



# TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## ***CENTER'S WATER USAGE IMPROVES NOTABLY***

Check out the numbers for the amount of water we have used so far in 2021. As of July 31, we have used 99,384,685 gallons of water compared to 130,335,327 gallons of water used last year at this time. That is nearly 31 million gallons less. Good for us! We can do this!

The water meter billing system is still being worked on. It has been a difficult process but we're getting there. Thanks for your patience



## ***CENTER'S PARKS LOOKING GOOD***

Have you noticed how great our parks are looking this year? The trees and grass are beautiful. Kudos to Anthony, Robbie, and Pete for their hard work. And thanks to those citizens who take the time to use the trash cans.

## ***SPEAKING OF TREES.....***

We notice that a number of trees have been cut down in Center this year. That's a good thing if trees are dead, diseased, or dangerous, but overall we want to see a healthy stand of trees in our town for the reasons that follow. Trees do these things for us:

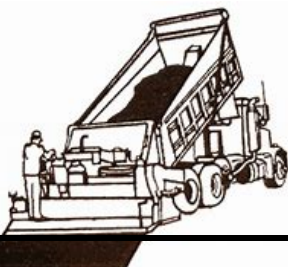
- They are home for many birds and animals.
- They feed us with nuts and fruits.
- They clean the air, the water, and the soil.
- They help us save energy.
- They give us paper and wood.
- They hold the soil in place.
- They make the world a prettier place.
- They give us medicines.
- They provide shade. They make air for us to breathe.



We can help to beautify Center by caring for the trees we have now, planting young trees for our children's future, and learning all we can about trees. We have many Chinese elm trees in Center, which can be a nuisance if not kept trimmed and under control. We all know how those millions of seeds plant themselves in unwanted places. Watch for a list of trees recommended to grow and thrive in our area.

## ***STREET PAVING POSTPONED FOR THIS YEAR***

The paving of streets in West Center will be postponed until next year because the Saguache County Road and Bridge Department is unable to obtain oil which is needed for paving. We hope to get this done in 2022.



## ***SPEED LIMIT WILL BE LOWERED IN CENTER***



Did you know that the current speed limit in Center is 30 mph in the residential areas? The Town Board and many citizens feel that we need to reduce the speed here in town. The Board will be acting on an ordinance to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph in all residential areas unless otherwise marked. This will be considered at the September 14 meeting.

## ***REMINDERS***

**Please post your house number.** All residences in Center MUST have house numbers posted. This is necessary so services such as ambulance, fire, and other services can reach your home if needed. The water meter project has been hindered by lack of house numbers. Citations (\$50) will be given for non-compliance.

**Retrieve yard sale signs.** If you are having a yard sale and have posted signs throughout the town, please remember to remove those signs after your yard sale is over. Let's keep our town looking neat.

**Please remove weeds.** Weeds are still lurking about many properties. You are responsible for removing weeds on your property including your alley and the town right-of-way in front of your home.



## ***GRANT SUBMITTED FOR DOWNTOWN FACELIFT***

The Town has applied for a "Main Street Open for Business" grant which will provide funding for improvements to the facades of some businesses on main street. We appreciate the new look that some buildings are displaying and we hope to see more. If we do not receive this grant, we fully intend to keep trying.

## ***END OF SUMMER BASH A "SMASH" HIT!***

Beautiful weather (if a bit hot), enthusiastic crowds, great music, and a friendly atmosphere made for a very successful and fun **End of Summer Bash**. The day started with a delightful, Center-sized parade with lots of participants decked out in tie dye and throwing candy to eager children. From there, we all gathered at Casa Blanca Park for a fun day of great music, food, Salida Circus acts, a bounce house, creative vendors, and good socializing. We thank hard-working town employees for their efforts in setting up, taking down, and keeping it all rolling. We also thank volunteers for their help, those who provided security, and all Center citizens for coming out and participating to make an enjoyable day.



## ***CENTER TO BE FEATURED ON TV!!!***

PBS Public Broadcasting System will be featuring Center's Farmworker Housing Program on TV Channel 6, airing in September. We can all be proud of this project, which has received several recognitions. The projected date is Thursday, September 2, at 7:00 pm on "Colorado Voices."

## ***EAGLE LINE SHUTTLE WANTS YOUR COMMENTS***

The Eagle Line Shuttle is asking for input to improve the transportation system that is offered to us here for the towns of Center, Saguache, Del Norte, and Monte Vista. If you have comments about their convenience, reliability, or challenges, contact them at [www.slvtransitplan.com](http://www.slvtransitplan.com) or let Town Hall staff know.

Remember, the shuttle will pick you up at Alta Convenience Store on Tuesdays at 8:48 am for a trip to Salida, returning at 3:30pm. The trip to Alamosa starts at 9:03 am on Wednesdays, returning at 3:17 pm also at Alta Convenience Store. Fare for the trip to Salida is \$6.00 round trip; for the trip to Alamosa is \$4.00 round trip. **For more information, call 719-530-8980.**

## ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER***

**September 6, Wednesday, all day:** Labor Day, Town Hall closed all day.

**September 14, Tuesday, 6:00 pm:** Town Board Meeting, Town Hall.

**September 28, 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.**