

## **The Battlement Mesa Service Association**

### **The BMSA: Looking to the Future - 2011**

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Today, I took down my 2010 calendar. 2010 is history. The hopes and promises of 2011 await us.

As individuals, this is the time of year when we reflect upon the past year's successes and failures (hopefully more successes than failures) and develop our plans and strategies for the upcoming year. The Battlement Mesa Service Association (BMSA) needs to do the same thing: reflect upon what we accomplished in 2010 and what we didn't accomplish and why. And, we must develop our 2011 goals and layout our strategy to achieve these goals.

In truth, the BMSA is still working on both: the 2010 assessment and the 2011 goals. Our first mission is to acknowledge what we achieved in 2010 and to better understand why we came up short on some of our goals. Once that is completed, we'll define our 2011 goals.

To be honest, I wouldn't describe the BMSA's achievements as "outstanding" or "exceeded expectations." On the other hand, I believe that we made progress in several key areas and we are positioned to achieve greater successes in 2011. Here are some of our successes.

- We restructured our committees and adopted a charter for each of our seven committees. These committees are Architectural/Covenant, Finance, Oil & Gas, Parks/Open Space/Trails, Planning, Public & Community Relations and Public Works. We believe that this committee structure will facilitate our work.
- We were successful in recruiting many new volunteers to serve on these committees and believe that the knowledge and enthusiasm that they bring to the committees will enable our committees to excel.
- As a result of improved communication and a stronger working relationship with Garfield County officials we were able to (a) to replace all of the street signs along the 4-lane streets, (b) to chip and seal 42 Battlement Mesa streets, (c) to get Garfield County's commitment to engineer the Library Trail and to fund a significant portion of the trail and (d) to convince Garfield County to fund and to complete a Battlement Mesa incorporation feasibility study which is nearly complete.
- We acquired two new Battlement Mesa PUD maps that will facilitate our efforts to maintain our existing trail system and our parks and open space areas and will assist our planning efforts. One map identifies the trails, parks and open space and is a valuable tool for our master planning. The second map identifies all properties which have been annexed into the Service Association as well as all of the sub-associations.
- We replaced 127 street name signs and 13 street sign posts and we replaced nearly 300 damaged or vandalized fence pickets and 24 posts in our existing fences. We hope that you've noticed.
- We were able to acquire the rights to develop a new Community Park near Grand Valley Middle School along with a commitment for some financial assistance as well as planning support from the Parachute/Battlement Mesa Park and Recreation District.
- Through the efforts of the Oil and Gas Committee and Battlement Mesa Company, we were able to negotiate improvements to Antero's drilling plan including the movement or elimination of pads and the relocation of gas lines.

What's in store for 2011? The 2011 goals aren't finished but the BMSA's 2011 theme is: You can't continue to do the same things and expect to get a different result. Several of you have expressed a desire to have a different result so the BMSA is trying to develop new ways of doing things so that we can attain improved results.

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