

CITY OF WOODLAND PARK

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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VISION

Woodland Park is a safe, welcoming mountain community where the majestic surroundings inspire our high standards. We are a multi-generational, family-friendly community with a healthy and prosperous economy, offering world-class services and sustainable infrastructure

MISSION

To protect, promote, and enhance the general well-being of our mountain community through an unwavering commitment to excellence that strengthens public trust.

CORE VALUES



SERVICE

Selfless service to our community and each other with a passion and purpose that empowers our team and strengthens our community.



TRUST

Earned confidence and credibility from our community and stakeholders in the fairness, competence, and reliability of our words and actions.



RESPECT

Always convey dignity and respect to everyone in all that we do and say. Abide by our laws, ordinances, City Charter, and the U.S. Constitution.



INTEGRITY

Consistently hold ourselves to the highest level of honesty, truthfulness, and moral and ethical conduct.



VISION

Proactively seek out and identify future problems and innovative solutions that anticipate stakeholder impacts and develop systems that enable our team and community to reach their full potential.



EXCELLENCE

A commitment to continuous personal, professional, and organizational improvement that demonstrates we are open to new ideas, change, and never satisfied with the status quo.



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City Above the Clouds



IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE THIS COMMUNITY IN MY FIRST FULL YEAR AS YOUR CITY MANAGER. SINCE JOINING THE CITY IN 2021, COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY, UNDERSTANDABILITY, AND SOUND FINANCIAL DECISION-MAKING HAVE BEEN A FEW OF MY TOP PRIORITIES. I KNOW WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE CITY'S BUDGET PROCESS, PRESENTATIONS, AND THE FINAL BUDGET DOCUMENT. DOING SO CREATES A CULTURE OF TRUST IN OUR GOVERNMENT'S OPERATIONS AND ENABLES INTENTIONAL PLANNING TO ACHIEVE OUR FUTURE OBJECTIVES.

2024 WAS A YEAR FULL OF PROJECTS AND SUCCESSES THROUGHOUT THE CITY. ROAD PROJECTS ARE THE FIRST THAT COME TO MIND, WITH OVER \$7M INVESTED INTO THE STREETS AND MAJOR CONSTRUCTION UNDERTAKEN ON LAKE ST., DEWELL RD, HWY 67, CENTENNIAL TRAIL, AND MANY OTHER AREAS ALL OVER TOWN. YOUR CITY STAFF ALSO WORKED ON A NUMBER OF OTHER PROJECTS INCLUDING; A MASTER PLAN FOR MEADOW WOOD SPORTS COMPLEX, SIGNIFICANT UPGRADES TO THE CULTURAL CENTER, CITY HALL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS, ACQUIRED A ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION OPEN SPACE, ALONG WITH MAJOR IT IMPROVEMENTS TO NETWORK SECURITY AND AN UPGRADED, REDESIGNED CITY WEBSITE.

AS WE REFLECT ON MANY OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THIS PAST YEAR, PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR CITY STAFF IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUING THIS LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE AND DEDICATION INTO THE YEAR AHEAD.

AARON VASSALOTTI, CPA
CITY MANAGER, CITY OF WOODLAND PARK



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Largest City in Teller County
Incorporated in 1891
8,067 residents
6.5 square miles



How do we prioritize use of resources for Woodland Park?

 **Natural Environment**

- Parks &, Trails, & Open Space
- Public Safety & Emergency Management
- Sustainability
- Water & Wastewater

 **Socio-Economic Environment**

- City Finances
- Economic Development & Tourism
- Community Wellbeing
- Arts & Culture

 **Built Environment**

- Transportation & Drainage
- Housing
- Land Use & Growth
- Community Character & Design

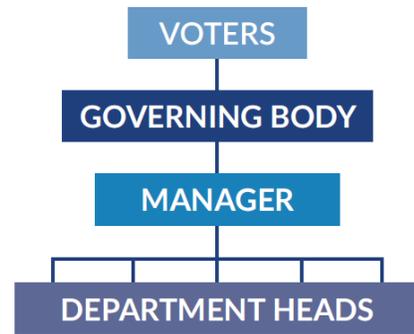
YOUR GOVERNMENT

Woodland Park is a home-rule municipality, meaning the charter empowers the local government to act and legislate on local matters, and local laws supersede state law (with some exceptions). The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government. Council is the legislative body, and the City Manager oversees day-to-day operations.

DUTIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Policy-making and legislative authority are vested with the City Council, which consists of a Mayor and six Councilmembers elected by residents in a nonpartisan election. The Mayor serves a two-year term, and Councilmembers serve four-year terms, both on a volunteer basis.

- To pass Ordinances (local laws), resolutions, and proclamations
- To adopt the annual City Budget
- To appoint individuals to City boards/commissions/committees
- To hire the City Manager/City Attorney



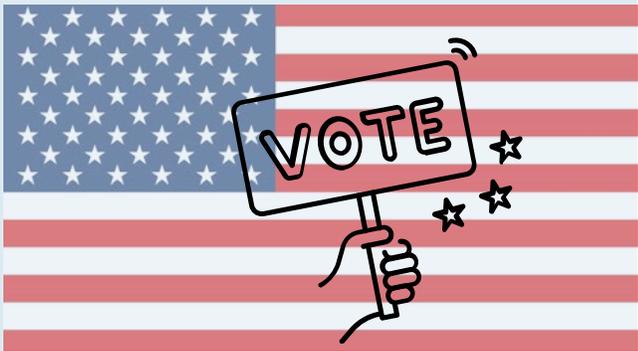
DUTIES OF CITY MANAGER

The City Manager is an at-will employee hired by a majority of the City Council. They have broad executive authority to carry out policies created by the Council and oversee the local government's day-to-day operations.

- To supervise the administrative affairs of the city
- To prepare the annual budget for City Council review
- To recruit, hire, and manage City employees
- To establish goals & objectives consistent with City Council priorities



SELECT 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



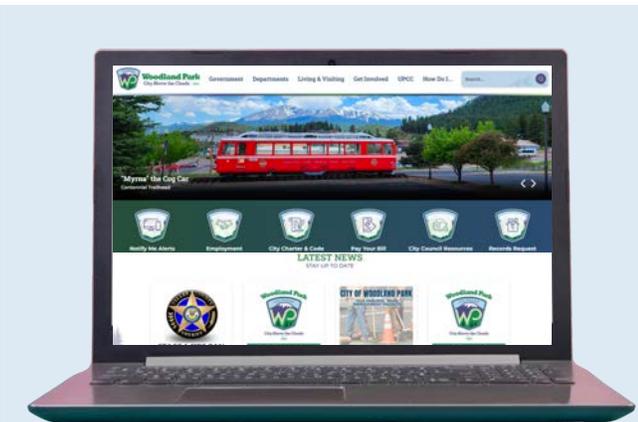
STRONG ELECTION PARTICIPATION

The City had its highest voter turnout in recent years for a City Council election in April of 2024. Staff made a strong effort to drive turnout utilizing social media as a growing tool.



MOVING 'MYRNA' THE COG

At last, the beloved 'Myrna' the Cog car has been permanently placed in a beautiful location. With stunning views of Pikes Peak, an accessible parking lot, and still in the heart of the community, the cog calls Centennial Trailhead home. The cog was moved on June 27, 2024.



CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN

The City went through a comprehensive website redesign process in 2024. The result? A website that is accessible, features community news & events, and is easier to navigate!
WOODLANDPARK.GOV



CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS

City Hall underwent several building improvements. Among them, the lower level of the building was repainted, and a waiting lobby was made. Staff are now protected behind secured doors and glass. Decor was updated in many areas.

WOODLAND PARK'S BUDGET



We operate with a balanced budget, meaning we can't deficit spend.

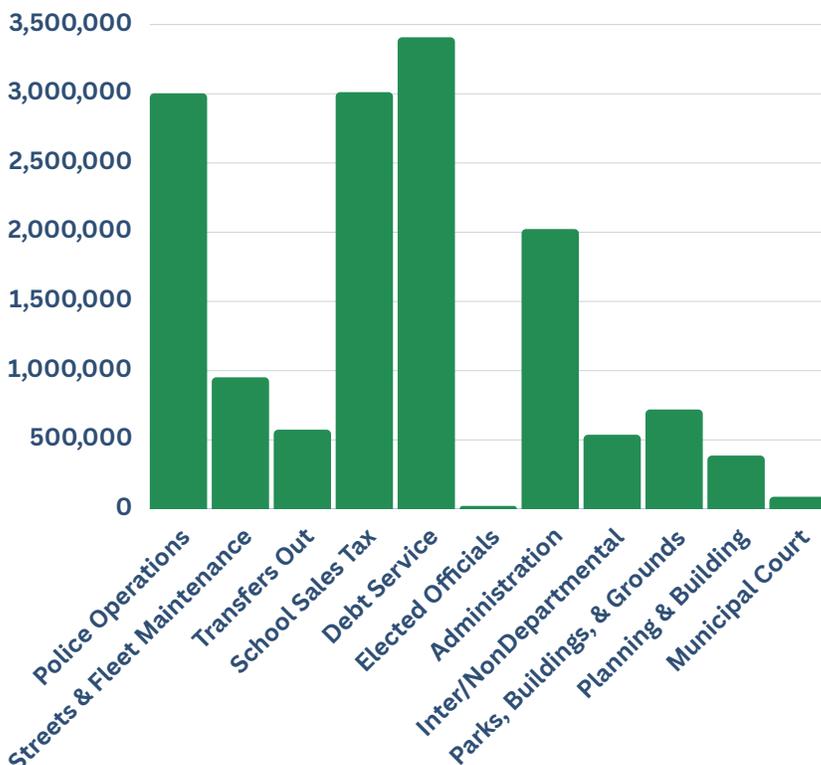
Each year, the budget is prepared by the City Manager and the Budget Director. Estimated revenues and expenditures are carefully analyzed to prevent deficits in each fund.

Council approves the annual budget in the fall of each year by majority vote.

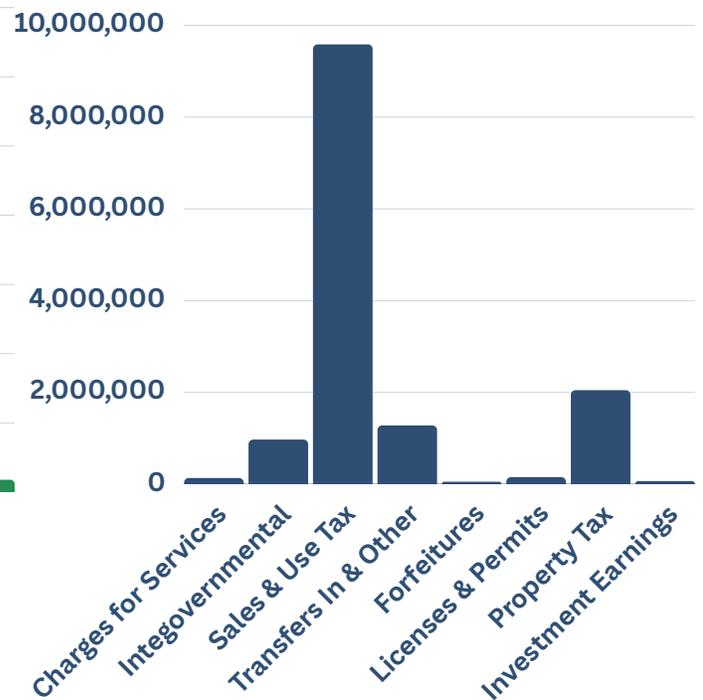
\$15,588,430 - 2024 ADOPTED CITY BUDGET

The General Fund is our "operating fund". It is what the City uses to provide general operations, programs, and services.

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES - ACTUALS \$15,099,956

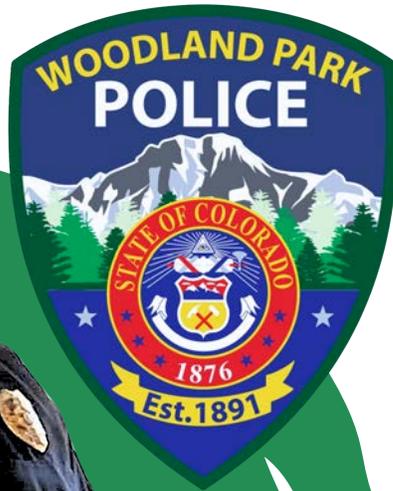


GENERAL FUND REVENUES - ACTUALS \$15,400,821



MISSION

The Woodland Park Police Department's mission is to provide police services with integrity and a commitment to excellence, in partnership with the community. The department consists of administration, communications, emergency management, investigations, and patrol.



RANKED IN THE TOP 20 SAFEST CITIES IN COLORADO FOR 2024

A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF DEISLER:

During 2024, the Police Department implemented new technology enhancements to help extend our ability to detect crime and apprehend the criminal element who prey on members of the community.

COMMUNITY POLICING



35,223 SERVICE CALLS



3:17 AVG. EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME



275 ARRESTS



3,941 TRAFFIC STOPS



3,002 WARNINGS



Woodland Park Parks and Recreation

- PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING
- UTE PASS CULTURAL CENTER & MIDLAND PAVILION
- WOODLAND AQUATIC CENTER

2024 CAPITAL PROJECTS:

- UPCC HVAC & FIRE SUPPRESSION
- MEADOW WOOD SPORTS COMPLEX
- REIMAGINING BERSTROM PARK
- OBTAINING CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR AVENGER OPEN SPACE



TOUCH-A-TRUCK



**WINTER DAY
IN THE PARK**



HALLOW-PALOOZA

**LARGEST AGE DIVISION:
GRADES 3-4**

**MOST POPULAR ADULT CLASS:
WATER AEROBICS**

**2024 TOTAL PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS**

- 891 YOUTH
- 659 ADULT



AVENGER

Open Space

A LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT FOR WOODLAND PARK!

In 2024, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) officially awarded the city of Woodland Park a significant grant to purchase a 120-acre parcel known as Avenger Open Space. On April 15, 2024, the City closed on the property, officially welcoming a “once in a lifetime” opportunity to preserve open space for all to enjoy in our community.

Securing the Avenger Open Space has been a comprehensive and collaborative process. Through the dedicated efforts of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), along with local donors, we have managed to protect this land as open space forever! Additionally, the Palmer Land Conservancy played a pivotal role in this process, ensuring that the land is conserved in perpetuity through a conservation easement. This easement guarantees that the Avenger Open Space will remain a sanctuary for wildlife and a treasured space for our community to enjoy the great outdoors.



MEADOW WOOD SPORTS COMPLEX MASTER PLAN



The Master Plan provides an exciting vision for the future of the Meadow Wood Sports Complex. The primary goals are to provide responsible growth for improving and expanding the facilities for visitors and users of the Meadow Wood Sports Complex. The following goals will guide implementation of the master plan vision:

- Providing ADA Accessible parking, sidewalks, and restrooms for site users.
- Addressing drainage issues, which are affecting retaining walls, existing concessions/restrooms, and the playability of existing fields.
- Updating/increasing amenities such as restrooms, concessions, a roof for the hockey rink, warming huts, shade structures, etc.
- Expanding the number of sports courts and fields, with a changeover to synthetic turf for longer playing time and less maintenance.
- A more easily maintained sports complex with efficient storage and maintenance facilities.
- Updating safe entry and exit points to sports complex for emergency services, residents, and visitors

PROJECT AREA 1:

230FT. BASEBALL FIELDS, HOCKEY AREA, PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS COURTS

PROJECT AREA 2:

EXPANSION OF SIZE, FIELD LIGHTING FOR ALL FIELDS, AND RESURFACING SOCCER FIELDS

PROJECT AREA 3:

FIELD CONVERSION TO SYNTHETIC TURF, PANTHER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAIL EXPANSION/RESURFACING





Aquatic Center

Woodland Park

OVER 82,400 TOTAL ENTRIES

- 691 Swim Academy participants
- 12,774 Day Passes sold
- 5,378 Punch Passes sold
- 155 Annual Memberships
- 8 Three-month memberships
- 146 Birthday After-Hours Rentals
- 1,897 Water Fitness passes



PUMPKIN DIVE



WIBIT OBSTACLE COURSE



UNDERWATER EGG DIVE

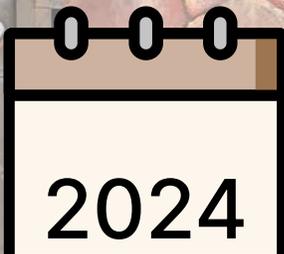


UTE PASS Cultural Center

The mission of Ute Pass Cultural Center is to present a unique space where our community, including wedding parties, local business owners, neighbors, and non-profits, can gather, personalize, and celebrate life's events. We will continually enhance the facility and the services while remembering the historical value.

238 TOTAL RENTALS IN 2024

2024 EVENTS AT THE UTE PASS CULTURAL CENTER



NOV 8TH
STAND UP COMEDY
 ADULTS ONLY!
\$8 TICKETS ONLINE
\$10 AT THE DOOR
 DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM, SHOW STARTS AT 7 PM

FREE COMMUNITY Concert
 FEATURING **CARI DELL**
 AUGUST 14TH | WEDNESDAY
 6 PM - 8 PM

PRESENTED BY **UTE PASS Cultural Center**
 SPONSORED BY **Pikes Peak Credit Union**

MOVIES
ABOVE THE CLOUDS
 FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES, FAMILY FUN & FOOD TRUCKS

 MIGRATION July 6th Location: Midland Pavilion Lawn By Cultural Ctr	 BAD GUYS Aug. 24th Family Fun & Picnic: Two Hours Before Sunset	 BAD GUYS Sept. 7th Movie Time: Sunset
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SPECIAL EVENT
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ADMIT ONE

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WHAT DOES THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CONSIST OF?

This 17-person crew is responsible for a diverse range of infrastructure tasks to keep our community operating!

- Facilities Maintenance
- Grounds Maintenance
- Parks Maintenance
- Street sweeping
- Snow removal
- Street signs
- Drainage system maintenance
- Maintaining 118 miles of roadway
- Street maintenance projects:
 - Asphalt overlays
 - Chip seals
 - Reconstruction
 - Striping
 - Pothole patching

WATER MAIN BREAK REPAIRS

5

ADA RAMPS INSTALLED

23

TONS OF SALT USED IN 2024

100

RESIDENT CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2024

520

SQUARE YARDS OF CHIPSEAL INSTALLED

5,714

SQUARE YARDS OF CRACKSEAL INSTALLED

31,401



Public Works





Woodland Park

Public Works



STATE HIGHWAY 67N

- 2894 TONS OF ASPHALT
- 1,659 LF OF CONDUIT
- 5 ADA RAMPS

LAKE AVENUE & DEWELL ROAD

- 15,557 SY OF ASPHALT
- 4,500 LF OF CONDUIT
- 22 ADA RAMPS





WHERE DOES WOODLAND PARK'S WATER COME FROM?

2/3 COMES FROM LOCAL WELLS, SPRINGS, AND STREAMS

1/3 COMES FROM SHARES IN CANAL AND RESERVOIR COMPANIES.

SECURING WATER FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE



Woodland Park's Utilities Department carefully manages our water by updating the Water Tap Management plan annually. This mechanism is used to ensure that growth in the City stays compatible with the City's water supply.

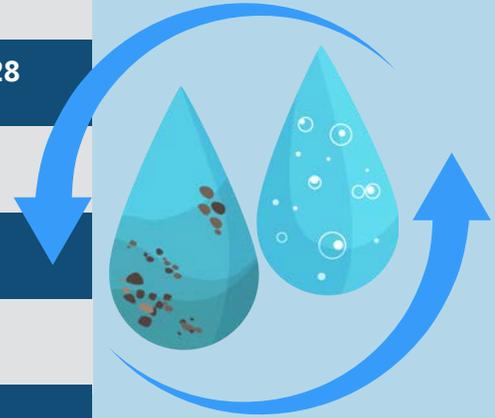
2024 WOODLAND PARK WATER TAP DATA

ITEM

TOTAL SFR WATER TAPS ALLOTTED FOR 2024	80
NUMBER OF SFR WATER TAPS SOLD IN 2024	28
REMAINING 2024 WATER TAPS	52

WASTEWATER: HISTORY AT A GLANCE

1960'S	1992 SEWER LAGOONS IN BOTH BASINS
1992	ORIGINAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTED / FORCEMAIN / LIFT STATION
1994	WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE ESTABLISHED ORDINANCE 628 FORMERLY WOODLAND PARK SANITATION DISTRICT
1997	REMOVAL OF BIO-SOLIDS IN THE LAGOONS
2004	COMPOST SUPPORT BUILDING CONSTRUCTED AND LAGOONS CLOSED OUT
2010	PHASE I EXPANSION, HEADWORKS CONSTRUCTED
2012	PLANT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
2018	PHASE II EXPANSION, PLANT EXPANSION AND UPGRADE



THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROCESS:

1. TRASH REMOVAL
2. NITRIFICATION
3. EXTENDED AIR-ACTIVATED SLUDGE
4. CLARIFICATION
5. FILTRATION
6. DISINFECTION
7. DEWATERING



2024 WASTEWATER CUSTOMERS

RESIDENTIAL 3936 93%
 COMMERCIAL 274 7%
 TOTAL: 4183

INSIDE CITY 3843 91%
 OUTSIDE CITY 67 9%
 TOTAL: 4210

NOTE: 216 ADDITIONAL
 OUTSIDE
 CITY LIMITS SEWER CUSTOMERS



Woodland Park
 Utilities

GET SOCIAL!



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WOODLAND PARK PARKS AND RECREATION
WOODLAND AQUATIC CENTER
UTE PASS CULTURAL CENTER



697 NEW FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

155% INCREASE IN ENGAGED FOLLOWERS

112 % INCREASE IN PROFILE VISITS



City of Woodland Park Government
Dec 13, 2024 · 🌐

The City is happy to announce that Lake Avenue is (finally) completed and open! THANK YOU to our community for their patience, especially to our residents living on Lake! It's been a long season of navigating detours and inconveniences, and we're so grateful for your tolerance over the last few months. We hope you enjoy the new, smooth ride through Woodland Park! 🙌🏡

#CityofWoodlandPark
#thankyou

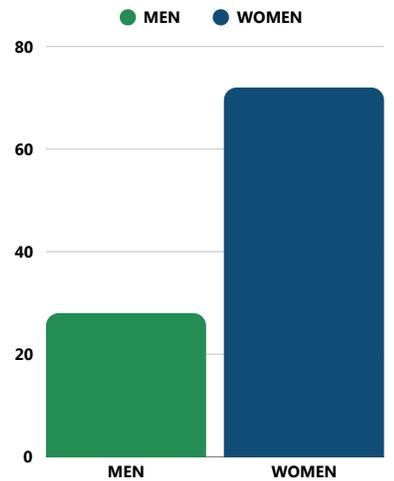


TOP FACEBOOK POST FOR 2024
LAKE ST. COMPLETION
5.5K REACH



TOP INSTAGRAM REEL FOR 2024
RED ROCKS GROUP TRAILS
13.1K VIEWS

FOLLOWER DEMOGRAPHICS





EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
SUZANNE LECLER



CRUISE ABOVE THE CLOUDS



MYRNA



OLD FASHIONED
4TH OF JULY



HALLOW-PALOOZA



US NAVY WEEK



WINTER DAY IN THE PARK



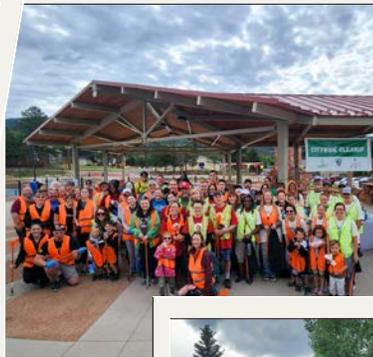
TELLER CO. 9/11 CEREMONY



TAVA HOUSE
GROUND BREAKING



CITY STAFF COOKOUT



KWPB CITY



2ND ANNUAL WOODLAND
PARK VIBES NIGHT



VAHSHOLTZ FAMILY NIGHT



CITY STAFF COOKOUT

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