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## **Firestone Board of Trustees reviews 2012 Operational Action Plan**

The Firestone Board of Trustees reviewed the Town's 2012 Operational Action Plan at the Jan. 11 work session. Town Manager Wesley LaVanchy presented an overview of the plan, which highlights top projects and goals for each department in the organization.

“The plan provides a comprehensive road map in response to our policy maker's strategies and goals for the Town of Firestone,” LaVanchy said.

Among the highlights include:

### **Finance and Administration**

- **Budget:** With the 2012 budget book completed in January, the Finance department will continue to monitor the budget to actuals throughout the year. A mid-year budget review will take place in the third quarter. Preparation on the 2013 budget will begin in the second quarter, with final work completed in the fourth quarter for approval with the Board of Trustees.
- **Fiscal Year 2011 Audit:** The second quarter will be heavily focused on preparing a comprehensive annual financial report that will be filed with the State of Colorado.
- **Sustainability Efforts:** Ongoing work with various departments will look at sustainability efforts.

### **Engineering**

- **Regional Transportation:** A major project for 2012 will include the engineering design of the widening of Firestone Boulevard from Interstate 25 to Birch Street. Construction is slated to occur in 2013.
- **Potable Water:** Upgrades will continue to the water metering system for the Town, which should be implemented in the third quarter.

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- **Park Improvements:** Onorato Park phases 2B and 3 will move forward in the spring of 2012, with the installation of a new tennis court and restroom.

### **Public Works**

- **New Equipment:** In the first quarter of 2012, Public Works will obtain bids and complete financing for a new backhoe and crack fill machine.
- **Park Watering Efficiencies:** Public Works will implement a reduced park maintenance and water efficiency plan for all Town parks.

### **Public Safety**

- **Career Development:** Ongoing training throughout the year will provide sworn officers with career development opportunities, as well as proficiencies on the job.

### **Planning and Economic Development**

- **Economic Development:** The Town's economic development efforts continue to move forward with business and development policies and procedures that have made Firestone the fastest growing community in Colorado throughout the last decade.
- **Land Use Planning:** In spite of the national economic downturn, Firestone exceeded anticipated residential and commercial development estimates for number of dwelling units and square feet in 2011. With new residential and commercial projects scheduled in 2012, positive expansion of the Town's residential and commercial sectors continues to excel.

### **Communications and Community Outreach**

- **Cultural Committee:** As a newly formed committee, interviews for interested residents will take place in the first quarter of 2012 to fill the two resident positions. This committee will provide feedback and guidance to cultural, arts and event opportunities in the Town.

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- **Communications:** The Town newsletter will resume on a quarterly basis providing information to residents about Town happenings. This newsletter will be direct mailed to homes. Improvements will also continue with the website, as a RSS feed will be implemented to increase connection with the Town.

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