



# TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## ***DRUG DOG SHOWS HIS SKILLS***



Maverick, our new drug dog, made a good impression on Center citizens who attended Coffee with the Chief on July 25, 2020. With his handler, Sergeant Aaron Fresquez, Maverick demonstrated his ability to go to work on command, sniff out drugs in designated cars, and sit at attention when the drugs were found. Maverick is trained in detecting many types of illicit drugs and is able to locate them in vehicles, on persons, and in residences. He and Sergeant Fresquez have completed their national and state certification for detection of narcotics.

An interested anonymous donor has provided funding for a vehicle which is fully equipped for a dog with a specialized cage and heat sensors to alert the handler if the temperature in the car becomes unsafe. The Town thanks this generous donor.

Sergeant Fresquez noted that petting Maverick by the public will not be allowed, as he is trained specifically for drug detection and the protection of his handler.

**Need Help with Utility Bills?**

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## ***INTRODUCING NEW CENTER POLICE OFFICERS***

The Center Police Department has added two new officers to our police force. This step has rounded out our force at seven officers and will provide near 24-hour coverage. Both officers are Colorado POST certified.

**Deanna Lopez** was born and raised in Santa Fe. She will serve as School Resource Officer in Center schools for approximately 20 hours per week and will be a regular on the force for the remaining 20 hours.

Deanna is currently completing field officer training. She will be taking advanced training for School Resource Officer and has started work on her AA degree in criminal justice.

**Adriona Fresquez** is from a Del Norte family of law enforcement personnel, with her father, mother, and two brothers active in the profession. She is a graduate of a college in Nebraska where she played college basketball. She has some training as a medic. Adriona is currently recovering from a knee injury, but will be enrolled in the Field Training Officer program in about two weeks.

In recruiting officers for the Center Police Department, Chief Meeks is looking for education as well as training, and both Officers Lopez and Fresquez meet this requirement.

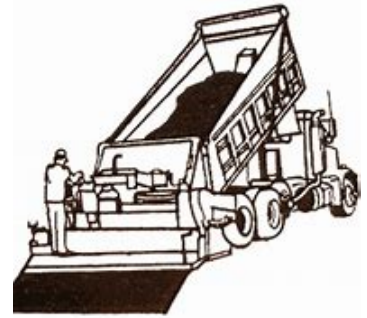


## ***STREET PAVING UNDERWAY***

With the completion of the new electrical lines and soon-to-be completion of water meter installation, we have moved to the next step in infrastructure improvements. All north—south streets east of Broadway and all east—west streets from Second Street to Highway 112 are being paved by the Saguache County Road and Bridge crew.

Funding for the paving is available from Center citizens who have been paying a 1% sales tax since 1983 when a sales tax issue was passed by Center voters to raise money for street improvements. The paving will cost about \$550,000 and will be fully paid for with this sales tax money.

Congratulations, Center citizens!



## ***ATTENTION! HAVE YOUR WATER METER YET?***

Water meter plans show that all residences in Center now have a new water meter. If, by chance, your residence has not had a water meter installed, please notify Town Hall.

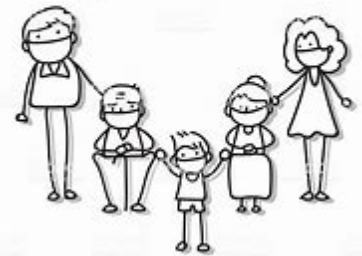
## ***CORONAVIRUS UPDATE***

According to the latest data, the efforts of Center citizens are keeping the coronavirus at bay. Please keep following the guidelines, so we can beat this virus and return to our normal lives.

1. Wear a mask when entering and while inside a place of business open to the public.
2. Maintain a distance of six (6) feet or more from persons not of your household.
3. Avoid gatherings of more than ten (10) people.
4. Wash hands frequently.

Thank you for your cooperation. Thanks 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.

## ***Fight Covid-19***



## ***NEED HELP WITH YOUR UTILITY BILL?***

The Rainbow's End Thrift Store has given the Town a sum of money to help Center citizens affected by the coronavirus with their utility bills. To request this help, call La Puente at 589-5909.

## ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST***

**August 11, Tuesday, 4:30 pm:** Workshop and Town Board Meeting, via phone conference call.

**August 25, Tuesday, 5:30 pm:** Town Board Meeting, via phone conference call.

(Please check meeting agenda at [www.centerco.gov](http://www.centerco.gov) to verify meeting start times.)

