



TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY TOWN BOARD ACTION

January was a busy month for Town Board business. Following is a report on some of the decisions made which residents of Center will want to be aware of:

- The new DENTAL CLINIC is moving closer to reality. The Town Board has agreed to serve as the grantee agent for Valley Wide's application to DOLA (Colorado Department of Local Affairs) for \$600,000 for renovation of the former Kingdom Hall. Following a public hearing, the board also approved rezoning to commercial use for that property at 135 6th Street. Construction of the new dental clinic will begin in 2020. There will be no cost to the Town for this project.
- A conditional use permit was approved for a NEW BUSINESS at 714 Broadway. Enrique Aguilar will construct a new building to house his planned vehicle alignment business. We are anxious to see this project develop and to have this needed service in Center. Go Enrique!!
- The Board approved a request by Jade Communications, an Internet provider from Alamosa, to locate equipment on our new water tower to provide INTERNET AND TELEPHONE SERVICE to the citizens of Center. This will give us three choices for this service: CenturyLink, Cielo, and now Jade Communications.
- CODIFICATION IS COMPLETE! After several years of work by the current Town Board as well as the previous town board, all of Center's ordinances (laws) have been reviewed, updated, and compiled into an organized manual for easy reference. This completes one of the 2018 goals set by the Town Board. The manual is available at the Town Hall for any citizen wishing to review it.
- The Board decided to keep the TIMES AND DATES for Town Board meetings the same for 2019. Board meetings will continue to be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.



DOG LICENSING AND VACCINATION TO BE ENFORCED



The Town Board also discussed the dog situation we have here in Center. Love 'em or hate 'em, we do have a lot of dogs in Center. And many are running at large. We've had several vicious dog incidents and reports of people being intimidated by dogs running loose. We feel that the answer lies with dog owners being responsible to see that their dogs are licensed, vaccinated, controlled, and cared for. Dogs are not the problem. Irresponsible dog owners are the problem.

Police officers, animal control, and code enforcement will be citing any and all owners in violation. If you have more than one dog, ALL need to be licensed and vaccinated.

Fines could lead up to \$100 per violation.

BUSINESS AND CONTRACTORS' LICENSES: TIME TO RENEW

All business and contractors' licenses expire on December 31 and require renewal January 1 every year. If you are operating a business within the city limits, you are required to have a business or contractor's license. Citations will be issued.

CENTER SNOW REMOVAL POLICY BEING FOLLOWED

Homeowners are responsible for removing snow from sidewalks, driveways, and parking areas. Our maintenance crew removes snow only from streets per our policy.



WELLS ON CONSAUL PROPERTY HAVE GOOD WATER

Water testing of the wells on the Consaul property done by Sangre de Cristo Laboratory show that the water is good quality, compliant with drinking water standards.

DOWNTOWN COLORADO, INC. SENDS POSITIVE REPORT

Downtown Colorado met with representatives from the Town of Center, Town Board, M&M Liquor, K&J Thriftway, Martha's Fashions, and SLV Small Business Development Center on December 3 to discuss how we can better use technology to market our town and attract new business activity. The report cites positive points about Center and ways to improve.

The report cites these great things about Center:

- Available space for new business
- Our location right on Highway 112 and near Highway 285
- Closeness to the Sand Dunes, Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge, and other attractions
- Low cost of living
- Infrastructure improvements
- Youthful population
- Our own web page and Facebook page. By the way, like us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/TownofCenter/>



Recommendations for improvement include:

- Develop a more robust website
- Reach out to other communities to collaborate on businesses and attractions
- Recruit entertainment options
- Connect with online resources such as Colorado.com; StartupColorado; and ChooseColorado.com for tourism and business development. They suggest we focus on our Fourth of July celebration as a way to reach out.

Further meetings will be held to explore action plans. All businesses and interested citizens are invited to attend.

Mark your calendars for February 2019

February 11, Monday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm: Saguache County Commissioner visit, Town Hall.

February 12, Tuesday, 6:00 pm: Hearing on water metering, Town Hall.

February 12, Tuesday, 6:30 pm: Town Board meeting, Town Hall.

February 14, Thursday, all day: Valentine's Day. Do something nice for someone you love . . . then do something nice for someone you don't love. Let's build community in our town, our state, and our country!

February 18, Monday, all day: Presidents' Day. Town Hall closed all day.

February 26, Tuesday, 6:30: Town Board Meeting, Town Hall.

