



TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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TOWN BOARD RENEWS CORONAVIRUS RESOLUTION

The Town Board discussed the coronavirus situation in Center at the June 23, 2020 meeting. Because the virus is still active, and we have now had 3 deaths of Center citizens, the Board renewed last month's resolution effective until July 31, 2020. The inconvenience to all of us is recognized, but the protection of our citizens and stopping the spread of the virus are of utmost importance. The resolution requires that:

1. All persons shall wear face coverings
 - a. when entering and while inside a place of business open to the public
 - b. in other public indoor or outdoor places where persons are unable to keep a 6-foot distance from others not of their household.
2. All businesses are required
 - a. to enforce face mask coverings by members of the public prior to entering their business
 - b. to monitor safe distancing (6 feet or more) among customers not of the same household
 - c. to have all employees wearing face coverings during their working shift.
 - d. Exceptions. Face coverings are not required
 - i. for children under 2 years of age or
 - ii. for persons working in a professional office who do not have face-to-face contact with the public
3. The public is encouraged to wear face masks that
 - a. fit snugly and cover the mouth and nose
 - b. are secured with ties or ear loops
 - c. include multiple layers of cloth or other semi-permeable material
 - d. allow for breathing without restriction
 - e. are able to be laundered without damage or change to shape.

Fight Covid-19

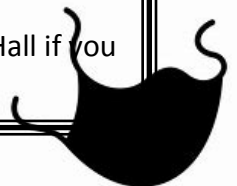


Thank you for your cooperation. Thank you to all those who continue to work to serve our community and to provide for their families. Let's stay strong together and get through this pandemic.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A MASK . . .

The Town has a small number of masks available after July 3 for those who may not have one.

Stop by Town Hall if you need a mask.



MUNICIPAL COURT NEWS

Center Municipal Judge Rita Stanley has resigned from her position. Barbara

Zollars, current Municipal Judge from Monte Vista, will serve as interim judge for the next 3 months. At that time, advertising will take place for a permanent replacement.



CENTER POLICE DEPARTMENT ENLISTS NEW DRUG DOG



At the June 9, 2020 meeting, the Town Board approved the addition of Maverick, a drug dog, to the police force. Maverick, a Belgian Malinois (shepherd), is currently going through training and certification by State and Federal government agencies, a process that will take 3-4 weeks. Maverick is strictly a drug dog, NOT a bite or attack dog, obtained for the purpose of addressing the drug problem in Center. Sergeant Aaron Fresquez will be his handler. Several generous donors contributed to the addition of the dog to the department.

When the dog's certification is completed, the police will be doing public demonstrations of his abilities. At that time, citizens will be welcome to attend and ask questions.

In other police news, Chief Meek will soon conduct an education initiative to inform Town Board and Neighborhood Watch members on the reasonable use of force. Information will be provided on how officers decide on which use of force to apply.

After the break due to the coronavirus, Chief Meek is planning to start Coffee with the Chief and Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings sometime this month. Watch for notification of meeting times. All Center residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.



REMINDERS TO ALL CENTER RESIDENTS

1. **Weed season is upon us.** We are all responsible to keep weeds in check in our yards, alleys, and right-of-ways. Our town is looking good. Let's keep it that way.
2. **Watering days are:** Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday for houses with odd numbers; Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday for houses with even numbers. No watering on Monday. Times for watering are 6:00-10:00 am and 6:00-9:00 pm. Please abide by these rules. Citations will be issued to violators.
3. **Call before you dig!** Many folks are doing home improvement projects or fence building/replacement. Remember to call 811 BEFORE digging. Someone will come to check if there are any underground pipes or wires that may be in your digging area. This is very important to avoid problems. There is NO CHARGE for this service.



TOWN HALL REMAINS CLOSED

The Town Hall will remain closed until July 31. Business will continue to be done through the window on the north side of the building. All Town employees are now back at work on their regular schedule while practicing all the recommended protocols.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JULY

July 2, Thursday: Town hall hours will be from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

July 3, Friday: Town Hall closed for 4th of July holiday

July 14, Tuesday, 5:00 pm: Town Board Meeting, via phone conference call.

July 28, Tuesday, 5:30 pm: Town Board Meeting, via phone conference call.

