



TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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DOWNTOWN COLORADO FUN: COME ONE, COME ALL!

With the goal of recharging Center's main street and sparking some possible new business enterprises, our Downtown Colorado effort is presenting three projects. We hereby urge Center citizens to participate in all three.

1. The Business Development Training workshop: To be held on October 4 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at the Center Viking Youth Club at 386 Broadway for anyone ages 14 through 35. This FREE! workshop, valued at \$500, will be presented by Tom Monaco of the SLV-SBDC Small Business Development Center. It will lead participants in developing a business plan, setting financial goals, and pitching their idea. These plans will be entered in the Town's business plan competition. The top three winners will win a cash prize of \$500, \$300, or \$200 chosen at the Lights on Center event October 15. To participate, sign up online at DowntownColoradoInc.org/Center, or call Tom Monaco at 719 589-3682, or email him Tom@slv-sbdc.com.

2. Community Survey: We are asking for your ideas and suggestions about possible business opportunities or ways of improving Center's downtown. A community survey is available on line at downtowncoloradoinc.org/center. The survey is also available on paper at the Town Hall. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey. All suggestions are valuable and no ideas are too "far out".

3. LIGHTS ON CENTER! This event will happen on October 15, 2019 from 5:30 to 8:15 pm at the intersection of Worth and 3rd Streets. With this, we intend to bring the community together, generate enthusiasm for our town, and have a great time. The evening will include:

- ❖ A lighting installation in the town
- ❖ A community potluck. Please bring a dish that represents our community tastes
- ❖ Business plan competition voting
- ❖ Creating a mural on main street
- ❖ An interactive human arcade (FUN)



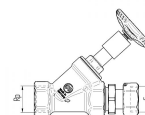
Let's have a great time and be a part of generating ideas that may lead us into something awesome! See you there!

WATER METER INSTALLATION UNDERWAY!

Water meters are now being installed throughout Center. Installation will begin on Miles Street and move westward. Sisneros and Torrez Streets will be done after harvest is finished. You will receive a notice on your door when the installers will be coming to your home. On installation day, the water will be shut off from 8:00 am to approximately 3:00 pm.

Please plan ahead by storing the water you need in bottles, buckets, or bathtubs. When the installers are finished, open your outside hoses for about 5 minutes to flush the pipes out. In addition, run your faucets for several minutes before drinking. If you experience low water flow, clean the screens to your faucets, showers, or washing machines.

IMPORTANT: Also please move your vehicles from the front of your house on the day when your meter is being installed.



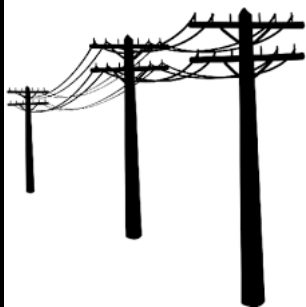
Please be patient during this process and notify the Town Hall if problems persist. Thank you.

POLICE NEWS: CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

At the September 10, 2019 Town Board meeting, Officers Aaron Fresquez and Mike Roybal were commended for their outstanding work on the investigation of the recent homicide in Center. Their professionalism and dedication were noted. Congratulations and thank you for your work.



Chief Meeks also would like to recognize the citizens from the Central Avenue corridor who assisted in finding the 6-year-old who was reported missing on September 4. Fortunately, the child was found unharmed. Chief acknowledges the 24 people from that neighborhood who went door to door to help find the child. The caring response was commendable.



TOWN SIGNS WITH NEW ELECTRICITY PROVIDER

The Town Board voted unanimously to sign a contract with MEAN (Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska) to provide our electricity starting April of 2020. This ends the contract with Excel.

MEAN is a non-profit wholesale electricity supply organization that provides cost-based power supply, transmission, and related services to 69 participating communities in four states, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wyoming.

The Town Board expects better service and comparable, if not better prices, from MEAN.

GOOD WORK, CENTER RESIDENTS

Thanks to all the Center residents who cooperated in improving our Town. Your weed clean-up efforts have really shown results. The Town looks much better.

Also, our water usage this year is reduced by 25 million gallons since last year. Thanks so much for your great response and pride in our community.



REMINDERS

Last day for watering is October 15. Time to put those hoses away for the winter.

Citizens need to get furnaces and heaters serviced and ready for winter. Cold weather is coming!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER

October 4, Friday, 7:00- 10:00 pm: Business Development Class at Center Viking Youth Club at 386 Broadway

****October 8, Tuesday, 6:30 pm:** Town Board Meeting, Town Hall.

October 14, Monday, all day: Columbus Day, Town Hall open as usual

October 14, Monday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm: Saguache County Commissioner visit, Town Hall.

October 15, Tuesday: Last day for watering until next year.

October 15, Tuesday, 5:30-8:15 pm: LIGHTS ON CENTER event, downtown Center

****October 22, Tuesday, 6:30 pm:** Town Board Meeting, Town Hall.

October 31, Thursday, all day: Halloween!



****Town Board meeting may start early if a 5:00 pm workshop or executive session is scheduled. If you plan to attend a meeting, check the agenda displayed in the Post Office to find out about any early sessions.**