

## Marie Cenac

YEARS IN ESTES PARK: 21

### Educational Background:

Marie attended Louisiana State University and studied Microbiology and Business Law. She received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge Louisiana. Following graduation, Dr. Cenac completed an 18 month medical/surgical internship at the Animal Medical Center in New York City.

### Town Participation:

As soon as Marie moved into Estes Park, she began serving the community as an active member of the noon Rotary Club. She truly believes in the motto of Service above Self. She volunteered on many committees and served as the Director of the Estes Park Duck Race for 2 consecutive years. A supporter of the Arts, Marie also served four years on the board of the Fine Arts Guild of the Rockies.

In 2007, Dr. Cenac was elected to the Park R-3 (Estes Park) School Board and served on the board for 8 years, presiding as president for the latter 2 years. Currently, Marie is a member of the Estes Valley Parks and Recreation District Board of Directors for which she was appointed to fulfill the term of a vacated seat. Her term will be ending with the spring election. She is also a proud member of the Rooftop Rodeo Committee and is the Chair of the Rooftop Rodeo Parade.

I am a mother of a 15 year old boy and a 12 year old girl who have had the privilege of growing up in this great town. I am an Estes Park business owner, an employer, a daughter of an active senior resident, and have participated on multiple committees and boards that serve this wonderful community. Being in the service/medical industry allows me to listen to town residents everyday. I understand our issues and want to represent the citizens in the decisions that govern our town.

Just as many who live here, I fell in love with Estes Park when I was quite young and would come visit my grand-parents who moved here in 1969. I feel very lucky to be able to live here. In 1996, I opened the Animal Hospital of the Rockies LLC in a small rental warehouse off of Hwy 34. In 2002, I built a new animal hospital on Pine River Lane and expanded the business to include The Animal House Pet Boarding. I have a vested interest in this town, both professionally and personally, and I plan to call Estes Park my home for the rest of my life. The experience and knowledge that I have gained over the years participating on the various district boards and committees have given me the background and strength to ask the hard questions.....to ask "why".

The front range is growing exponentially. Visitation to Rocky Mountain National Park is at its all-time high. Growth is inevitable. Making sure our visitors experiences are continually improved is important to our financial health as a town. With that in mind, we must maintain control of own future or outside influences will. The needs of the citizens of Estes Park have to be given a priority in order for Estes to retain its uniqueness. The issues that we face, as a town, are not very different from other small resort communities such as work force housing, infrastructure, parking, childcare, elderly care and traffic, to name a few. There are also many differences and things that we should celebrate. We get to live in a mountain paradise. Most of us live here by choice. It is a

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family destination where the focus is about outdoor activities. Our streets are safe. We have a great school system and there is a wealth of information right here in our citizens who have real life experience.

We are a tourism town but more importantly, we are a real town. We live here, we raise our families here and we retire here. Let's make sure that we, as a community, are the ones who make the decisions that will guide the growth and development. We need to insure that Estes Park continues to be the place that we, the citizens, are proud to call home.