



# TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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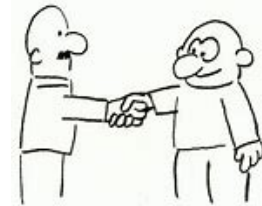
*Sharpen your pencils for April 7!*

## TOWN ELECTION COMING UP SOON!

Ballots for the Town election will soon be arriving in the mail. It is important for all residents to vote their ballot, sign and date the envelope, and return the ballot to the Town Hall or to the ballot box outside the Town Hall door by April 3, 2020. Oh, and be sure to vote on both sides of the ballot!

Those running for Mayor are the following: Vote for one.

- James L. Sanchez
- Pedro Tino Segura
- Anthony Tony Garcia
- Jaime Hurtado
- Delsa G. Chavez



Those running for Town trustee are the following: Vote for no more than three.

- Archie Gallegos
- Nivek Beiriger
- Annette Martinez
- David Ramon
- Nick Shaffer
- Peggy Martinez
- Herman Dicky Sisneros
- Leslie Duran Shelley

### **Come on down— Meet the Candidates!**

A Meet and Greet with the trustee candidates will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall. And a Meet and Greet with the candidates for mayor will be held on Thursday, March 5 at 5:00 pm also at the Town Hall.

Everyone is welcome to come, chat with the candidates, and ask questions.

## **ALSO ON THE BALLOT: THE TOWN NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Also on the ballot will be a question asking Center citizens to approve a 2% sales tax increase.

The purpose of the increase is to support downtown development, capital improvements for our public buildings, park equipment and improvements, planning and development of the Consaul property, and public safety services.

The last sales tax increase for Center was 1983. We have managed to decrease our spending in the general fund every year for the last 5 years.

But even with this decrease, we still have a negative balance in the general fund.

## **A WARNING TO CENTER CITIZENS**

If door-to-door salesmen come to your house, don't allow them to enter until you have notified police to make sure they are within town regulations. Our Ordinance 259 requires a vendors license, including an application, a background check, and a fee of \$25/month or \$100/year.



"I don't have time to see any crazy salesman; I have a battle to fight."

## **WATER METER INSTALLATION TO RESUME SOON**

Carl Hurst of Iconenergy reported to the Town Board at the February 18 meeting that 360 water meters were installed through December 5th and data is being collected on each meter installed. As weather permits, installation will begin again, hopefully by the end of March. Just 450 meters remain to be installed.

The target completion date is June 30, 2020. After completion, water usage will be tracked, and water rates will be developed. Citizens will be informed of their potential water bill amounts before the rates go into effect. The goal: conserve water, reduce waste, keep the water system in business, and develop fair and reasonable rates for all.

### **WE WIN SOME; WE LOSE SOME**

We are sorry to report that Center was not awarded either of the GOCO grants we applied for. We hoped to purchase new playground equipment for Community Park and build a new picnic shelter for Central Park. We did not receive funding for either project.

Don't lose heart! We won't give up efforts to make these improvements to our parks.

### **DOG ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT**

Ever noticed how dogs are like kids sometimes? We love them and want the best for them. But we also must ensure they behave and are taken care of. And when they don't behave, they can break our hearts.



Which brings us to the sad fact that we have had several dog attacks to humans and other animals recently, and to the need for strict enforcement of our dog ordinance, for the protection of both our human residents and our animals.

So take note, Neighbors, no dog can be at large, they cannot be aggressive, and they **MUST** be vaccinated and licensed annually. Any dog caught by code enforcement or animal control will be taken to the shelter, and citations for each offense will be given. These incidents are being taken seriously, and the owners are being cited to the full extent of the ordinance. No exceptions.

A single dog attack could result in citations up to \$400.00, quarantine, shelter fees, medical bills, and you will still be required to control, vaccinate and license your dogs. Please take care of your animals.

## **FIFTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT**

Chief Meek shared with Town Board members the following Apps that may be on phones or computers and that may lure children or teens into possible sexual exploitation. Check your kids' media devices and delete these apps or contact the police department for further advice.

METIME	ASK.FM	HOLLA	KIK
WHATSAPP	GRINDR	CALCULATOR%	WHISPER
BUMBLE	TIKTOK	SKOUT	HOTORNOT
LIVEME	SNAPCHAT	BADOO	

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH**

**March 9, Monday, 10:00 am- 2:00 pm:** Saguache County Commissioner Visit.

**March 24, Tuesday, 6:30 pm:** Town Board Meeting, Town Hall.

**March 7, 8:00 am, Saturday:** Coffee with the Chief, United Methodist Church,

**March 21, 4:00 pm:** Neighborhood Watch Meeting, Town Hall. Everyone invited. Help make Center safer!

