT. In July they are sending a journalist for a 14-16 page story, CTO bought into doing a promotion for Austria and Germany for 40,000 people. 2025   They have a trip Las Vegas to Denver. July and August is their main months of travel. Looking for a Colorado map itinerary.	Bonotel, Expedia Group	Off-roading tours, National Parks loop, Hot spring properties, distillery, brewery, san juan skyway
International Buyer	VT VACANCES SA	German Speaking	Fredric Norberg	info@vtvacances.ch	41 21 695 60 40	My america, FIT, National Parks, french part of switzerland. Flyers they send out to B2B and B2C. Online. Mid range to luxury traveler	ATI, and Rocky Mountain Holidays Tour	
International Buyer	Travel at 60	Australia	Lisa Teiotu	lisa@startsat60.com	61 1300 414 198	Over 60's market, social experiences. Nature based, easy activities, dark skies, historic food, wine		Nature based, easy activities
International Buyer	<a href="#">USA Reisen.de/Flamingo Company Fernreisen GmbH</a>	German Speaking	Martin Zahn	martin.zahn@flamingocompany.de	1 386 843 0784	FITS, mid range customer, B2C mainly. Book with receptives. Virtual events		
International Buyer	Rhein-Kurier GmbH	German Speaking	Marcel Neumann	marcel.neumann@rhein-kurier.com	49 261 91554 31	Ticket hub, B2C. Not a good fit		
International Buyer	Little Travel Group	Germany	Priscilla Ootes-Melse	priscilla@littletravel.eu	none	We are doing a paid campaign with them this fall. Looking for boutique, cabins (2-3 properties are ideal). Interested in jeep tour companies. Requested us at IITP.	receptives Used	
International Buyer	Global Mercado del Turismo	Latin America	Martha Clemencia Gomez Medina	martha@mercadodelturismo.com	57 3153107238	RV Travel, RV resorts, send general information		RV travel and resorts
Distribution Buyer	Destination America		Graham Bendelow	graham.bendelow@destamer.com	714 385 2544	Domestic english language, mainland Europe. Group experiences. Direct bookings. Group, guided, design atineraries, unique experiences, aussies 18-35 ages or older. Artists and guides. Accomodations. Summer time April - October		unique experiences, artists, and guides
International Buyer	Allviews Culture and Tourism (Beijing) Co., Ltd. Chengdu Branch	China	Quantao Peng	scetravel@gmail.com	86 18628057890	Typically families, 2-9 people. Interested in National Parks, Sports attractions, needs itineraries and electronic access		National Parks loop itinerary

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International Buyer	Evasions USA	France & Europe	Manon Cherel			Activities direct, new itineraries, Emails to talk about price	Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours, Expedia	
International Buyer	Groupe Voyages Quebec	Canada	Gabriel Jalbert	gjbert@gvp.ca	418 525 4585	Looking for new product ideas and itineraries. Things to do, french speaking, easy activities		Easy activities
International Buyer	WestWorld Tours & Women Xplorers	Slovakia	Daphne Pollock	daphne@westworldtours.com	306 751 9518	Mention ideas for the women's tour too. Currently have southwest corners tour. Give them images of Ouray, soft adventure ideas, jeep tours, twin peaks, 29 rooms, distillery tour/ tastings		soft adventure ideas, jeep tours, twin peaks, 29 rooms, distillery tour/ tastings
International Buyer	Wings' N Wheels	France & Europe	Stefan Raes			Fly/ drive, all types of vehicles, send images,	Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours	
International Buyer	<a href="http://UStavel.nl">UStavel.nl</a>	France & Europe	Jose Kraan	jose@ustravel.nl	31 24 67778750	Inpiration itineraries for Colorado. 2-4 weeks travel time. FIT, self drive, RV	Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours	
Distribution Buyer	America 4 You L.L.C.		Lena Ross	lena@america4you.net	858 761 2875	Receptive, looking for one standard and one unique property to add minimum. They operate like RMHT. Would be interested in having jeep tour, horseback riding, and guided via ferrata for activiies. Typically book for summer time as a fly/drive market.	They are a receptive	Getting product to sell.
International Journalists	Tab's on Travel	Australia	Annabelle White			No Show		
International Buyer	Travel Trend	France & Europe	Peter van Veenendaal	peter.van.veenendaal@traveltrend.nl	31 010 289 19 31	FIT, customization, B2B and B2C. Send them my contact information about unique accomodations	ATI, Travel Co, Bonotel	
International Journalists	Vidalturismo	Latin America	Maria Luisa Polit Calderon	direcciongeneral@vidalturismo.com	52 33 1760 0003	They are good trade media with CTO.		
International Journalists	Eugene Masterson	UK & Ireland	Sunday World	eugene.masterson@sundayworld.com	353 87 2454555	Ireland's main publication. Big city focused. Summer focused on train trips. Send them general information. Breweries.		
Distribution Buyer	Bonotel Exclusive	United States	Hylton Fothergill	hylton.fothergill@bonotel.com		We should also look at value added (rates, or waived fees) \ Luxury/ Botique. They are a receptive operator. FIT.		Western Hotel, Beaumont, Red Mountain Alpine Lodge
International Journalists	Judith Hyams / Freelance	German Speaking	Judith Hyams	j.hyams@gmx.de	49 0 15771440032	Culture, history, outdoors, family		
International Journalists	Dirk Rohrbach / Freelance	German Speaking	Dirk Rohrbach			Fall group, nature oriented with the state park. Trips every year. Mostly hiking focused		Nature
International Buyer	Intrepid Travel	Australia	Taylare Maddern					
International Buyer	Elite Sports Travel	UK & Ireland	Ben Welch	ben@elitesportstravel.co.uk	44 0 1920 330750	MTB the world round, sporting events for Denver mainly		
International Buyer	Travel Counsellors	UK & Ireland	Casey Hurford			Biggest agency in the uk. CTO has done marketing promos with them in the past.	Liberty DMC, Excursionist, America 4U	
Distribution Buyer	Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours		Crystal Van Kull			Needing more activities		guided hiking, jeep tours, horseback riding, via ferrata



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Name	Mentions	Handoffs
Ouray Hot Springs	1896	27
Twin Peaks Lodge & Hot Springs	1752	17
Brickhouse 737	1575	4
Box Cañon Falls Park	1562	5
Outlaw Restaurant	1376	1
Thai Chili Restaurant Ouray Colorado	1300	0
Maggie's Kitchen	1248	4
Mouse's Chocolates & Coffee	1207	2
Cascade Falls Park	1169	1
Artisan Bakery & Cafe	1152	0
Ouray Brewery	972	1
Wiesbaden Hot Springs Spa & Lodgings	913	15
FullTilt Saloon	906	3
1886 Coffee	850	0
Wiesbaden Hot Springs Spa & Lodgings	814	2
The Yankee Girl Cafe	784	0
Kami's Samis	783	0
Ouray CO Spa, Massage & Facials by Sage Spa at Twin Peaks Lodge & Hot Springs	750	3
Beaumont Hotel and Spa - Adults Only	705	0
St. Elmo Hotel and Tavern	705	0
The Western Saloon & Grill	692	0
ViaSana Massage & Bodywork Studio	449	0
Western Hotel Ouray	431	2
Marmots acai	394	0
Cahoote's Tavern	382	2
Perimeter Trail Trailhead	370	0
Ouray CO Restaurant, Bar & Pizza by Mineshaft Ouray	338	0
Bachelor Syracuse Mine Tour	333	5
Beaumont Hotel and Spa - Adults Only	309	4
Grotto Spa at The Western Hotel	297	0
Wright Opera House	289	0

Beaumont Hotel & Spa	275	0
Ice Park Loop	254	0
Hot Springs Inn	233	1
Main Street	222	0
K J Wood Distillers, LLC	215	0
Ouray Ice Park	195	0
Fellin Park, Ouray, CO	188	0
Taste Ouray	176	0
Uncompahgre River (Campsite - Primitive)	173	0
Ouray Riverside Resort - Inn & Cabins	172	3
Ouray CO Hotel & Hot Springs by Twin Peaks Lodging	168	0
Elevate Wellness Spa	166	0
Perimeter Trail	159	0
Ouray Meat & Cheese Market	151	0
El Agave Azul	149	0
San Juan Scenic Jeep Tours	147	1
The Smokehouse @ Ouray Riverside Resort	119	3
Bear Creek Falls	118	0
Gold Belt Bar & Grill	116	3
Alpine Scenic 4x4 Tours	112	1
Mi Mexico Family Mexican restaurant	112	0
Downtown Ouray	110	0
The Ouray Main Street Inn	107	0
Cie Gallery	106	0
Mountain Trip   Ouray Guides	105	0
Realm Supply	104	0
Ouray County Museum	101	0
Timberline Deli of Ouray	98	0
Columbine Mineral Shop	84	0
Ouray Glassworks and Pottery	80	0
Yankee Boy Basin	78	0
Quality Inn Ouray	78	1
Ray's Jerky	77	0

Switzerland of America Lookout Point	72	0
Ouray Hot Springs	71	0
Khristopher's Culinaire	65	0
Ouray Via Ferrata	62	2
San Juan Potters' Guild - Studio and Gallery	60	0
Ouray Visitors Center	51	0
Ouray Hot Springs Pool	50	0
Mi Mexico	50	0
Imogene Hotel	46	0
Ouray Alchemist Museum & Penthouse	42	0
Skin Alchemy Ouray	42	0
Rotary Park Ice Rink	41	0
Cassidy's Café & Antiques	40	0
Box Canyon Lodge & Hot Springs	39	3
Ouray Ice House Coffee Shop/Ice Cream	38	0
Simpson Gallery, Studio and Frame Shop	37	0
Cascade Falls	36	0
Ouray Inn	34	0
Bridal Veil Bed and Breakfast	30	2
Mouse's Chocolates & Coffee	29	0
Mojos Coffee	28	0
San Juan Mountains	27	0
Chief Ouray Trading Post	27	0
Ironton Park	26	0
Ironton Townsite	26	0
O'Toys	25	0
Black Bear Manor	25	0
Lee's Ski Hill	23	0
Box Canyon Lodge & Hot Springs	23	2
Engineer Pass	22	0
Ouray Meat & Cheese Market	22	0
Basecamp Ouray Mountain Guides	20	2
Ouray Grocery	20	0

Bear Creek Trailhead	20	0
Ouray Woman's Club Park	19	0
Cascade Falls Trail	19	0
St John's Episcopal Church	19	0
Switzerland of America Jeeps	18	3
Camp Bird Rd	17	0
Matterhorn Inn Ouray	17	0
Ouray CO Jeep Rentals, ATV Rentals & e-Bike Rentals by Ouray Mountain Adventures	16	1
St. Elmo Hotel	16	1
Colorado West UTV and Jeep Rentals & Scenic Tours	13	0
Ouray Mountain Sports	13	1
Orvis Hot Springs	13	1
Timber Ridge Lodge Ouray	13	0
Ourayle House Brewery	13	0
Amphitheater Campground	12	2
Jeep Ouray @ Ouray Riverside Resort	12	0
Bon Ton Restaurant	11	0
Canyoning Colorado	10	1
Mojo's Coffee Chai & Teas	10	0
Ouray Alchemist Museum & Penthouse	9	2
Baby Bathtubs Trail	8	0
Million Dollar Highway State Employee Monument	8	0
Sweet Ouray	8	0
Ouray Adventure Center	8	0
Altitude Adventures Side x Side Rentals	8	0
The River's Edge Motel Lodge & Resort	8	0
Roosevelt's Tavern	8	0
Alpine Loop Start	7	0
Ouray Dog Park	7	0
Ironton Park Staging Area	7	0
4J+1+1 RV Park	7	1
Gator Emporium	7	0
Brown Chicken Brown Cow Ice Cream	7	0

RIDE-N ATV ADVENTURES OURAY CO	6	0
Ouray Dog Company	6	0
Abram Inn & Suites	6	0
Ouray KOA Holiday	6	0
Box Canyon	5	0
Black Bear pass	5	0
Mountain Fever Shirts & Gifts	5	0
Ouray tshirts and mementos	5	0
Chief Ouray Mine	5	0
Gold Mountain Via Ferrata	5	0
AlpLily Inn	5	0
Red Mountain Alpine Lodge	5	1
Imogene Restaurant	5	0
Backstreet Bistro	5	0
Ouray Trail Group	4	0
Rotary Park	4	0
Canyon Creek Jeep	4	0
Ouray Books	4	0
Ouray Shirt Company	4	0
Red Mountain Trading Post	4	0
Silver Lynx	4	0
Ouray Public Library	4	1
The Clipper Inn - Bed & Breakfast	4	0
Ouray Cafe & Steakhouse	4	0
Red Mountain Brewing	4	0
The Drinking Cup	4	0
Timberline Deli of Ouray	3	0
Ouray International Film Festival	3	0
Outlaw Inn	3	0
Angel Creek Campground	3	1
China Clipper Inn	3	0
4J+1+1 RV Park	3	1
Amphitheater Campground	3	0

Ouray Grocery	3	0
The Closet Potter	2	0
Bridge of Heaven	2	0
Silvershield Trailhead to Dinosaur Trackway	2	0
Hot Springs	2	0
Gold Prince Mill at Animas Forks - building foundation	2	0
Ago Gallery & San Juan Pottery	2	0
Ouray Hardware & Mercantile	2	0
Townhome w/ Mtn Views: 1 Block to Downtown Ouray!	2	0
Ouray Riverside Resort • Cabins & Inn & RV Park	2	0
Corkscrew Tavern Pizzeria	2	0
Silver Eagle Saloon	2	0
Idarado Mining	1	0
Action Adventures Trail Rides	1	0
Crystal Lake	1	0
Portland Road	1	0
Cutler Creek Drive	1	0
Skol Studio & Design, Inc.	1	0
Ouray Community Center	1	0
Tiny Colorado Treasures Childcare	1	0
RV Parking	1	0
RIGS Fly Shop & Guide Service	1	0
Salon Envy	1	0
Wild Heart Hair Bar	1	0
High Country Leathers Lifestyles	1	0
Little Bucket Of Flowers	1	0
Thistledown Campground	1	0
Imogene Hotel	1	0
Columbus Hotel	1	0
River's Edge Motel	1	0
San Juan Chalet, LLC	1	0
360 Views! Walk To Main Street and Hot Springs Pool! Relax And Enjoy The View	1	0
Ouray 3bed   2bath Luxury Riverfront townhouse -Fiber Internet	1	0

Downtown Ouray home with two living rooms, large yard and deck.	1	0
Stylish 3-bedroom home in Ouray across from River Trail - FIBER/KING BEDS	1	0
Gorgeous Ouray Cabin - Sleeps 10, Mountain View, Secluded, Convenient to town	1	0
Updated Mtn Home w/ Deck on Uncompahgre River	1	0
Contemporary Home Along Ouray's River Walk!	1	0
Almost 2000 sq ft! 500 MBPS! Huge private deck! On River! Amazing Mtn Views!	1	0
Beautiful Ouray Home w/ Patio - 3 Mi to Downtown!	1	0
Ouray, CO Closest Townhome to Hot Springs Pool, Park, Trails	1	0
Alpine House: 3 Bed, 2 bath - wonderful 'in Ouray' location	1	0
Alpenglow Vacation Rentals	1	0
Outlaw Inn! Minutes from Main Street, 3 bedroom, 3 bathrooms, full living space	1	0
Ouray Lotus Mountain Suites	1	0
Charming Southwest Victorian in Ouray , Sleeps 8, In town Location	1	0
Hotel Ouray - for 12 years old and over	0	0
The Yankee Girl Restaurant	0	0
Western Hotel Ouray	0	0
Bloom Modern Mercantile	0	0
Cora Belle & Company	0	0
humble Mountain	0	0
Rockin P Ranch	0	0
The Blue Pear	0	0
The Shaggy Coo	0	0
The Sock Mine	0	0
Twig+Feather	0	0
Ouray Baptist Church	0	0
Ouray Christian Fellowship	0	0
St. Daniels Catholic Church	0	0
Dead Canary	0	0
Ouray Wine Garden	0	0
Ouray Manor	0	0
Action Adventures Snowmobile and ATV Tours & Rentals	0	0
The Yankee Girl Ice Cream Shop	0	0
Cie Gallery	0	0

Ouray Liquors	0	0
Active Life Chiropractic   Gil Kentof, DC	0	0
Aubrey Beth Photography	0	0
Ouray Vacation Rental Collective	0	0

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Mayoral Report: May 28, 2026

On May 19, 2026 I, as a member of the Colorado Municipal League Legislative Committee, met via zoom with the executive committee to review, as a wrap up, the thirty- four House Bills passed this legislative session. CML weighs in on every Bill proposed as they are introduced, submitting our position on each. The one most notable to Ouray is House Bill 26-1313. This is an amendment to Proposition 123, an affordable housing act. The amendment adjusts requirements for qualification to receive funding. Guidelines for qualification will change January, 2027. As per this amendment, there is no longer a mandate for 3% increase in housing each year, but instead local governments must meet target numbers. Target increase number equals the average number of permits for new housing units issued over the past three years, multiplied by the number of years of the upcoming three year cycle to which the local government is committing, multiplied by the average job growth, relative to Statewide averages. Available funding is to be distributed by these factors. There are further details in this amendment that should be reviewed personally by anyone interested. By all appearances, Proposition 123 is a work in progress. How the new regulations will affect the City of Ouray is something I do not know. I must digress to professional interpretation, and explanation.

On May 26, 2025, our City Administrator and I met with Lisa Pool, the Southwest Regional Director of Senator John Hickenlooper's office. We met for one hour, during which time our principal topic of discussion was Crystal Lake Reservoir. She is well versed on the topic, yet some details from our City Administrator were quite helpful in her understanding. Senator Hickenlooper is a cosponsor of the Bill that would convey ownership of Crystal Reservoir to the City of Ouray. Should Senator Bennett succeed in his bid for election as Governor, Senator Hickenlooper will then lead in the effort for passage. If it is not passed this year, it will be reintroduced the next.

Later in the day, May 26, 2026, Lisa Pool and I met with Tim Pinno, the West Region Wildfire Council representative working with the City of Ouray on dead fuel fire mitigation. We drove to the boundaries encompassing the area to be mitigated. Tim made clear the work projected to be done, and ways to accomplish the task. All funding for the project is currently in place. Before work can be done, additional dead fuel must be identified. The next step in the process is to select an administrative team, via a request for proposal, to identify and mark this additional fuel. After that, another RFP will be sent to select the team to do the clearing. Work needs to be completed by Spring of 2027, as per my understanding. This because funding must be utilized by that time, or funding will no longer be available. The end goal of the project is to eliminate 50% of the fuel for wildfires. Tim is to meet with Ouray City Council at a date soon to be announced to inform Council of up to date details.



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K Schiffer council notes for June 1, 2026

On May 19, I attended an OEDC monthly meeting. Micro grant applications were reviewed and microgrants were awarded. Recipients should be notified of their awards along with instructions on how to receive the grant funds.

On May 20, I attended the OIPI monthly meeting. Topics discussed were the upcoming work session with the city council along with the 2025-2026 close out report.

On May 23, I attended the Art Walk hosted by the Ouray 150th Celebration committee. It was held along Main Street and 6th Ave. I think the event was successful for most folks involved. There are some learnings that should be implemented if an event like this takes place again in the future.

On May 26, I attended the monthly TAC meeting.

Going Forward

On June 2, I will attend the monthly PARC committee meeting.

On June 3, I will attend a regional Colorado Municipal League (CML) meeting

As a reminder I will be attending the June 15, regular city council meeting remotely as I will be in Colorado Springs dropping my son off at the Air Force Academy for summer camp.

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Ouray Beautification Committee (OBC) has not met since our last meeting. The high students helped to clean up the highway on May 15<sup>th</sup>. On May 16<sup>th</sup> parent and student volunteers, planted the flower beds around the school. They look very nice and a special shout out goes to Karissa Hoover for organizing this event.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, we will have the Love your Trail community work day from 8 am to 2 pm. Everyone will meet at the end of Uncompahgre, on the east side. It's a great time to come together and keep our river trail looking good.

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 a.m.

150<sup>th</sup> Committee was happy with the Art Walk that took place on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the east side of Main Street on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. They said it was well attended and a lot of fun. The next event is going to be the history day on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm. It is a walking tour with citizens dressed in period clothing educating us all on the history of Ouray. The next meeting will be tomorrow, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm in the San Juan room.

A staff appreciation luncheon will be in June, date to be determined.



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Jenny's Council report for 5/19-6/1

On 5/20, I attended the Ice Park Public Board Meeting. Conduit was placed in Box Canyon Road for the future wet well. Most of the money is raised for Our Water Our Future. IPAT had a well-structured meeting recently with good feedback from all. The End of Season Report was completed and shared with City Council. There is a work session on June 1. Board members hope to address their funding model, the new pump, collaboration with the City, and align our vision moving forward.

On 5/24, I attended the Graduation of the senior class at Ouray School. The school is such a positive, bright spot in our town. As a teacher of many of the seniors, I am so proud of them for finishing high school.

