



TOWN OF CENTER NEWSLETTER

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Take a guess . . .

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF CENTER'S ASSETS?

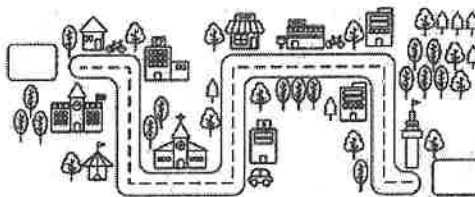
Would you believe the Town of Center has nearly \$8 million in assets!? No kidding!

And what *IS* an asset, you ask? Our assets include the Town's property and systems. And Center has lots of assets: buildings, streets, sidewalks, our gas utility, electric utility, water utility, drainage system, parks, open space, the Consaul property, and other things. In the past, we've never had a full list—or inventory—of all our assets. But now we do.

An inventory of all Center's assets was just completed and presented to the Town Board at the October 13 meeting. It includes photographs of all assets, aerial photos of the town, detailed maps, and lists of all Town properties including their value, age, condition, location, cost of replacement, and years of expected use.



The cost to complete the inventory was \$90,000. Fortunately, the entire cost was paid by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs DOLA. No cost to the Town! How can we use this Asset Inventory? Why is it important?



It is a very useful management tool to us as individual residents, as well as to the Town. The part that can be useful to all of us residents is a collection of maps of each block in Center showing the location of houses, gas, water, and electric lines, power poles, street lights, fire hydrants, fences, isolation valves, and other features within that block. If you need to know specific details of

your property, you may come in to the Town Hall and ask to see these maps. They may help you in planning additions or repairs to your property.

The Town will use this information to show us what we need to plan and save for to keep our Town in good repair and to avoid serious breakdowns or disasters.

Our Asset Inventory reports that Center's assets are in overall average condition, considering that some of our systems were built in the 1960s. It makes recommendations for future improvements and expected costs of these improvements. It notes that Center is projected to grow from a population of 2,501 people in 2020 to 3,979 people in 2040. So we'll keep growing, improving, and beautifying for years to come.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE HIRED

Barbara Zollars, who has served as interim judge for the past 3 months, was hired for the permanent position at the October 13 Town Board meeting. Judge Zollars is an attorney and is currently serving as municipal judge for Monte Vista. She is looking forward to standardizing our court procedures as part of her job. Municipal Court will be held every third Wednesday at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall. Town Hall will be closed for other business at 5:00 pm on all court days.



Was Your Business Hit by COVID?

You May Qualify for Help!

Small businesses that lost revenue from March 2020 to the present due to the coronavirus can contact Town Hall for mini-grants from Center's CARES Act funding. Churches, restaurants, beauty/barber shops, and others qualify.

A brief description stating how your business was affected will be required.

Looking for a Job?

We're Looking for a Dispatcher

The Town will be hiring a new dispatcher. Applications can be picked up at the Town Hall and are due on November 13.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT . . .

Center has been selected in the next step to become the site for the Art Presentation reported in the October newsletter. This would be a traveling sculpture assembled on the Consaul



property by nationally known artist, Doug Aitken. Center was chosen over Boulder and Aspen!!! There are other considerations to be made before the final selection, but we're hoping to see some action by summer. Never underestimate what Center has to offer!

WINTER REMINDERS

With two snowstorms already behind us, it is clear that winter is at hand and we need to be prepared. This is the season to get heaters and water heaters serviced for the winter. Fire, smoke and CO-2 detectors should be checked for new battery replacement. Watering season was over on October 15.



Daylight Standard Time begins on November 1. Be sure to turn your clocks back.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

All dogs need to be contained and under control. At-large dogs are being picked up by the Town. All dogs within the Center city limits need to be licensed and vaccinated annually according to Town ordinance. This is required by January 31, 2021.

GOOD THINGS AT THE RAINBOW'S END

Anniversary Sale at Rainbow's End Thrift Store on November 3-6 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Everything storewide will be priced at \$1.00!

Thanksgiving Food Boxes will be given at Rainbow's End. Sign up for a box starting November 3 at Rainbow's End Food Bank. Boxes will be distributed on November 21 to those who sign up. Sign up early, as slots will fill up quickly.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NOVEMBER



November 1, 2020, 2:00 am: Daylight Standard Time begins

November 14, 10:00 am: Coffee with the Chief, location to be determined.

November 9, Monday, all day: Opening of new Dental Clinic, 6th and Broadway. Come check it out!

November 10, Tuesday, 6:00 pm*: Town Board Meeting.

November 11, Wednesday, all day: Veterans Day, Town Hall closed.

November 24, Tuesday, 6:30 pm*: Town Board Meeting.

November 25-27, Wednesday-Friday, Thanksgiving holiday: Town Hall closes at 1 pm on Wednesday, and will remain closed Thursday and Friday.

***Please check meeting times on the Post Office bulletin board to verify meeting start times.**