

Board of Trustees Biography

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Mark Igel

Mark Igel was elected to the Town Board in April 2024. He has owned small businesses for over 25 years in Estes Park, and is now the second owner of The Taffy Shop, an historic candy store in operation since 1935. Igel oversees daily operations, and balances involvement with local business issues and his own customers. He brings a business perspective to discussions as the only local manufacturing and retail business owner on the Town Board. Igel grew up in Colorado, a graduate of Evergreen High School. He moved to Estes Park in 1988 and has been involved in many aspects of the community, having raised seven children through the Estes Park School District. He gained additional community perspective through Scout leadership roles, worked as a Paramedic at the Estes Park Medical Center, founded/operated a commercial sign company, was elected to the Estes Valley Fire Protection District Board, owned/operated the Reel Mountain Theater, member of the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), and is presently a volunteer firefighter at the EVFPD, with over 34 years of service. Lighthearted and affable, Igel joked that he "resisted running for Town Board for several cycles", but "didn't have a good reason not to run this year". He enthusiastically serves as a Town Trustee, with a broad network of business and personal connections in the community which helps bring together a wide variety of resident and visitor experience. He is often candid about alternate perspectives in discussions which benefit from robust conversation, leading to more complete information in order to make good decisions. Igel is easy to reach and interested in resident and visitor perspectives to help guide the future of the community, and may be contacted by email: migel@estes.org for Town issues. You will also find him sharing local history stories and his affection for Estes Park at his store most days. Mark values time with family and recharges by exploring our best-kept-secret outdoor spaces "in the mountains".