



# TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## TOWN SEEKS INPUT ON GOALS FOR 2021

To keep us on track and making progress, the Town is setting goals for the coming year. Please give us your ideas on what you want Center to work on to improve our community. Here is what we are proposing so far:

1. Complete the annexation of the Consaul property and move forward with planning.
2. Study Center's needs for safer housing and provide a safety program for fire prevention.
3. Support Downtown Development initiatives including beautification and community clean-up.
4. Continue the upgrade of Center's utility system.
5. Continue refining the Town's financial system.
6. Encourage the planting and maintenance of trees in Center.



If you have other ideas for goals, please let Town Hall employees or Town Board members know. We want to hear from everyone.

**FOR  
SALE**

## MERAZ PARK PROPERTY OUT FOR BID

The Meraz Park property at the corner of 5th and Wills Streets is a great location for a family residence. The Town will consider bids for the sale of the property only for the purpose of housing construction to begin within the coming year. The property consists of 3 ¾ lots. Utilities are available, but no hook-ups are in place. Bids will be accepted at Town Hall until April 30, 2021. A minimum bid has not yet been set. For questions, call Brian or Dave at 754-3497.

## ANNEXATION OF CONSAUL PROPERTY MOVES FORWARD

The resolution for annexation of the 90-acre Consaul property north of Center was passed by the Town Board at the February 23 meeting and has been sent to the Saguache County Commissioners for approval. A public hearing will be held on April 6, and planning for development will continue.

This addition will expand the city limits of Center and allow for more housing as well as commercial and industrial development. It is exciting to imagine the growth of Center and the possibilities which could take place.

We need a planning board of interested people to lead the way for the development of this property and to visualize a future Center. Please consider stepping up to be part of this opportunity.





## ***KIT, THE NEW DRUG DOG HAS ARRIVED!***

Kit is a beautiful 11-month-old Dutch Shepherd. She just arrived from The Netherlands! Yes, The Netherlands! She is a narcotics dog and will complete her certification within the month. Sergeant Fresquez will again be our dog trainer. However, she is friendly and playful and will be interacting with all the officers. The canine program has been effective in addressing our drug problem, and we are glad to have Kit on board.

## **“LEAD” OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW START**

We are all well aware that substance abuse is a problem throughout our nation. Sometimes a person who has a relatively minor clash with the law can eventually become involved in more serious crime.

Our police department is now online with LEAD—Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, a program to help non-violent offenders with substance abuse problems. LEAD offers counseling and programs to assist people who are ready to take on this challenge.

All officers are trained for the identification and referral of potential candidates for the LEAD program. Two persons are already enrolled. Kudos to all involved. For questions, call Chief Meek at 754-2442.

## **SPRUCING UP TOWN HALL**

Town Hall will be receiving a stucco touch-up and paint job, starting this month, by Flawless Construction, a Center business. The office area has also been set up with new desks and dividers. And the police officers have painted the department upstairs and installed dividers so that each officer has his/her own desk space. Looking good!

## **PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON WORTH STREET**

The Town Board passed an ordinance restricting parking on Worth Street from 2:00 to 6:00 am starting in the near future. This will make it easier for our crew to clear Worth Street of snow and debris. Thanks for your cooperation.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congrats to Town employee, Tom Schoonover for recently passing the test for his class D water license. Good job, Tom!

## **REMINDERS**

**Spring is coming.** Winds will be blowing. Please keep your trash and trash totes under control.  
**Dog licenses** needed to be renewed by January 31, 2021. Cost is \$10 for un-neutered dogs, \$5 for neutered dogs.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH**

**March 6, Saturday, 9:00 am:** Coffee with the Chief, Town Hall.

**March 9, Tuesday, 6:00 pm:** Town Board Meeting, Town Hall.

**March 23, Tuesday, 6:00 pm:** Town Board Meeting, Town Hall.



**\*Please check Nixel or the Post Office bulletin board for any late-breaking decisions on meeting times.**

**HAPPY Saint Patrick's Day!**