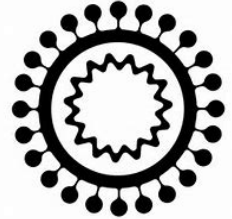




TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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CORONA VIRUS DISRUPTS LIFE IN CENTER



With more than 2,500 deaths in the US due to corona virus, we need to take this pandemic seriously. Though we may be tempted to think that we are far removed from disasters like this, we now know there are several corona virus cases in Valley. We can be sure there will be many more to come.

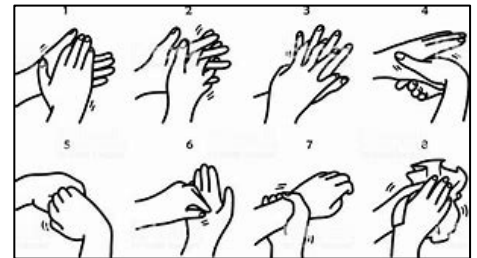
Governor Jared Polis has declared a state of emergency for all of Colorado. The Saguache County commissioners have declared a state of emergency for Saguache County.

Municipalities in Saguache County are also being urged to declare a state of emergency.

This is a serious matter and we don't know how long it may last.

By observing the following directives, we hope to keep the number of cases low and manageable for health providers. These steps offer two-way protection. They'll help prevent the virus from infecting you AND protect your family and friends from the virus if you've already been infected and don't know it.

1. Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds often and after any possible exposure.
2. Stay at home if at all possible and only go out if absolutely necessary.
3. Keep a distance of 6 feet from others.
4. Disinfect high touch surfaces frequently.



Center Town Hall is closed to the public for now. If you have business with the Town, you can speak with an employee through the drive-up window on the north side of the building. Town employees are working limited hours, alternating shifts to minimize contact with people but still providing essential services.

Town Board meetings will be held by conference call, still open to the public. If you wish to attend by phone, the phone number and meeting ID number will be posted with the agenda at the post office. The next scheduled Town Board meeting is on April 21, 2020.

We urge all Center residents to stay safe and healthy.

Deadline: April 7

REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR TOWN OFFICES & TAX INCREASE

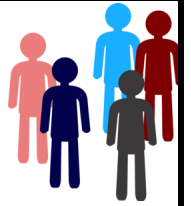
Election day is April 7. We are voting for mayor and for three trustee seats. In addition, we are voting on a 2% tax increase.

If you have not already delivered your ballot to Town Hall, it is not too late.

Please note: Eighty-three ballots have been returned back to Town Hall marked "return to sender". If you did not receive a ballot and you know you are registered to vote, check at Town Hall. You may be issued another ballot.



IMPORTANT!! CENSUS FORMS DUE! DON'T FORGET!



Census forms must be sent in now. You can do it one of three ways:

1. If you got a form in the mail, fill it out and mail it in the envelope provided. If you lost your form, you can still call in (#2 below) or fill out the form online (#3 below).
2. If you prefer to call, the phone number for English is 844-330-2020. For Spanish, the number is 844-468-2020.
3. To complete your form online, go to census 2020, scroll down, and click on "Respond online."

The form is very simple. It asks for your address, birthdate, male or female, and how many people, including all ages, live in your household. There are no questions about your finances, citizenship status, social security number, or other personal information. Your answers are strictly confidential.

*****The purpose of the census is to get a count of how many people live in America. Each person counted brings in more than \$1,000 to our area for services provided. The census also determines how many representatives we are allowed in Congress.*****



NEW ROOF FOR TOWN HALL

Have you noticed the new roof recently completed on Town Hall? The roof was leaking and badly in need of repair. Miller Construction did the work. This was a necessary but costly expense. We need to keep Town property in good repair, right?

POLICE ACTIVITY: COMPARISONS OVER PAST 3 YEARS

Have you ever wondered what kinds of offenses are most common in Center? How we compare with our recent past? What offenses have gone up or gone down? Wonder no more . . .

Chief Meek has compiled a report of police activity for January 1 through March 21, for each of the past three years. See below. This is a partial list. For a complete list, see Chief Meek at Town Hall.

Offense	2018	2019	2020
Harassment	1	4	8
Sexual assault	0	1	5
Theft	12	11	26
Disturbance	0	0	34
Criminal Mischief	3	4	8
Shoplifting	4	3	2
Prowler	1	1	4
Dog at Large, Vicious	4	9	9
Noise Disturbance	6	3	7
Citizen Assist	71	54	45
Vehicle Stop	70	55	96
Ambulance Rescue	27	16	20
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident	14	15	36

WATERING TIME IS HERE AGAIN

April 15, 2020 is the first day for watering our lawns and gardens. Watering days for even house numbers are Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. For odd house numbers, watering days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. No watering on Mondays. Times for watering are 6:00 -10:00 am and 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Let's all abide by the watering times to avoid citations and to conserve our water. Thanks for your cooperation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL

April 10, Good Friday: Town Hall closed all day.

April 15: Residential watering begins.

April 21, Tuesday, 5:30 pm: Town Board Meeting, via phone conference call.

