

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Seelye:

What's with the personal attacks? It's fine if you don't like the single hauler program but jeesh ... keep me out of it!

I have actually lived here over 10 years and if I was shocked by anything, it was the inefficiencies in the current trash collection system. Municipal trash is not a new concept - 62 percent of cities use it.

So yes, I went to City Council and proposed the single hauler system. I have a secret for you. You can present any proposal you like to City Council too!

That's how change happens.

Then you can spend two years doing the work, writing proposals, contracts and ordinances to make it happen. You too can experience the power. Citizen initiatives are very common and if you want to keep them moving along, you need to be willing to do most of the work.

A small handful of staff are working hard to keep this town functioning and they need all the help they can get. Just to be clear, city attorneys review everything. I'm just saving them the many hours it would take to create things from scratch!

Volunteers have recently initiated a city energy audit, created a community garden, and are working to restore Rainbow Falls.

There is nothing dubious about this and I resent the implication! If you're willing to take the time to complain, may I suggest instead using the time to get involved.

Oh and one other thing, I'm certainly not going to get into it with you about "global warming." Believe what you will (maybe some research would help!) but how about treading lightly on our earth? Isn't that a good enough reason?

Teri Christman

As a Manitou Springs native, I feel compelled to write this to the citizens of Manitou regarding the proposed trash initiative.

This is sparked by the Letters to the Editor in last week's Bulletin in which I read a letter from John C. and Joanne E. Seelye.

I agree 100 percent with this couple. There seems to be some deception between City Council and the residents.

After reading the article, I confirmed my belief that Manitou is an original town.

Not one to conform to the beliefs and ideals from neither the far Western U.S. nor the far Eastern U.S.

We were called "a shabby little town" by some travel 'something'.

Whatever happened to that?

We voted on an initiative to clean-up downtown. We won the vote, and she looks beautiful now, doesn't she? Are we are now unwillingly becoming whatever we are being told to be or do?

Why do we live here? Why do you choose to live here?

I thought it was originality, and not what a "newbie" to our town thought it should look like and convinced the "powers that be" of that.

I welcome all "newbies" whatever their religion, color, or national origin.

This is what make us "us."

Our place must have attracted them for some reason.

At least they don't rock the boat.

Most of them conform to the "Keep Manitou Weird" credo and go on with their lives.

There's no place in the world that I know of that can have a lawyer, a liberal, a conservative, a blue-collar, a white-collar and a 'diversified' person living in the same neighborhood, looking-out for one another , and caring about each other.

Only in Manitou!!

We pride ourselves on being original and having free speech, thus I'm proposing a vote on whether or not we want our trash picked up by strangers, or by friends that go above and beyond.

It's not like those "carbon footprint gases" could ever drift from that anomaly to the East and kill us all. Yeah right. Enjoy your plastic water bottles and plastic coffee containers that will sit under our feet forever. Get real, people!

Maybe someone should just throw some gravel in that pothole instead of complaining to the City as to when they're going to take care of it.

The people of Manitou Springs know what to do.

It's really amazing that the media and so-called 'experts' know what is right for us.

May I remind you why we live here?

I feel that if this proposal impacts people's wallets as when we voted on a mill-levy to preserve open-space or a teacher's wage increase, that maybe we should vote on it!

If this passes, our trash bill just went up, with no end in sight, of course, adjusted by the "CPI-U."

I'm sorry, but I never graduated from that university.

Thomas E. Salomon

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