



TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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TRISTAN VAN ZALINGE SWORN IN AS CENTER POLICE CHIEF

With the Town Board, several police officers, and the Van Zalinge family as witnesses, Attorney Mike Trujillo officiated at the swearing in of Tristan Van Zalinge as Police Chief for the Town of Center on August 14.

Chief Van Zalinge thanked the Town for the opportunity to serve our community. He said he looks forward to working with our officers to build a strong and effective police force.



We welcome Chief Van Zalinge to Center.

WATER ISSUES FACING CENTER

Water usage in Center continues to be a problem. We are overusing our water, and many people are still failing to follow water restrictions. Citations with higher fines for repeat violations are being issued.



Water is an issue in the water-scarce West, and good citizenship requires that we all conserve.

One solution to excessive water use is water metering. With metering, the more you use, the more you pay. The State of Colorado has required water meters for several years now. The Town Board is looking at how we can meet the requirements.

Let's work together to avoid this!

If you see some activity on the Consaul property wells, don't be surprised. The Town is working with

the State Water Engineer to ensure that our wells meet the requirements of the State Water Plan.

IF IT'S SEPTEMBER, IT MUST BE AUDIT – THEN BUDGET – TIME

The Town is in the middle of the audit process, and we will soon know how our financial system is working. We feel that we have made good progress in managing and accounting for Town funds.



The audit will help us in planning the 2019 budget. This takes several months. The budget is due to the State at the end of December.

We will have workshops to learn and make decisions to create a good, sound budget that will meet Center's needs. We welcome input from the community. The workshops are open to the public.

CITIZEN VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Town is setting up a temporary committee to study and decide on how Town properties are classified as resident or commercial for utility billing. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please notify the Town Hall.



IMPROVEMENTS NOTED



Have you noticed the new sidewalks in front of the Town Hall? Eddie Tafoya and his crew installed them. Or how about the new paving on Sylvester Street and Buena Ventura Court? We thank the Saguache County Road and Bridge for their work on this.

Also, many residents have painted, laid new sidewalks, or made other upgrades to their homes this summer. Thanks. We all like to see improvements in Center.



SUMMER MUSIC ENDS FOR THE SEASON



The popular Valley band, Indian Nickel, presented the final music program for the summer on Friday, August 31. The concerts have been attended and enjoyed by many Center residents.

We thank those who organized the performances, provided the sound system, set up, and cleaned up afterwards. We also thank those who attended and lent your good energy to these fun evenings.

We welcome any comments you may have about the summer music program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

- **September 3, Labor Day:** Town Hall closed all day
- **September 10, 9:00 am–2:00 pm:** Saguache County Commissioner visit, Town Hall
- **September 11 and 25, 6:30 pm:** Town Board Meetings, Town Hall

