



TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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INTERIM POLICE CHIEF TAKES REINS

The Town Board appointed Jim McClosky to be our new interim Police Chief following the resignation of Tristan VanZalinge. Jim has many years of law enforcement experience and currently also serves as undersheriff for Saguache County. His letter of introduction to the citizens of Center follows. We welcome Jim to our community and thank Tristan VanZalinge for his service to Center.



Center Police Department

Jim McCloskey

Interim Chief of Police

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Hello Center Colorado, I'm the Interim Chief for the Center Police Department. I wanted to take a moment to let you know I look forward to meeting all of you fine folks. My door is open to discuss any concerns you may have. If you would like to talk in the privacy of your home please call or you are welcome and invited to join us at your Center Police Department.

Your Town has great Police Officers and most misunderstandings are generally a lack of communication at some level. There is always room for improvement and the closer we can work with each of you, the better we can serve you.

Law Enforcement relies heavily on community citizens to see and report issues and this can even be an anonymous call, just tell the dispatcher you would like to remain Anonymous, the more information you can provide the better we are able to resolve the situation.

Suggestions:

Most of us have phones, by taking a photograph or video of the vehicle or individual involved will catch many details to help law enforcement solve crimes. If you are concerned about becoming involved send us an email with a brief description of what the problems is, location, and attach photos or video to the email. Please use caution about getting too close to individuals and allow them to know you are taking photographs of them.

You can call Center Police Dispatch 719-754-2261 or send an email to dispatch@centerco.gov and attach photographs if available.

HAVE AN OPINION ON HOSPITAL SERVICES? YOUR INPUT REQUESTED

The Rio Grande Hospital Administration has invited Center citizens to a meeting at the Community Center at the Center School Library, on April 2nd from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss their services and hear how they might better serve Center residents.

WATER RATES TO RISE, EFFECTIVE MAY 1ST, 2019

At the March 26 Town Board meeting, the Board passed a resolution raising our water rates from \$33.75 per month to \$39.00, effective May 1st. This increase is required by the terms of the new water tower loan. In the future, the Town will be looking at further rate adjustments based on the amount of water usage by residents and businesses.

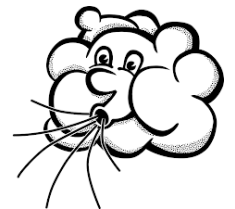


NEW BASEBALL FIELD PLANNED FOR COMMUNITY PARK

Plans are underway for rebuilding the north baseball field at Community Park. This will include the proper grading of the field, new sod, and the proper surfacing of the baselines. The work will be done by RMMP Landscaping of Alamosa and is expected to begin soon. It will be great to have use of the baseball field again.

HOORAY, SPRING!! AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO . . .

- 1. Irrigate responsibly.** Irrigation season starts **April 15**. Citations will be given to anyone who starts watering before that date. Remember: for houses with odd numbers, watering is on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. For those with even numbers, watering is on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. No watering on Monday. Watering hours are from 6:00 am - 10:00 am and from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.
- 2. Clean up limbs.** All property owners/tenants are required by ordinance to keep their property, alleys, right of ways, and sidewalks clear of weeds, tree limbs, and trash. This extends all the way to the street pavement. The Town will not be collecting your tree limbs. You may take them out to the burn pit on the Consaul property free of charge (tree limbs, weeds, and leaves only) Monday -Thursday, 7:30 am-4:00 pm. Thanks for your cooperation.
- 3. Secure garbage.** The winds are coming and garbage needs to be secured from blowing around.
- 4. Renew licenses.** All businesses and contractors are required to renew their town licenses.



DOWNTOWN CHALLENGE IN FOCUS

Center will be the focus of a round table discussion at the Downtown Colorado Inc. Challenge Studio April 9-12 in Aspen. The round table participants will include representatives from several organizations dedicated to economic opportunities for rural areas. They are studying the challenges Center faces in the development of our downtown business district. Town Manager Brian Lujan will be attending the Challenge Studio to participate in the discussion and receive information and recommendations for future plans. We are anxious to learn more. This opportunity is made possible by a \$10,000 grant from DOLA and a \$5,000 matching grant from the Saguache County sales tax program.

CENTER TO ATTEND COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE

The Town Manager and several Town Board members will be attending the CML conference in Breckenridge on June 18-21.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL

April 2, Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 pm: Visit with Rio Grande Hospital, Community Center in School Library

April 8, Monday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm: Saguache County Commissioner visit, Town Hall.

April 9, Tuesday, 6:30 pm: Town Board meeting, Town Hall.

April 12, Friday, 6:30 am to 10:00 am: Community Health Fair at the Head Start building, 301E. 3rd Street

April 15: Watering season begins.

April 19, Good Friday: Town Hall closed all day.

April 22, Earth Day: Do something nice for your Earth Mother today. And every day!

April 23, Tuesday, 6:30 pm: Town Board Meeting, Town Hall.

