



# TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## **SOLSTICE IN CENTER HAPPENING ON JUNE 19 !!!**



A major summer event will be happening in Downtown Center on June 19 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm. To celebrate the longest days of the year and Center's progress, let's come out for a good time and some interesting entertainment. The intersection at Worth and 4th Streets will be blocked off for the event. Here is what to watch for:

- A Maker's and Craft Fair for all to display their talents at quilting, baking, jewelry-making, painting, woodworking, or whatever you create. All are welcome. No charge for set-up. Register at Town Hall to participate.
- Salida Circus performing their amazing acts throughout the day.
- View some improvements to the downtown properties recently purchased and being renovated.
- Food available for sale.
- Live Music.
- Beer for sale at Sierra Bar limited to a roped off area.
- 2MX2 Band from Denver starting at 6:00 pm.

### **Calling on Center Historians!**

If you have knowledge of the history of Center businesses or buildings on Main Street, please share that information with us.

Let the folks at Town Hall know or contact Kyli Kehler (formerly of Center) at 719-849-8551 or [kkeehler@bhfs.com](mailto:kkeehler@bhfs.com). Old photographs would be wonderful.

We thank supporters of this event including Steve Huey and Krystal Anton, Downtown Colorado, Inc., Nancy Molina with Colorado Trust, and other donors.

## **COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY RESCHEDULED**



Due to lack of community participation, the clean-up day scheduled for May 22 has been reset for June 11 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The goal of this clean-up day is to do a sweep of the entire town from Broadway east to the edge of town, picking up trash on the roadsides.

We will meet at the school parking lot. The Town will provide trash bags. We need folks to sign up at Town Hall so we know what times you will be able to help and also to know how many hot dogs and hamburgers to buy for lunch at the park afterward. This is a chance for us all to pitch in and give some time to improve our community. Let's come out, get the job done, and have lunch together, too. See you there.

## **MERAZ PROPERTY SOLD**

The Town awarded the bid for the property at 5th and Wills Streets to Arnaldo and Natalia Hernandez for the construction of a home. The Hernandez's are business owners here in Center. Congratulations!



## VISTA VOLUNTEER FOR CENTER

Keith Brockhurst, a Vista volunteer, will soon be arriving in Center to spend the year working with us on economic development. Keith is from Annapolis, Maryland and is a recent graduate of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. We welcome Keith and look forward to his involvement in our community.

### POSITIONS FILLED AT TOWN HALL

Paula Martinez was recently hired as the new full-time financial officer. Paula has many years of financial experience and will be working closely with Rubin-Brown Consulting in Denver, as well as with Rose DeHerrera.

Rebecca Potter was hired for the position of Water/Wastewater Technician. She comes to us with C licenses in both water and wastewater. She will soon be ready to test for her B licenses.

Welcome aboard, Paula and Rebecca.

### UH-OH! ANOTHER DELAY!

Did you notice that our most recent utility bills did NOT have the new metered rates for water use? Various snags have occurred with the new system which delayed installation of the last few meters. Also, the new heavy duty lids, designed just for Center, have not arrived, but should be installed by the end of July.



We expect the July utility bill to reflect those new water rates. Get ready!

### TREES PLANTED AT CASA BLANCA PARK

Over the winter, five of our trees at Casa Blanca Park died. These were replaced recently to restore the full lineup of trees. One additional tree was planted at Community Park.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE

**June 1, Tuesday: National Say Something Nice Day.** Give it a try—it'll feel SOOOO good!

**June 5, Saturday, 9:00am,** Coffee with the Chief, at the Town Hall

**June 8, Tuesday, 6:00 pm:** Town Board Meeting, Town Hall.

**June 11, Friday, 8:00am – 12:00 noon Community Cleanup:** Meet at the school parking lot at 8:00am, then the clean-up crew will meet afterwards for hamburgers and hot dogs at the park.

**June 19, Saturday, 12:00 noon – 8:00 pm, Solstice in Center "Happening":** Intersection of Worth and Fourth Streets, Craft Fair, circus, food and beer for sale, 2MX2 Band from Denver starting at 6:00 pm, and more!

**June 22, 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.**

