



# TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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Salute to Presidents Day, 2-21-22

## TOWN ELECTION SET FOR APRIL 5

Center residents will be choosing three Town Trustees to help guide the Town forward into the future. The election will be April 5, 2022. Six candidates have submitted their petitions to run. They are Bernadette Arellano, Richard Barela, Miriam Gonzalez, Bill McClure, James Sanchez, and Herman Sisneros. Voters may vote for no more than three candidates.



This will be a mail-in election with ballots mailed out to all registered Center voters on March 14. Ballots can be deposited in the ballot box in front of the Town Hall (not in the box in front of Public Health) by 7:00 pm on April 5. Ballots may also be mailed at the post office. Please do not turn in ballots at the front desk. If you are not registered to vote, please visit [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com) to get registered, or you can register at the County Courthouse in Saguache.

A Meet the Candidates event will be scheduled sometime in March at the Town Hall. This will be a good opportunity to meet those who are running for trustee, ask questions, and learn what are their ideas and hopes for Center.

Remember: this is not a popularity contest; it is for the selection of persons who you feel will be committed to the betterment of our Town.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW OFFERING POLICE K9 TRAINING



Under the leadership of Sgt. Aaron Fresquez, the Center Police Department is offering a Police Department K9 Training Academy to law enforcement agencies seeking to use trained dogs for drug detection and other law enforcement purposes.



Sgt. Fresquez has extensive training and experience in this area and recently completed a two-month course in North Carolina to become nationally certified as a police canine trainer.

The Academy provides training courses for both dog handlers and working dogs. Handler training includes classroom training as well as field and scenario training. The Academy can supply trained police dogs and "green" police dogs ready for training. These dogs are imported and screened with working dog bloodlines.

There are no other "train the trainer" programs in Southern Colorado so we are providing a needed service which is being utilized by several agencies. The program is entirely funded by donations, fund raising, and dog sales to other agencies.

## JOIN WATER TAP FEES DISCUSSION: FEBRUARY 8 MEETING

The Town Board will be discussing the rates for water tap fees at the February 8 board meeting. Tap fees have not been raised in many years and are currently not meeting the expenses of supplies and labor to tap into the water line. Center's rates are by far lower than other towns in the Valley.



The Board encourages citizens to attend this meeting and participate in the discussion.

## BLIGHT AND TRASH CONTROL STILL AN ISSUE IN CENTER



Though our Town is looking better and many have done a good job of cleaning up and improving their property, we still have a problem of weeds, trash, and junk in many places. We ask all citizens to take pride in their properties and make the effort to clean up and throw away old and unusable materials around their homes. To make the point, we will be enforcing the nuisance ordinance and issuing citations for violations. Let's all pitch in and clean up.



## COVID MASKS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL

Center Town Hall is a mask distribution center for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Residents may pick up, at no charge, up to 5 masks per person per month at the front counter. You must be present for pick-up.

## DOG LICENSES DUE FOR 2022

Licenses are due for all dogs in January of 2022. The cost is \$5 for neutered dogs, \$10 for unneutered dogs. Must have proof of rabies vaccination. **REMINDER:** Keep your dogs under control. Lots of dogs have been on the loose in town lately. They will be picked up eventually and the owners will be cited.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JANUARY 2022!

- February 8, Tuesday, 6:00 pm\*:** Town Board meeting, Town Hall.
- February 14, Monday:** Happy Valentine's Day to all Center residents!
- February 17, Thursday:** Random Acts of Kindness Day. How will you celebrate?
- February 21, Monday:** Presidents Day, Town Hall closed.
- February 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.

*Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!*

