



# Ensure Quality of Life

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## The Bennett Bulletin

*a community retrospective*



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# GOODBYE 2014!

*A Minute from the Mayor...*



2014 was a busy exciting year, and 2015 promises to continue that trend!

This newsletter is focusing on the events of 2014, and there are some fun photos that remind us of the events throughout the seasons. These photos and stories focus on the visible things that happened during the year. I'd like to share some of our priorities that aren't so visible but are necessary and required a lot of work.

We continue to work on infrastructure, and we will be moving forward with replacing two wells next spring. We are moving forward with the design for the new wastewater treatment facility that we need to meet increasing federal standards, and we are working with the Fire

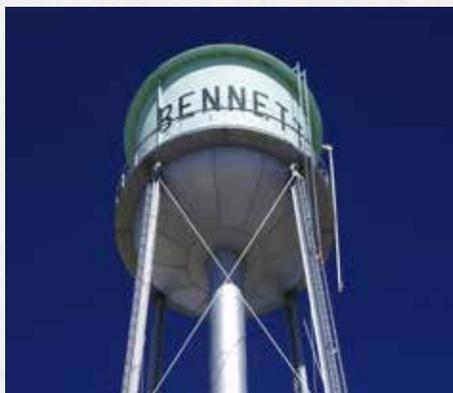


District to develop the design for a joint Municipal Center in Civic Park near the Military Memorial. Lastly, we continue to explore options for much needed road repair. You will be hearing

more about our progress in these areas in 2015.

We also saw the addition of several businesses this year, which will complement our already existing businesses. We are expecting more plans to move forward in 2015.

You've told us that all of these activities and plans make Bennett an exciting and fun place to live, and we thank you for your input and feedback and encourage you to continue to tell us what you want for your town.



### Town Offices

#### Town Hall

355 4th Street  
P. (303) 644-3249

#### Administration

7:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Monday - Thursday  
Closed Fridays

#### Public Works

365 Palmer Avenue  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Monday - Friday

# 2014 TOWN EVENTS



Civic Center Park. The Town, in collaboration with Adams County and the Corridor of Honor Committee, is proud of this new monument to all of our service members, past, present and future.



**W**hat a fun-filled year for the Town of Bennett! 2014 was chock-full of events. Thanks to your participation, our “Engage. Shape. Build.” series was a great success, and we gathered lots of useful feedback regarding the future of our wonderful town. Community Cleanup Day proved to be a hit as well, and we are happy to announce that in 2015 we will have a secure document disposal unit on-site again. Finishing off the first half of the year was the dedication of the Corridor of Honor Military Memorial in

**B**ennett Days 2014 was our biggest and best yet! We featured over 50 vendors, a parade, a free kids fun zone, live entertainment, a beer garden, and more. Thanks again to all of our wonderful sponsors, we couldn't have done it without your support!

**A**s 2014 began to wind down, the Town hosted the Eleventh Annual Chili Cook-off and Veterans Day Celebration.



December was no exception, with Breakfast with Santa, the Chili Supper benefiting Adams County Victims Advocate, the annual tree lighting as well as the annual Holiday Lighting Contest.

**L**ast but not least, this year the Town partnered with the I-70 Chamber of Commerce for the inaugural Christmas Along the Corridor celebration.



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*in the works with*  
**PUBLICWORKS**

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The Town entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Westminster for the usage of a crack sealing machine. This regional partnership was a significant cost savings to the Town.

Approximately 10,710 lbs. of crack sealant was applied to the Town's street system in eleven working days. This surpassed all expectations and increased the total application projection by 3 times the original amount.



*Winter is on its way!*



It is the goal of your Public Works Department to effectively and efficiently manage the snow season using as much manpower and equipment as is readily available in order to keep the streets clear and safe. Please keep in

mind their first priority is to maintain emergency access and egress routes. As a reminder, the two state highways that run through our Town, SH 36 and SH 79 are Colorado State roads and are the responsibility of CDOT. However, if they don't get there on time, Bennett Public Works will do what they can to assist in the process. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 303.644.3249.

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## MUNICIPAL COURT

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Municipal Court is held monthly at Town Hall and deals with violations of Town laws committed within Town limits. Generally, these laws involve traffic, shoplifting, disorderly conduct and other ordinance violations. Legislation is enforced by local law enforcement which is contracted out to Adams & Arapahoe County Sheriffs Departments.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Animal Control is excited to start construction on a new holding kennel for strays in 2015. Also, beginning in January 2015, the fee schedule will change for animal licenses, and the Town will begin collecting fees for impounded pets. The cost for spayed/neutered pets has gone

down! Seniors will now be receiving 50% off the cost of a spayed/neutered pet license.

Spayed/neutered cats & dogs will now be \$10. Intact animals will be \$25.

Discounted licensing in May 2015 for National Pet Month! Spayed/neutered pets will be discounted \$2!

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## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Our finance department is a highly skilled team in Finance, accounts Payable/Receivable, Utility Billing, Human Resources and Technology. Some of their responsibilities are to:

- Account for all Town revenue and expenditures
- Provide internal controls for financial security of Town funds
- Prepare quarterly reports, annual audit and budget
- Capital Improvement Program
- Provide human resource support to all Town departments
- Water and Waste Water Billing
- Manage Town technology for all departments
- Prepare and submit grant reports for the betterment of the Town

The complete 2015 budget will be filed with the State of Colorado on January 31, 2015 as well as posted to the Town website on December 31, 2014. This budget represents our continued commitment to prudent fiscal management.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This year we welcomed several new businesses to the town of Bennett. With these businesses comes new jobs, products and services, all of which add value to our small town community.

We are grateful for our business community and hope to foster an even more business friendly community in the coming year.



Tractor Supply Co  
200 Marketplace Drive



Pizza B's New Dining Room  
475 Palmer Avenue



Taco Bell  
1085 S First Street



JD's Country Pawn  
100 S First Street



Exquisite Glass, LLC  
554 W. Colfax Avenue  
A shower door & glass company

## *Eastern Plains Psychological Services*

EPPS located at 190 S. 1st Street is now open, offering mental health services and psychological and cognitive assessments to the I-70 corridor. Dr. Lisa Marr is a Bennett High School graduate who believes in the importance of giving back to her community. EPPS offers a compassionate, confidential, and genuine experience to children, adults, and families who are in need of mental health services. Flexible appointments (weekday and weekend) are available by contacting Dr. Marr at 720.810.1386.

## *Support Local Business!*

Did you know that when you support local businesses you support the Town of Bennett? When you shop locally it generates revenue for our Town. Three cents (\$.03) of every dollar goes into the Town's general fund which can be used in many different ways to help finance expenses such as: law enforcement, animal control, street repairs, snow removal, park maintenance and more. There are more than 35 different businesses within Town limits, and they all depend on support from the Bennett Community. Remember, when you shop locally, you not only support local business, you support your Town!

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU



All of the Town staff would like to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our Town Board of Trustees. You have all worked diligently and focused on the ongoing needs of our Town, how it could be improved, and how it can best be positioned for the future. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to our community.

Thank you,  
*Town Staff*