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Boulder

City plans its first 'GreenStreet'

Goal is to make walking, biking around town easier

By Cassa Niedringhaus
Staff Writer

Boulder is designing its first "GreenStreet," a set of low-cost improvements designed to make walking and biking more comfort-

able on certain city corridors and streets.

The city's first GreenStreet will run along 13th Street from Arapahoe Avenue to Iris Fields, with a small segment on 15th Street. The

13th Street Neighborhood GreenStreet will feature various improvements to the signage and paint, in particular.

It will include green wayfinding circles, green pavement mark-

ings to highlight vehicle-bike conflict areas, painted "bulb-outs" from curb corners to shorten the crosswalk distance, and painted left-turn boxes for bicyclists to wait when making a left turn from the right lane. It also will include refreshing pavement and striping.

The project — to the tune of an estimated \$40,000 — is meant to be a low-cost and quick project to aid in the city's build-out of the low-stress walk and bike network.

"We're certainly going to be evaluating how these treatments work and seeing if additional

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Cliff Grassmick / Staff Photographer

Deb D'Andrea on her land with her dogs, Sally and Bear. D'Andrea is opposed to her subdivision being annexed into the town of Nederland and believes town residents should be given a vote on how any annexation proceeds.

Tensions high in Ned

Annexation puts community at crossroads

By Charlie Brennan
Staff Writer

Nederland finds itself at a crossroads as the colorful mountain town continues to wrestle with plotting out what annexations into the rustic community at the foot of the Indian Peaks should look like, and who should be in control of that process.

After an often painful process that has stretched close to two years, Nederland is attempting to revise its intergovernmental agreement — referred to commonly as an IGA — with Boulder County, which is to govern future annexations on its borders.

Originally enacted in 2002 with a 20-year shelf life, that agreement does not allow for Nederland to expand geographically through property-owner-initiated annexation without an amendment.

Prompted by a property owner's 2014 petition to Boulder County for annexation of a multi-family residential project southwest of town that has been known by three names, but most recently is referred to as the planned Bobcat Ridge development, the Boulder County Plan-

ning Commission in December 2014 recommended denial of that petition. Commissioners based their concerns on its proposed density — now standing at 50 units, half to be deed-restricted as permanently affordable — and suggested that development proposal as an occasion for the IGA be examined more closely.

That has spiraled into a far-reaching revision of the agreement that at one point also came to include as many as 10 areas outside town limits, including one 41-home subdivision along Beaver Creek just northwest of Nederland.

At a time when tempers and frustration are running high with the demise — for now — of the popular NedFest, the precarious future of the perennial rager and late-winter economic boon known as Frozen Dead Guy Days, and the town's Board of Trustees weighing regulations for short-term rentals, the annexation question is not being resolved easily or quickly.

Not a resident, 'with intent'

A Board of Trustees meeting last week showed the full range of current emo-

tions on display, with local business owner and full-time gadfly Kathleen Chippi berating Mayor Kristopher Larsen. A planetary scientist in his day job sitting in the mayor's chair for \$250 a month, Larsen was attacked by Chippi for "your piss-poor management of land... You suck at managing property," she shouted. "Why would we want you, or allow you, to take over more property?"

Chippi, who lives several miles outside town limits but owns the One Brown Mouse shop in downtown Nederland and once pushed a ballot initiative to make it a marijuana sanctuary, is threatening a recall drive against Larsen. She said she is being advised by anti-tax activist and convicted felon Douglas Bruce.

Larsen chuckled a little wearily during an interview over the level of animosity Chippi is directing his way.

"It's an interesting thing to me, to be suggesting a recall election, when she actually lives about 8 to 10 miles outside of town," Larsen said. "That's part of the

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Immigration

Officials move migrant children

Report of bad treatment spurs kids' relocation

By Martha Mendoza
and Garance Burke
Associated Press

The U.S. government has removed most of the children from a remote Border Patrol station in Texas following reports that more than 300 children were detained there, caring for each other with inadequate food, water and sanitation.

Just 30 children remained at the station outside El Paso Monday, said Rep. Veronica Escobar after her office was briefed on the situation by an official with Customs and Border Protection.

Most of the infants, toddlers and teens who were held at the Border Patrol station in Clint, Texas, would be moved to shelters and other facilities run by a separate federal agency by Tuesday, the Office of Refugee Resettlement said Monday.

Attorneys who visited Clint last week said older children were trying to take care of infants and toddlers, The Associated Press first reported Thursday. They described a 4-year-old with matted hair who had gone without a shower for days, and hungry, inconsolable children struggling to soothe one another. Some had been locked for three weeks inside the facility, where 15 children were sick with the flu and another 10 were in medical quarantine.

"How is it possible that you both were unaware of the inhumane conditions for children, especially tender-age children at the Clint Station?" asked Escobar in a letter sent Friday to U.S. Customs and Border Protection acting commissioner John Sanders and U.S. Border Patrol chief Carla Provost.

She asked to be informed by the end of this week what steps they're taking to end "these humanitarian abuses."

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Fourmile Canyon

Residents growing weary of construction

By Robert Tann
For the Camera

There were days when 62-year-old Jeff Holland could not see his garage, which is just feet from his house, from his kitchen window because of the amount of dust from road construction. Holland, a decades-long resident of the Four-

mile Canyon area, said ongoing flood repair and mitigation construction has overstayed its welcome, and he and other are concerned about environmental and health impacts caused by the work.

"It starts with waking up," Holland said when asked how it

affects his day-to-day life.

It is typical for Holland to begin his morning with the blaring noise of trucks outside his home Fourmile Canyon Drive. He finds himself constantly cleaning, as dust coats nearly everything from his kitchen to his basement studio. He is ready for the work to be finished

and for life to return to normal.

Construction has become "overkill," he said, with engineering that is "poorly designed."

Holland's garage flooded with more than an inch of water because the newly raised road allowed water to drain into his

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