

Hudson Celebrates Progress



On Saturday April 17th, residents, business owners, town staff and dignitaries gathered in the cool morning air to celebrate two important milestones of progress in the Town of Hudson.

The first of three events was held at the Town's new Wastewater Treatment Plant located on WCR 18.5 just west of WCR 49. Town Trustee and emcee Barb Baker welcomed nearly forty people to the grand opening ceremony. Barb then introduced Hudson Mayor Neal Pontius who spoke of the value of the project to the town. Mayor Pontius took time to acknowledge the many dignitaries in attendance and thank those individuals who played an important role in the completion of the project.

Tim Holbrook, Operations Manager for Industrial Facilities Engineering, was the next to speak on the technical aspects of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. As the project engineer for the design and construction management firm that represented the town, Tim discussed the purpose and project timeline for the construction of the facility. Steps for future expansion of the plant were also listed.



Taking the podium next was Bob Rogstad, Vice President of Velocity Constructors. As a Hudson area resident, Bob spoke with pride about being the general contractor for the project. After highlighting the importance of this project to the community and his company, Bob acknowledged the many subcontractors who worked on the project.

With the speeches concluded, Barb Baker invited everyone to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Guide tours of the plant were then provided by staff from Hudson's Public Works Department.





For those interested in Wastewater Treatment Plant trivia:

- 17,000 feet of conduit was used, of which 12,000 is buried
 - Over 20 miles of wire was run throughout the plant
 - 2,000 cubic yards of concrete was used to form the in-ground tanks and walkways
- The facility is computer controlled with one main computer and five programmable equipment controllers
 - The 12,000 sq. ft. concrete block and metal roof building can currently treat 500,000 gallons per day, with room on the site for 4.5 million gallon treatment capacity in the future.

Later that same morning, people of the town were invited to attend the second of three scheduled events, a ribbon-cutting celebration for the town's newly paved streets. Hudson Town Trustee Ray Patch emceed this portion of the multi-event celebration. The event began with posting of the colors by American Legion Post #180 from



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the Weld Central High School Chorus then performed the National Anthem. And then, in a moment of perfect timing, with participants eyes turned towards the sky over Hudson Memorial Park, six planes piloted by members of the Platte Valley Airpark performed a fly-over in group formation.



Ray Patch then introduced Mayor Neal Pontius, who took to the podium to discuss the Board of Trustees' perspective on the town-wide street paving project as a #1 priority for the community. Mayor Pontius then acknowledged the VIP's in attendance and thanked all those individuals who worked on the paving project.

Following the conclusion of the Mayor's comments, Jim Jones, President of Jones Engineering Associates, and town engineer for the project, talked about the history and significance of the paving project.



Fun facts related to the street paving process include:

- 4.5 miles of streets were paved in town, with 6 miles of concrete sidewalks created
- 25,000 tons of asphalt were used
- 5,000 cubic yards of concrete were used to form the sidewalks, curbs and gutters
- 3,500 lineal feet of storm sewer were installed



At the conclusion of the speeches, Ray Patch invited all participants to join the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Once the ribbon was cut and the photographs taken, event attendees were encouraged to participate in a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile neighborhood fun walk on the newly paved streets. The walk was led by volunteers from the Hudson Fire Protection District with additional traffic safety support provided by the Colorado District 3A State Troopers and Weld County Sheriff's Office.



When fun walk participants arrived back at the park, they were treated to a BBQ cookout. Nearly 100 participants were served hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, and desserts. Guest chefs included Mayor Pro Tem John Honnold, Trustee Barb Baker, Hudson Library Director Terri

Redden and her husband Ron. Hudson Public Works staff also assisted in the BBQ effort.



The Town of Hudson Board of Trustees, town administration, and the Hudson Events Committee would like to thank all of the many volunteers who helped to make this event a tremendous success. We would also like to thank our business sponsors who made this event possible through their generous donations and monetary contributions. Those businesses include: Velocity Constructors, Industrial Facilities Engineering, Hudson Lockers, Andersen's Star Market, Carl's Jr. Restaurant, the pilots of the Platte Valley Airpark, Fort Lupton Safeway, American Legion Post # 180, and the Weld Central High School Chorus.