



# TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## **PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSAUL PROPERTY APRIL 6**

The annexation of the Consaul property is underway and a public hearing on the matter is scheduled for April 6, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall. A public hearing is required so that all citizens have a chance to express their opinion on adding this 90-acre parcel to our Town.



If it passes, the boundaries of Center will extend to Road B to the north, the Frazier and Sky Line properties to the east, and Broadway to the west. The hearing is your chance to say if you like the idea or not and how you would like to see the property developed.

We hope to see lots of people attend this hearing because we want to hear all ideas for the addition. Please come.

## **WE'RE GREEN!! GOOD TO GO!! ... (WITH CAUTION)**

Saguache County is now designated in the green category for COVID risk, which means that all restrictions are lifted on outdoor activities, and restaurants may be open to full capacity. This is great news, but recommendations are still that we continue to wear masks and observe social distancing. We've done a good job and let's continue to keep the virus at bay.

With restrictions lifted and if we stay safe, we can move ahead with July 4<sup>th</sup> plans for a celebration. To have a really good bash, we need help from the community. We are looking for volunteers to assist with planning, advertising, set-up, and clean-up. Please step up and help Center to have a great July 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, let the Town Hall people know. We can do it together.

## **SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY COMING SOON**

Some of Center's new business owners and Downtown Colorado, Inc. are helping to sponsor a Summer Solstice Party on June 18 and 19.



We're not sure what this will look like, but we remember the fun we had at "Lights on Center" last fall on downtown main street. It will present an artistic theme and give us a look at some of the recently purchased buildings that were vacant for years. More info to come.

## **HEADS UP!**

The Town Council is considering a 5 mile-per-hour speed limit for all the alleys in Center. They will make the decision at a coming meeting.

## **BIDS ON MERAZ PARK PROPERTY DUE APRIL 15**

The Meraz Park property at 5th and Wills St. is out for bid for construction of housing. Bids are due April 15, 2021. The property is 3 3/4 lots. Utilities are available, but no hook-ups are in place. For questions, call Brian or Dave at 754-3497.

## **WATERING STARTS APRIL 15**

Once again, it's time to pull out the hoses and get the watering season started. The watering schedule will remain the same: Odd numbered houses will water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Even numbered houses will water on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. No watering on Mondays. Watering hours are 6:00 am to 10:00 am and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Soon (not in April), we will be billed for water according to metered amounts of water usage. If we are careful and conservative, water bills should be reasonable. Here are a few tips to keep your bills in check:

- ◆ Over-watering is not good for your grass: 20-30 minutes in one place is enough.
- ◆ Rainfall and cool spells reduce the need to water. Also, watering on windy days wastes water.
- ◆ A layer of mulch around plants and trees slows evaporation, and is good for the soil.
- ◆ Use drip irrigation or a soaker hose for watering your garden.

And inside our houses:

- ◆ Only run the washing machine and dishwasher when you have a full load.
- ◆ Check faucets and pipes for leaks and fix them.
- ◆ Use water carefully. Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- ◆ Install water-saving shower heads.



Thanks for your cooperation. Saving water is important in these dry times.

## **CELEBRATE EARTH DAY—April 22—WITH A SPRING CLEAN-UP!**

Let's all take extra pride in our homes, yards, and community and clean up accumulated trash, junk, and weeds. Limbs and weeds may be taken to the Consaul property, but no trash or garbage.

Did you know that we have an ordinance that requires everyone to have a trash service? Citizens can be cited if they have not arranged for trash pick-up.

## **REMINDERS**

Planning to dig—for fences, mailboxes, or planting trees? Call 811 before you dig! This is a free public service and prevents us from digging into utility lines. A \$300 fine could result for failure to call.

Licenses are required for all contractors, businesses, and vendors doing business in Center.

Licenses and vaccinations are also required for all dogs. Dogs at large will eventually be picked up and taken to the shelter. If they are not licensed, fines will be larger,

Please consider your neighbors, and keep boom boxes turned down. We do have a nuisance ordinance.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL**

**April 2, Friday, all day:** Town Hall closed for Good Friday.

**April 6, Tuesday, 5:00 pm:** Public Hearing on Consaul property annexation.

**April 13, Tuesday, 6:00 pm:** Town Board Meeting, Town Hall.

**April 15, Thursday:** first day of watering schedule begins.

**April 27, Tuesday, 5:00 pm:** Town Board Meeting, Town Hall.

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

