



Cortez City Council votes to name courtroom after police chief

The municipal courtroom at Cortez City Hall has a new name: the "Roy Lane Courtroom," in honor of the retiring police chief of 38 years.

Cortez Police Chief Roy Lane announced in November that he would retire. About 20 police officers and a dozen members of Lane's family showed up to a city council meeting Tuesday night as councilors unanimously approved a resolution to rename the municipal courtroom. "He is a highly esteemed leader in the community, demonstrating impeccable character and commitment to his job over the years," Cortez Police Lt. Andy Brock told the crowded room. Lane was not present because of his health, according to Brock, who is serving as interim police chief.

Lane has served as Cortez police chief for nearly 39 years, Brock said, the longest of any in the state. He has been the recipient of numerous awards over the years, including the Pat Steele award from the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police in 2016.

Staff members noted that the courtroom was a particularly apt recognition for Lane.

"The vision of the municipal courtroom is rehabilitation, which is a shared vision of Chief Lane, reflected in his support and participation with the Bridge Shelter, Renew, and DARE, Drug Abuse Resistance Education," staff wrote.

Mayor Karen Sheek emphasized his work in establishing the Bridge, along with his role in supporting other community and

fundraising efforts. "Even though his primary responsibility was leading the fine people in our police department, he also played a very important role in moving our community forward in a lot of other ways too," Sheek said.

Councilor Sue Betts, a retired police officer, said that she worked with Lane for 29 years. "The chief gave me a start," Betts said. "He always supported me. If I did something wrong, he was the first one to tell me. But he also would still stand beside me through all the mistakes I made. He helped a lot of people; he gave a lot of people their start in law enforcement, and for that, I think we will all be grateful to him forever."

Councilors thanked Lane's family for attending the meeting, saying Lane would have been proud.

DOLA awards \$17M to local governments through Energy Impact Funds

On Dec. 13, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) announced it has awarded over \$17 million for the Tier I and Tier II Energy Mineral Impact Assistance Funds program.

Programs that receive Tier I grant funding are eligible for up to \$200,000 for their projects. In the most recent cycle, 18 local governments requested funding for their Tier I projects, of which 17 received funding, totaling \$2.2 million. Tier II grant awards allow for applicants to receive up to \$1 million for

their projects; a total of 22 local governments requested funding for the current cycle, with 20 local governments receiving a total of \$14.8 million.

Most notably, the City of Wray was awarded \$1 million for the final phase of its three-step Main Street Enhancement project. This grant funds LED street lighting and ADA-compliant intersections, improvement of storm drainage and replacement of waterlines, and replacement of sidewalks and street surfaces.

Additionally, the Town of Fairplay was awarded \$198,000 for a new monument at the intersection of U.S. Highway 285 and State Highway 9. This new monument will be constructed of native stone with large metal lettering, directing travelers to the downtown area, which features stores, restaurants, and museums.

For a full list of Tier I awards, visit bit.ly/2r1J9tw. For a full list of Tier II awards, visit bit.ly/2LR920V.

Water plan grants due Feb. 1

The purpose of the Water Plan Grant funding is to make progress on the critical actions identified in Colorado's Water Plan (CWP) and its Measurable Objectives. All applications will be assessed based on funds available for a particular CWP Measurable Objective category. Eligible recipients include municipalities, districts, enterprises, counties,

state of Colorado agencies, mutual ditch companies, nonprofit organizations, and partnerships.

In fiscal year 2019–2020, \$10 million will be available from the Water Plan Grant program.

The funding categories include:

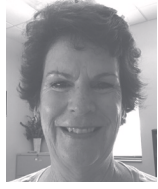
- \$3.75 million to facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial recharge

into aquifers, and the dredging of existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed storage capacity for multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap.

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Congratulations

CML congratulates Allison Wright, who is celebrating her work anniversary in January.



Allison Wright
CML finance and
administration manager
14 years

Conference scholarships

The scholarship application process is now open for the 98th CML Annual Conference, June 23–26, in Westminster.

Applicants must be an elected official, or a member of key management, or a department head (e.g., manager, finance director, clerk) of a CML member municipality. Ten selected individuals (one application per municipality) will receive complimentary registration; lodging (arranged by CML at a contracted hotel); tickets to the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday breakfast or luncheon; and a mileage stipend. (Note: Municipalities that had a scholarship awarded to someone in their city or town in 2019 are not eligible to receive a scholarship for 2020.) Application and paperwork are due to CML by Wednesday, **Feb. 19**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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- \$1.75 million to provide technical assistance, project, or program funding for agricultural projects.
- \$1.75 million to implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning.
- \$500,000 for water education, outreach, and innovation efforts.
- \$2.25 million for environmental and recreational projects.

Please visit bit.ly/2MHnYzs for more information about qualifying projects and examples of past approved applications in each category.

DOLA grants \$9.5M for affordable housing in Colorado

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs Division of Housing (DOH) has awarded \$9.5 million through the Colorado State Housing Board in November and December to address Colorado's affordable housing needs.

DOH granted Grand Junction Housing Authority \$900,000 to assist with the project at 2814 Patterson Rd. It will provide six two-bedroom and 54 one-bedroom units for families with incomes ranging from 30 to 60 percent of the area median income (AMI). 2814 Patterson Rd. is located within walking distance of public transit, a community hospital, a 205-acre green space, and is within one mile of grocery stores and other retail. The project is scheduled to break ground in early 2020.

In addition, \$645,000 was approved for the Panracia Hall Lofts, a full adaptive reuse of a dormitory building on the former Loretto Heights campus in southwest Denver that has been vacant since 2016. The project will consist of 68 studios and one- and two- bedroom units for households ranging from 30 to 80 percent of the AMI. Due to the historical and unique existing building design, most units will feature traditional pantries, vaulted ceilings, and oversized windows.

Supporting first-time home ownership, DOH awarded Northeast Denver Housing Center, Inc., a grant of \$2 million for the development of Central Park Urban Living in the Stapleton neighborhood of Denver. This new construction project will include 132 for-sale condominiums targeting homebuyers under 80 percent of the AMI. Central Park Urban Living is considered a transit-oriented development due to its close proximity to the Central Park light rail station and

high-frequency Regional Transportation District (RTD) bus stops.

DOH granted \$80,000 to the Colorado Community Land Trust to construct two modular duplex buildings in the Globeville, Elyria-Swansea neighborhoods. The Community Land Trust model will give preference to homebuyers who have lived in the neighborhood and are in danger of displacement due to rising rents.

In addition to new building projects, in November the board approved \$1.9 million for rental property rehabilitation assistance in Garfield and Rio Blanco counties.

In December, DOH awarded \$1.5 million to Westminster Leased Housing, LLLP for the Legends of Church Ranch senior living development in Westminster. The 205-unit building, in which three quarters of the apartments will be one bedrooms, serves households from 30 to 80 percent of the AMI. The development will be within a mile of grocery stores and medical facilities, and will have direct access to 12 miles of trails on the Big Dry Creek.

The board granted \$2.5 million for housing rehabilitation, existing project renovation, and new second-phase construction projects in December for Pueblo, El Paso, and Larimer counties.

"These projects represent a range of housing needs across the state," said Rick M. Garcia, DOLA executive director. "There is increasing demand for affordable housing options, which DOH strives to meet in its work statewide."

The State Housing Board and DOLA's DOH continue to support the creation of affordable housing that is accessible, safe, and secure for all Coloradans. For more information, visit bit.ly/COHousingBoard1119 and bit.ly/COHousingBoard1219.

Course notebook

CML Legislative Preview Webinar

Join CML's legislative and policy advocates on **Jan. 8, 2020**, from noon to 1 p.m., to learn more about Colorado's legislative process, the bills we expect to see this session, and how you can be involved. The advocates will also take any questions you may have about the session. This free webinar is perfect for municipal elected officials and staff who are interested in what is happening at the capitol or who is participating in their municipality's advocacy efforts. For more information and to register for the webinar, visit bit.ly/2M1vIvC.

2020 Election Webinar Series

- **Jan. 21 — Canceling an election and signature verification.** Discuss the circumstances that must exist in order for a municipal election to be canceled, including how to determine terms during vacancies. Additionally, procedures for verifying signatures in municipal mail ballot elections will be presented, so this is a must-attend session for any municipality holding its own mail ballot election in April. Send questions to Karen Goldman at charna48@comcast.net.
- **March 12 — Canvassing and final election questions.** Learn about what happens once the election is over, including the canvass of votes, judges' statement, and abstract. Please send all questions in advance to Karen Goldman at charna48@comcast.net.
- **April 21 — Election debrief.** The purpose of this webinar will be to debrief the April 2020 elections. This will be a wide-ranging conversation, and clerks are encouraged to describe what worked, what didn't, what they wished they had known ahead of time, etc. Please send all comments in advance to Karen Goldman at charna48@comcast.net.

Saving Places Conference

Colorado Preservation Inc., will present the 2020 Saving Places® Conference, **Jan. 29–Feb. 1**, in Denver. This dynamic four-day event features high-quality educational content and networking opportunities for individuals, organizations, and communities working with historic and cultural places. The 2020 conference will take a special look at different ways education impacts historic preservation, archaeology, planning, and associated fields. For more information and to register for the event, visit bit.ly/2PqNF7Y.

Outdoors Conference

The Outdoors Conference takes place **April 27–29** in Vail at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort. Explore the complicated relationship between conservation and recreation in our state to cultivate common ground and ensure a sustainable future for Colorado's outdoors. We will learn about key issues in the industry and generate innovative ideas and solutions supported by all parties. We will also learn how to implement best practices for partnering so we can advance the priorities identified in Colorado's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. To learn more, visit bit.ly/36b00bW.

Main Street Now Conference

Save the date for the 2020 Main Street Now Conference: **May 18–20** in Dallas, Texas, at the Hyatt Regency Dallas. Join the largest national conference of local leaders working to advance economic opportunity in downtowns and commercial districts. Network with peers from across the country, find solutions to common problems, and discover innovative techniques and tools to help your community thrive. Get inspired by Dallas and surrounding Main Street communities as you learn from

their revitalization successes and challenges. The Opening Reception takes place the night of **May 17**, so make your travel plans accordingly. Register at bit.ly/20XPc6n.

In The Game Annual Conference

In The Game annual conference early-bird registration is now open until **Jan. 31, 2020**. Registrants can save \$100 by securing their spots now, and Downtown Colorado, Inc., members save an extra \$100. The conference will focus on harnessing national, state, and local resources to expand the way downtown champions think and to provide real problem-solving opportunities.

In The Game will be **April 14–17, 2020**, at the Mining Exchange in Colorado Springs. The conference is a three-day interactive educational experience full of nationally recognized keynote speakers and Colorado-based speakers, geared toward inspiring participants to action. To register, visit bit.ly/2spxQH8.

Small Scale Development Solutions for the Main Street Corridor

Join Downtown Colorado, Inc., in the continued conversation about small-scale development in the second and final sessions of this three-part series. The **March 5** session will include discussions about how changes in thinking and practice can make small development possible, as well as examples of other districts facing similar challenges of building small.

The final session in the series will be on **May 13**, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., with the location to be announced soon! The session will focus on ways to build best practices and solutions to the barriers that limit small-scale development and meaningful redevelopment of our main street corridors. To register, visit bit.ly/2QK0eMj.

Publicly licensed marijuana companies webinar

In the 2019 legislative session, HB 19-1090, Publicly Licensed Marijuana Companies (bit.ly/2ZcBIN2), was passed and adopted, modifying the statutory ownership and investment definitions for both medical and retail marijuana licensees. Ultimately, this legislation allows licensed marijuana companies to become publicly traded corporations (which may include a change in ownership). During this process, a local licensing authority will need to work with

those industry partners that are either becoming publicly traded companies, transferring ownership, or having a change in ownership to perform background checks and other requirements as identified by a municipality's code.

In order to provide the CML membership guidance on these changes, CML staff is working with the Marijuana Enforcement Division, the City of Fort Collins, and The Green

Solution to record a webinar highlighting licensing tips and tricks that can be used in other jurisdictions when processing these applications. This recording will be made available in the coming weeks, and more information will be provided in an upcoming issue of the *CML Newsletter*.

For more information, please contact Brandy DeLange, CML legislative and policy advocate, at Brandy.DeLange@cml.org.

CML Annual Legislative Workshop

About

Plan to attend the CML Annual Legislative Workshop on **Feb. 13, 2020**. Municipal officials from across the state will gather to discuss key municipal issues before the 2020 General Assembly, CML's legislative program, and what municipal officials can do to influence the legislative process.

CML will host an open house reception for state legislators and all attendees following the workshop at the CML offices.

CML MUNiversity

Five MUNiversity credits will be awarded for this training.

Location

- Workshop: History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway, Denver
- Reception: CML Building, 1144 Sherman St., Denver

Parking

There is limited complimentary parking at the League building (approximately one block from the venue). Garage parking across from the venue at the Cultural Center Garage (enter on 12th from Broadway) costs approximately \$12 for the day.

Lodging

CML has a discounted contracted rate with the Warwick Denver hotel, 1776 Grant St. (approximately two blocks north of the capitol and six blocks from CML), of \$155 per night for CML members. Discounted rate is based on hotel availability. When making reservations, mention the Colorado Municipal League reservation block; credit card information needs to be provided to reserve. Note: Discounted rate is available by phone (303-861-2000 or

toll-free 800-525-2888) or online at www.warwickdenver.com; under special codes, use the code "COMUN" under the corporate/promotion code section. Discounted parking is \$18 per day. Complimentary Wi-Fi and waived Urban Retreat Fee of \$18 per night.

Registration and questions

For more information, or special needs, call 303-831-6411 or 866-578-0936. Register at www.cml.org by **Feb. 6**. (To receive early registration rate, register by Jan. 31.)

Agenda

9 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
9:45 a.m.	Welcome
10 a.m.	Opening General Session
10:30 a.m.	2020 General Assembly: Legislation and Issues Affecting Municipalities <i>CML advocacy team</i>
Noon	Lunch: Legislative Leadership Panel <i>Members of the Legislature's leadership will be invited to review 2020 statehouse activity of municipal concern</i>
1:15 p.m.	Federal Advocacy: Report from Washington, D.C.
2 p.m.	Affordable Housing: A New Tool for Municipalities
3 p.m.	Vaping: How Legislation May Affect Local Regulations
4 p.m.	CML Legislative Workshop Reception at the CML Building

Joni Marsh named Longmont assistant city manager



Joni Marsh, Longmont assistant city manager.

Longmont City Manager Harold Dominguez has named current Director of Planning and Development Joni Marsh as assistant city manager. Marsh, who joined the City of Longmont in 2001 as a planner, replaces

former Assistant City Manager Shawn Lewis, who accepted a city manager position in Englewood in June.

"Joni has served the city with distinction since joining the organization as a planner in 2001," Dominguez said. "Her drive and commitment, coupled with her planning background, align strongly with the city's current needs and made her a clear choice for this role."

Marsh earned her master's in public administration from Montana State University and has 22 years of municipal government experience. She is currently the president-elect to the Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association and serves as the Planning Section chair for the Colorado Municipal League. She has been a Longmont resident since 1999.

In her new position, Marsh will be focused on external services for the organization, working alongside fellow Assistant City Manager Sandra Seader, who heads up internal and shared services.

"I am excited to take on these new responsibilities and continue to serve our Longmont community," said Marsh. "It is an interesting time to be a planner in Colorado. I look forward to working with counsel and staff on initiatives that support our partner organizations in job retention and growth while supporting housing and transportation options for our entire community."

Marsh will oversee redevelopment and economic development, transportation planning, the Longmont Municipal Airport, planning, facilities, building services, and application support.

Research corner

In addition to the many resources available on the CML website at www.cml.org, municipal officials may find the following data resources interesting and/or helpful.

Legislative Council

The nonpartisan research arm of the Colorado General Assembly publishes forecasts of the Colorado and U.S. economies and state revenue each March, June, September, and December. The General Assembly uses these forecasts to develop the state budget, monitor state spending in relation to revenue, and determine and report the amount of excess state revenue under TABOR. The economics staff also prepares several annual forecasts that are used to prepare budget requests

for various state programs. Find these forecasts at bit.ly/37kncjB.

The State Demography Office

The State Demography Office is the primary state agency for population and demographic information. Its data is used by state agencies to forecast demand for facilities and services. This data is also used by local governments and nonprofit organizations in the state to anticipate growth or decline and to plan and develop programs and community resources. Uses of the data include land use planning, housing needs assessments, and economic development analyses. Download local or regional data, explore interactive maps, and learn why demography is destiny at bit.ly/2ZB1xRD.

OnTheMap

OnTheMap, by the U.S. Census Bureau, provides an easy-to-use online interface for creating, viewing, printing, and downloading workforce-related maps, demographic profiles, and reports. Additionally, OnTheMap is capable of answering scenario questions in workforce, transportation, and economic development, such as where workers who are employed in a specific geographic area live, where workplace destinations are for workers living in a particular community or neighborhood, and how many potential customers/employees live or work near a candidate site location. To learn more, visit bit.ly/2ZErMGB.

Jon Snyder honored with ESGR Patriot Award



Jon Snyder (right) holding the ESGR Patriot Award with fellow veterans.

Steamboat Springs Public Works Director Jon Snyder was honored with the Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense program. In addition, several staff members were also recognized for their support during the ceremony.

"Our employees who actively serve in the National Guard and Reserve are a tremendous asset to not only the city but our nation," said City Manager Gary Suiter. "We happily support

their commitment and work to ensure a smooth transition between required duty and city responsibilities."

The Patriot Award recognizes a supervisor for contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve force. The award was submitted by Airport Manager Stacie Fain, who currently serves as a Captain in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and will be retiring after more than 27 years of service on **July 1, 2020**.

"Being gone for an extended period from your job can be stressful, but knowing I have the support of this team, especially Jon, allows me to focus fully to fulfilling my duty to the nation," said Fain. "This recognition is a heartfelt way to show my appreciation."

In addition, the City of Steamboat Springs was also acknowledged with a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve for the second time. The city was also notified it had been submitted for the ESGR Freedom Award, which will be announced at the state level in **February 2020**.

Each year, Guard and Reserve employees, in this case, Captain Fain, can nominate their employers for the Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest recognition given by the U.S. government to employers for their outstanding support of employees serving in the Guard and Reserve.

The ESGR State Committee will review nominations and submit recommendations to advance to the next round in each of the three categories: small employer, large employer, and public sector. A national selection board composed of senior Department of Defense officials, business leaders, and prior awardees select up to 15 employers to receive this prestigious award from the secretary of defense.

ESGR is a Department of Defense program that develops and promotes supportive work environments for service members in the reserve components through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws. It also aids in resolving conflicts between service members and their employers. Jim Stanko serves as the area chair for Steamboat Springs.



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