



The HUDSON CONNECTION

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VETERANS MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER OFF TO A GREAT START

With two months of fundraising completed thus far, the Hudson Veterans Memorial Committee has raised \$13,000 in cash contributions. Gold Sponsors include Anadarko and The Geo Group – Hudson Correctional Facility; Silver Sponsors include United Power; and Bronze Sponsors include Bank of Colorado, Colorado East Bank & Trust, and Industrial Facilities Engineering. The Bowen Family, Faris Machinery Company, Raymond Derr – CPA, and the Colorado law firm of Hayes, Phillips, Hoffmann and Carberry sponsored purchase of the memorial benches. Flagpoles for the memorial are being sponsored by the Hudson Public Library. The 11,300 pound white marble pedestal was donated by Colorado Stone Quarries. Cash contributions directed towards the purchase of personalized brick pavers and large engraved tiles make of the majority of the remaining balance. If you are interested in purchasing a personalized brick paver, you can stop by Town Hall or go to our town website at www.hudsoncolorado.org to get an application. Bricks are 4”x8” and can hold up to three lines of text up to 20 characters per line (including spaces and

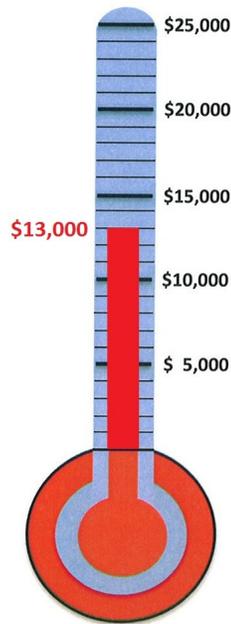
punctuation). Bricks can be purchased for \$40 each. Large engraved tiles are also available for \$250. These personalized tiles are 8”x8” in size and can hold up to six lines of text up to 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation). Brick and tile applicants will be sent a Certificate acknowledging the purchase and the wording to be placed on the brick or tile. All checks should be made out to “Town of Hudson,” with “Veterans Memorial” written on the memo line.

For those individuals or companies that would like to be a Gold, Silver or Bronze Sponsor, your contributions of cash and/or labor fall into one of the following levels:

- Gold Sponsor: \$2,500 or more
- Silver Sponsor: \$1,000 - \$2,499
- Bronze Sponsor: \$500 - \$999

An engraved plaque will be placed at the memorial acknowledging your contributions.

We continue to seek in-kind donations for construction related purposes and labor required to complete the veterans memorial project. Construction of the memorial is scheduled to begin this spring. If you are interested in volunteering your time and services, please call Town Hall at (303)536-9311.



Hudson Veterans Memorial
Cash Contributions
as of February 3, 2012



WATER NOTICE

Included on page 7 of this issue is a notice to customers of the Town’s water system regarding a temporary violation of TTHM levels in the 4th quarter of 2011. Call Town Hall if you have questions.

New Year, New Opportunities! Check it Out at the Library!

Terri Redden, Director

If this is the year you've made a resolution to learn how to use the computer, you're in luck. We offer classes to *"Get To Know Your Computer"*. The classes are part of *your tax investment*. Please take advantage of these classes and everything the library has to offer. Space is limited. Even though there is no cost, offering them takes extra staff and additional library hours. In other words, if you register, please make an effort to show up. We have calendars at the library and town hall to help with the scheduling. Call or visit us to sign up.

Free Business Counseling. Free business counseling sessions are held once a month at the Hudson Public Library. These valuable sessions are intended to help emerging entrepreneurs gain



control of their business operations by providing free guidance and counseling in all aspects of funding and

developing small business. If you need templates for your business plan, cash flow statements, and profit and loss templates or if you need to have your business analyzed, this service is for you. To make an appointment visit or contact the Hudson Public Library (303) 536-4550 or call Jesse Esparza of the Small Business Development Center @ 720-837-0416. Counseling hours are: Every 2nd Wednesday: 12:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. or by appointment.

Small Business Start-Up Seminar, March 14th 2:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. This Seminar will provide an overview of the steps needed to launch a business, including: legal structures; required licenses and forms; tax requirements; business planning; and financial considerations. People starting new businesses can attend this course before pursuing individualized business counseling with the Northeast-East Central Colorado SBDC.

English as a Second Language classes are coming to the library on Monday nights at 5:30, beginning on February 28th. Stop by the Hudson Public Library, 555 Main St., 303-536-4550 Or visit the Highplains library website at www.mylibrary.us to view the entire district's calendars.

2012 TOWN ELECTION

April 3, 2012, is Election Day for the Hudson Regular Municipal Election. **The election will be held as a mail ballot only election.** There will be no voting at Town Hall. Election ballots will be mailed to all active voters living within the Town of Hudson March 12-16, 2012. The voted ballots must be **received** at Town Hall via regular mail or dropped-off at the Town Hall before 7:00 p.m. on April 3rd.

Three Trustee seats on the Hudson Board of Trustees will be on the ballot. All seats on the Board are "at large," meaning that they are elected from the whole community.



To run for a Board of Trustees seat, you must:

- Be a citizen of the U.S.
- Be registered to vote
- Be at least 18 years old on Election Day
- Have lived in Hudson for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the election

Note the following important dates:

Monday, February 13, 2012: The first day for candidates to pick up their packets at Town Hall, and begin circulating nomination petitions.

Friday, March 2, 2012: Deadline to submit candidate petitions and completed documents.

Monday, March 5, 2012: The last day to register to vote in the April 3, 2012 election.

Tuesday, April 3, 2012: Election Day, drop-off election ballots before 7:00 p.m. at the Hudson Town Hall. Mailed ballots must be **RECEIVED** by April 3rd.

PLANNING COMMISSION POSITIONS OPEN

There are two open positions on the Town Planning Commission, one regular position and one "alternate" position. This should be an interesting time to be on the Commission with the five-year update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan scheduled. If you are interested in helping to plan for the Town's future call Town Hall.

2012 STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

The Public Works Department will be sweeping streets throughout the town.

NORTH-SOUTH STREETS: First Tuesday and Wednesday of each month.

EAST-WEST STREETS: First Thursday of each month.

We will also sweep other areas as needed. But we can't sweep where vehicles are parked. The Town asks for your assistance during the sweeping process by not parking on streets when sweeping is scheduled. Your cooperation will help us keep your neighborhood clean.

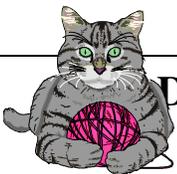
... AND SNOW PLOWING HELP NEEDED

The Town crew met the recent snow storm head-on, with streets being sanded and cleared before the Friday commute. We again ask residents to consider the difficulty of plowing when there are vehicles parked on the streets. We understand that some people have no choice but to park on the street. But, **IF** there is a heavy snow in the forecast **AND** if you are able to park your vehicle in a driveway or somewhere off of the street, it will make it easier for the crew to plow. Thanks for your help!

More News From Town Hall....



- Hunter Fobare has joined the Town staff as Utility Director, charged with managing water and wastewater operations. Hunter is a licensed utility operator, most recently employed with the Town of Erie. He lives in Keenesburg. Welcome aboard, Hunter!
- The Town has retained the services of Mike Ketterling of KBN Engineers of Greeley to serve as "town engineer."
- Tammy Eyestone has been appointed to a regular position on the Planning Commission. Tammy has been serving as an alternate member.
- Town Trustee Isidro Guardado is the proud papa of a new baby girl, Delila. Congratulations to Isidro and mom, Jill!



DOG & CAT RABIES CLINIC and DOG LICENSING

Saturday, April 28, 2012

8:00am - noon

**CORNER OF FIFTH AVE. & CHERRY ST.
(THE TOWN SHOP)**



COST: \$ 8.00 – Rabies (Other vaccinations available for an additional charge)
\$20.00 – Micro chip
\$ 3.00 - Town License for Neutered or Spayed Animals
\$10.00 - Town License for Non-Fixed Animals

At the clinic, all animals must be controlled by an adult owner. If your dog does not like strangers or strange animals let us know and we can arrange privacy for the dog or provide the vaccine at your car. We have had problems with aggressive animals in the past. The vet reserves the right to refuse service.

If you have questions please call Town Hall at 303-536-9311.

TOWN PREPARING FOR 2012 PROJECTS

Again this year the Town will be busy building improvements for the community. The article on page 1 explains the status of the Veterans Memorial project. And the plans for the fishing pond are progressing. The Division of Wildlife has informed the Town that the fish have been ordered for the pond: sunfish; bass; and catfish. We will be looking for volunteers to help build both of these projects.

In addition to the Veterans Memorial and the Fishing Pond, the Town will be realigning a portion of the I-76 frontage road to improve safety.

Currently, the frontage road north of Highway 52, the road to Sparboe Farms and to the Correctional Facility, intersects the Highway next to the southbound I-76 exit ramp. Increasing traffic volume and the proximity of these intersections to each other results in traffic conflicts. Also, Hickory Street at the Loves Travel Stop intersects the Highway at an odd angle, making it difficult for truckers to see oncoming traffic.

The Frontage Road Realignment Project, funded jointly by the Town, Weld County and CDOT, will include abandoning the section of frontage road between Highway 52 and County Road 12.5 and rerouting it along CR12.5 to new curved sections, and intersecting the Highway at a 90° angle at a

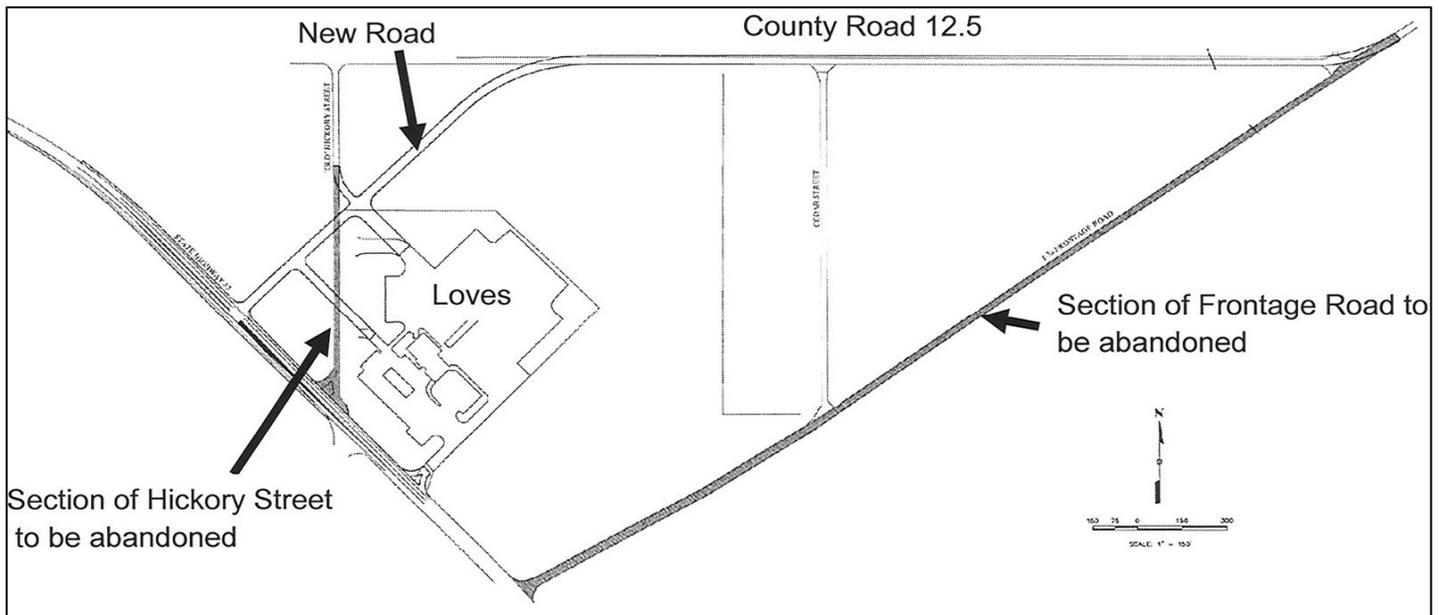
point about 350 feet west of the current Hickory Street intersection. Other components of the project include turn lanes on Highway 52 and the eventual construction by CDOT of a small car pool lot. Work should be completed by fall.

IT'S GETTING TO BE THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

We are approaching that time of the year when property owners should be thinking about their yards. Weeds, debris, abandoned vehicles, and such on private properties are detrimental to the entire community. The Town asks everyone help by keeping your property up. In addition to enforcing Town codes, we will again be offering the *Yard of the Month* program, recognizing people with outstanding landscaping and people who have made significant improvement to their properties.

Also, strong winds sometimes blow trash containers around. We ask that you please write your address on your trash cans so that they can be returned to your home in the event they are blown down the street.

Working together, we can all make Hudson a more enjoyable place to live and work. The Municipal Code is available for review at Town Hall or on the Town's web site, www.hudsoncolorado.org.



TOWN HALL LIGHTING EVENT DRAWS BIG CROWD

Just as it was for Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, it was a night unfit for man or beast when Santa Claus came to Hudson on December 2nd.

With strong gusty winds and near zero temperatures, Town officials welcomed Santa and residents inside Town Hall for the annual town lighting ceremony. Once again, Laura Winters, choir director, and the Hudson Elementary School choir sang in Christmas cheer for all to hear and to join in. Nearly fifty children visited with Santa, whispering their Christmas wishes in his ear.



Families enjoyed cookies and punch provided by Town staff and elected officials.

The Christmas spirit continued on December 17th, with the *Hudson Angels* providing toys and food for Hudson families where needed. Items were collected by local businesses and wrapped at the Hudson Fire Protection District offices by members of the community and volunteer fire fighters. Numerous families benefited from this annual event started years ago by Jeanette Patterson.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

With the holiday season coming to a close, and the new year upon us, we would like to thank all of our residents and businesses who took time to decorate their yards and buildings. On December 19th, members from the Hudson Housing Authority drove through the streets of Hudson to pick out the winners of the 2011 Christmas Lighting Contest. As you might have guessed there were more beautifully decorated homes and businesses than there were awards. Thanks to everyone who helped brighten our holiday!



The winners for the 2011 contest were:

RESIDENTIAL – 426 Beech Street; 518 Cherry Street; 550 Cherry Street; and 15 Cook Court

BUSINESS – Dogs Unlimited at 725 Cedar Street

In addition to receiving a \$25 credit on their January water bill, the winners also received a candle holder handcrafted by the students of Weld Central High School's FFA program.

Congratulations to all of the winners! Thanks to everyone who decorated their properties for helping to make the holidays in Hudson something special.



Much to parents' dismay, the lists included a lot of "I-Pads" and other new electronic gadgets.



20 QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE STARTING A BUSINESS

Content provided by the Small Business Administration at www.sba.gov and Concord Business Development at www.neccosbdc.org

Many people dream of having their own business. To see if starting a business is right for you, ask yourself these important 20 questions. Your answers will help you determine if you are ready to become a small business owner or where you need to spend more time in planning.

1. Am I prepared to spend the time, money and resources needed to get my business started?
2. What kind of business do I want?
3. What products/services will my business provide?
4. Why am I starting a business?
5. What is my target market?
6. Who is my competition?
7. What is unique about my business idea and the products/services I will provide?
8. How soon will it take before my products/services are available?
9. How much money do I need to get my business set up?
10. How long can I have to finance the company until I start making a profit?
11. Will I need to get a loan?
12. How will I price my product compared to my competition?
13. How will I market my business?
14. How will I set up the legal structure of my business?
15. How will I manage my business?
16. Where will I house my business?
17. How many employees will I need to start up?
18. What types of suppliers do I need to contact?
19. What kind of insurance do I need to invest in?
20. What do I need to do to ensure I am paying my taxes correctly?

Once you've researched and answered these questions you may be ready to take the next step in the business planning, start-up, or expansion process. That's where the services of the Northeast

East Central Colorado Network of the Small Business Development Center come in. The SBDC has established a field office here in Hudson at the Hudson Public Library. Jesse Esparza, a counselor with the SBDC, offers free and confidential one-on-one business coaching to entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Once you've decided that you'd like to open or expand your small business, you should put your thoughts down on paper. This way, your business idea is expressed in a plan – a living document that outlines every critical aspect of its operation. This might sound intimidating, but it's important. Creating a Business Plan is a process that enables an individual, and more importantly a team, to come together and commit to a business adventure of significant personal and professional risk. The Plan helps to evaluate the opportunity, quantifies the resources required and lays out a road map for implementation. The Business Plan integrates all of the functional elements – marketing, sales, operations and finance into a single cohesive force.

If you would like help organizing your business ideas and thoughts contact Jesse Esparza at 720-837-0416 or by email at jacii1@msn.com.

EVENTS COMMITTEE GEARING UP FOR 2012

After a very successful 2011, the Town's Events Committee is working on the finishing touches for the 2012 calendar. Last year, the committee participated in planning for the Movie in the Park series, the flea market, Harvest Festival, and the Pumpkin Patch. Events for 2012 will include the dedications of the fishing pond and the Veterans Memorial.

The committee includes area residents and local organizations, including the Fire District, the Library, the Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce, the Hudson-Keenesburg Lions Club, and the Hudson Elementary School.

Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The Committee welcomes new members. Contact Town Hall if you are interested.

2010 CENSUS INFORMATION PUBLISHED

Every ten years the federal government conducts the nation-wide census. Information from the 2010 census has been published, compiled by town, county, state and other geographic areas.

The biggest change in Hudson in ten years has been the addition of the correctional facility. Inmates in the facility, counted at 871 people at the time of the census in April 2010, were included in the Hudson population count, increasing the number from 1,565 in 2000 to 2,356 in 2010, living in 511 households plus the correctional facility. The population of Weld County in 2010 was 252,825, up from 180,936, a 40% increase in ten years!

In addition to population information, the census data includes compiled information on age, ethnicity, household size, and other characteristics. The state and federal governments use such detailed information in designing programs to meet the needs of different communities.

In order to help with planning, the Census bureau also published population estimates and forecasts for years between the ten-year census. Weld County is projected to more than double in population by 2040.

In addition to the complete ten-year census, the Census Bureau has an ongoing annual effort called the *American Community Survey* that provides a basis for allocating federal funding for a wide range of programs.

Much more information can be found on the Census Bureau's web site, <http://www.census.gov/>, and on the Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs web site, <http://dola.colorado.gov/dlg/demog/2010censusdata.html>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Town of Hudson Has Elevated Levels of Total Trihalomethanes. Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received over the last year show that our system exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes. The MCL for total trihalomethanes is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The running annual average level of total trihalomethanes for the 4th quarter 2011 was 0.084 mg/L.

What does this mean? What should I do?

- ✓ At this time, no alternative source of water is necessary. However, if you have any specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- ✓ This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing total trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

Total trihalomethanes are byproducts of drinking water disinfection and are common at low levels in many drinking water systems. Disinfection of drinking water is required to ensure that harmful contaminants such as bacteria, viruses and other microbial pathogens do not exist in the finished water. However, the disinfectant itself can react with naturally-occurring materials in the water to form unintended byproducts that may pose health risks. An operational goal for drinking water systems is to maximize their disinfection efficiency while limiting the formation of these disinfection byproducts.

The Town will be adjusting the water storage tank levels to keep the water moving through the system. This will result in fresher water and reduce the time the water is in the storage tanks. We anticipate resolving the problem within 30 days. For more information, please contact the Hudson Town Hall at 303-536-9311.

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE
TOWN HALL AT 303-536-9311.**

REMEMBER... Town Board meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month are open to the public. Agendas are posted in the Town Hall window and at the Post Office.

- *Veterans Memorial Update*
- *Holiday Contest Winners*
- *Library News*
- *Pet Vaccination Clinic*
- *2012 Town projects*
- *2012 Municipal Election*
- *Planning Commission Vacancy*



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