



# TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## **SUMMER SOLSTICE A BIG SUCCESS**

The Solstice in Center celebration provided lots of fun and good entertainment for the many participants who attended on Saturday, June 19 at CasaBlanca Park.

In spite of a couple of brief rain showers, the mood was upbeat, and fun was in the air. DJ Big Sexy from San Luis and the emcee, Mouth of the South, kept things in motion while the crowd enjoyed the various features. The Salida Circus showed us some amazing aerial acts set to music, acrobatics, professional juggling, sleight of hand, and a 10-foot lady.



The Taiko Drummers from Crestone were stunning with their precision, rhythm, and pure sounds. Tours of the Frontier Drive-In project and a downtown history presentation were offered.

Delicious food, creative crafters, dancing in the street, and socializing kept everyone busy. The 2MX2 band from Denver entertained in the evening. It is amazing the talent we have right in our own backyard. Thanks to all who made this possible.

## **COMMUNITY LOOKING SPIFFIER AFTER CLEAN-UP DAY**



Town employees and some Town Board members donned their work gloves and grabbed orange plastic bags on Friday, June 11 to do a clean-up of streets and town right-of-ways from Broadway east to Torrez and from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Hwy 112.

They filled many orange bags with trash of all descriptions. Some residents joined in at their own properties. Afterwards, hamburgers and hot dogs were enjoyed at the park by the workers.

The improvement is noticeable and we hope to do this cleanup again. We can all participate by keeping our own properties clean. Remember: We are each responsible for the alley and right-of-way next to our property. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping Center looking good.

## **SUMMER BASH DATE CHANGED TO AUGUST 28**

Due to scheduling and participation conflicts, the Center Summer Bash will be held on August 28, 2021 instead of August 21 as previously reported. Look forward to entertainment, vendors, and fun!

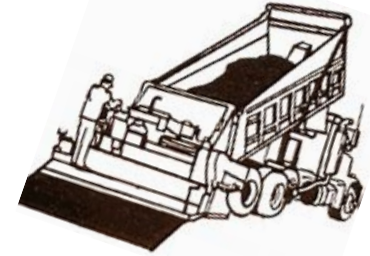
## **WELCOME TO NEW VISTA VOLUNTEER**

Warm welcome to Vista Volunteer, Keith Brockhurst. Keith will join us in Center beginning July 6<sup>th</sup> through the coming year. He will be assisting us in economic development efforts and other activities. Welcome to Center, Keith.



## **PAVING OF WEST CENTER WILL BEGIN SOON**

Paving of the streets west of Washington St will begin July 19. For those residents living in this area, please keep your vehicles back off the pavement during this time.



## **NEW WATER METER LIDS TO BE INSTALLED SOON—SAVE SOME WATER!**

From July 6-16, a crew will be here to install new lids on water meter pits to replace the current ones which are not up to quality.

During these dates, July 6-16, the water will be shut off from time to time so **it would be wise to keep a small supply of water stored up.** Thank you for your patience.

## **BEATRICE GUTIERREZ RECOGNIZED**

Beatrice Gutierrez was awarded the Chief's Community Award at the June 8 Town Board meeting for her service as Victim's Advocate for those victimized by crime. Beatrice has gone above and beyond her call of duty to attend to the needs and concerns of crime victims not only from Center, but also from Saguache and Monte Vista. We thank Beatrice for her boundless service and dedication.



## **COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF TO INCLUDE USE OF FORCE TRAINING**

On Friday, July 9, at 3:00 pm our Center Police will be presenting a training for citizens on Center's "Use Of Force Policy." This will be held at the Town Hall and will show us how police handle situations that call for forceful measures. The training will include an explanation of the use of tasers and an opportunity to witness two officers being tased.

All citizens are welcome to attend.

## **REMINDER: HELP KEEP CENTER CLEAN**

Citizens of Center are responsible for removing weeds and trash from the alleys and town right-of-ways next to our properties. Let's all do our part to keep our town clean. Thank you.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JULY**

**July 5, Monday.** Independence Day observed. Town Hall closed all day.

**July 9, Friday, 3:00 pm:** Coffee with the Chief—Training on "Use of Force Policy," at the Town Hall.

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

**July 27, 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.**