



TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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Enter the contests, win a prize?

CHRISTMAS IN CENTER!!!

While we wait for snow, the Christmas spirit is arriving here in Center right on time. Christmas decorations are showing up downtown and throughout the neighborhoods. Shopping is picking up and children are eager. Christmas activities are being planned by our local gnomes and elves.

The annual parade will be held on December 18 at 1:00 pm and everyone is invited to participate and attend. To enter a float or exhibit in the parade, please sign up at Town Hall. Lineup for parade participants will begin at 12:30 at the north end of Worth Street at Second Street. The parade will proceed to Casa Blanca Park where Santa Claus will be a special guest. Raffle drawings will also be held there. You must be present to win.

Prizes for floats will be awarded:

- ◆ \$100 for 1st prize
- ◆ \$75 for 2nd prize, and
- ◆ \$50 for 3rd prize.

Prizes will also be awarded for home lighting displays:

- ◆ \$100 for 1st place
- ◆ \$75 for 2nd place, and
- ◆ \$50 for 3rd place.



We appreciate those residents who go to the time and effort to decorate their homes. Our Town looks so beautiful and the displays add so much to the spirit of Christmas. Thank you.

2022 BUDGET IS READY TO GO

The budget process has been underway all fall with the Town employees and department heads planning for next year's work and activities and the funding needed to carry out the important work of the Town of Center. The process starts with the 2020 audit, the 2021 financial reports, and a study of our financial status and management progress.



The Town's responsibilities include the overall public services, including the police department, our streets and parks, municipal courts, building and planning, economic development, our utility enterprises (light and power, gas, and water) and the general well-being of our community. All of these require funding, maintenance, and administrative oversight. Our revenues and expenses amount to about \$7,000,000. Center employs approximately 25 people and needs the support and input of all our citizens.

Our budget is due to the state on December 31 after preparation by the Town administration and a hearing and presentation to the citizens of Center. **THE BUDGET HEARING IS DECEMBER 14, 2021 AT 6:00 PM** at the Town Hall before the regular Town Board meeting. All citizens are encouraged to attend and ask questions.

CENTER TOWN ELECTIONS COMING UP APRIL 5, 2022

RUN FOR TOWN BOARD!

Three positions for Town Trustee will be open this spring. This is an opportunity for any citizen who is a registered voter and a resident of Center to serve their community by running for Town Board.

To run for office, you must get a "Nomination Petition" at the Town Hall, and obtain valid signatures of 10 eligible Center voters who want to see you nominated to run for Trustee. Nomination petitions will be available at the Town Hall on January 4, 2022. Completed petitions are due on January 24, 2022. The election will be April 5, 2022. It will be a mail-in ballot election.

Serving on the Town Board is interesting and rewarding, and it requires dedication and time to prepare for and attend meetings. A lot is happening in Center with the Downtown efforts, the North 90 Addition, the utility upgrades, and other initiatives. We suggest that potential candidates prepare themselves by attending Board meetings and becoming familiar with the Town's business.

Attention Natural Gas Customers:

GAS PRICES SET TO RISE IN DECEMBER

Due to the rising cost of natural gas occurring throughout our nation, gas prices for Center customers will rise by \$.19 per one hundred cubic feet (ccf). This rise in cost will be reflected on our December utility bills. We are aware of the impact this price increase will have on our citizens and we will do our best to keep prices as low as possible going forward.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER

December 14, Tuesday, 6:00 pm: BUDGET HEARING and Town Board Meeting, Town Hall (no other Town Board meeting this month).

December 18, Saturday, 1:00 pm: Christmas parade. Line-up for parade participants begins at 12:30 at the north end of Worth Street at Second Street.

December 22, Wednesday: Town Hall will close at noon, remaining closed Thursday and Friday, Dec 23 and 24 for Christmas.

December 27, Monday: Town Hall reopens.

December 30, Thursday: Town Hall closes at noon for New Year's.

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

Happy Holidays to all!