



The HUDSON CONNECTION

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROJECT OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT

Is local government something that is just “out there” somewhere, something that sends you bills for utilities and tickets you when you speed or something annoying, but somehow necessary?

Or is your town government something in which you actively participate? Is it something that you DO, or is it something that is done to you? Is it an opportunity to shape your environment and plan for the long term. Does it listen to your concerns and do something about them? Do you get good value for the fees and taxes that you pay? Is town government the level where the govern-

ment can best be of service? What is the difference between government and self-governance? What does the term “quality of life” mean to

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”
Margaret Mead

you? How are public decisions made? How much do public services cost to produce? What does it mean to be a community leader?

All of this and more will be discussed during the proposed seven-session

Hudson Community Leadership Project, an opportunity for residents of Hudson to learn more about their town government and how they can more constructively contribute to its success.

A tentative schedule and a clip-out application for the seven evening program is found on page 5 of this newsletter. The program runs from May through November. There is no charge, but participants are expected to make a commitment to actively participate in all sessions.

Applications are due by May 1st.

See *LEADERSHIP*, p. 5



MOVIE IN THE PARK #1
 Sponsored by Valley Bank
MEN IN BLACK 3
 Come watch as Agent K saves the world from an evil alien!!!
 FREE Refreshments
 8:00 p.m., Friday May 3rd
 Memorial Park

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULED

When: April 20th & 21st

Time: 8am – 5pm

Cost: FREE



Where: Hudson Fire Station, 702 Cedar St.

Registration Required: Please contact District Wildlife Manager Chris Mettenbrink at 970-472-4405 to register. **Class size is limited.**

TOWN BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES IN NEIGHBORHOODS ON APRIL 17th

The recent adoption of a permit system for overweight vehicles again raised the issue of heavy, industrial “work trucks” that are owned by town residents and kept at their residences. Town ordinances define overweight vehicles as being in excess of 20,000 lbs. GVW.

In the interest of preserving the residential character of neighborhoods, it is common for cities and towns to restrict such vehicles in residential areas. This issue has been discussed in Hudson off and on for many years.

Among the concerns are preserving the new pavement, the appearance of residential streets, noise, air quality, mud being tracked onto streets, and safety. People who own these vehicles are con-

cerned that they often need ready access to their trucks for their jobs and want to keep them close by because they carry valuable tools and equipment.



The Board is interested in taking another look at current restrictions and invites citizens with good ideas as to how to best meet the wishes of all town residents. To share your ideas please attend the Board work session to be held at **Town Hall on April 17th at 6:00 p.m.** If anyone is interested but unable to attend the work session, please write the ideas down and drop them off at Town Hall before the meeting.

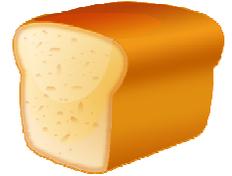
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WELD FOOD BANK

Did you know that the Weld County Food Bank helps approximately 168 families in this area each week? The Weld County Food Bank is asking for our help and is in need of volunteers to help distribute the food that is given to those in the area. The Weld County Food Bank truck arrives at the Hudson Memorial Park parking lot each Monday around 8:30 am and distributes food until 11:00 am. Four to five volunteers are needed each week to help unload the truck and for food distribution. Please contact Arlene with the Weld Food Bank at 303-536-4664 if you are able to volunteer.

BREAD CRUMB EXPANDS HOURS

The *Bread Crumb*, a non-profit group led by local volunteers, is now open at Fire Station #2 on both Monday

and Thursday mornings.



The program provides free food and clothing to folks in need of assistance.

DIAL 2-1-1 IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

People needing assistance with medical care, shelter, utilities, child care, hunger or other concerns can dial 2-1-1 to access assistance through a *United Way* agency. Information can also be accessed by dialing 1-800-559-5590 or visiting the web site: unitedway-weld.org

ANNUAL PET LICENSING & VACCINATION CLINIC

The 2013 annual *Pet Licensing & Vaccination Clinic* will take place on **Saturday, April 27th**, from 9am to noon, at the Town's Public Works Shop at the corner of Cherry Street and 5th Avenue.

The cost for a one-year or three-year rabies shot is \$8.00. Micro chipping and a host of other vaccinations will be available for an extra charge. Town licenses for pets that have been spayed or neutered will cost \$3.00. Licenses for non-fixed pets will run \$10.00. Animals will be photographed to provide identification should the animal escape and need to be returned.

All pets must be under the control of an adult. Difficult animals will be separated from others to ensure the safety of all pets, their owners, and town / vet staff. The veterinarian reserves the right to refuse service to anyone or any kind of animal.



KIDS FISHING CLINIC

Hudson Fishing Pond

May 11th 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Come learn about fish biology, knot tying, fish handling, casting, fishing laws and ethics...and, of course, CATCHING!

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY APRIL 27th

If you have any old, unwanted prescription drugs around the house, **PLEASE do not flush them!** They can pollute our rivers and streams. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is holding its sixth National Medication Take-Back Day on April 27, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00

pm. At that time people can drop off the medications for safe disposal. Several sites in the area will provide this FREE service, including the Lochbuie, Frederick, Greeley Police Departments. For a complete listing of sites, go to:

Find a Drug Take-Back site on line:
www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/SEARCH-NTBI/

2013 HUDSON EVENTS SCHEDULE

- April 20-21 – Hunter Education Class
- April 27 – Dog Licensing & Vaccination Clinic
- May 3 & 4 – Spring Clean-Up Days
- May 3 – Movie in the Park #1, *Men in Black 3*
- May 11 – Kids’ Fishing Clinic
- June 14 – Yard of the Month (1st Recognition)
- July 12 – Yard of the Month (2nd Recognition)
- July 12 – Movie in the Park #2, *Despicable Me*
- August 9 – Yard of the Month (3rd Recognition)
- Sept 7 – Fishing Derby (Hudson Fishing Pond)
- Sept 7 – Movie in the Park #3, *Brave*
- Sept 13 – Yard of the Month (4th Recognition)
- Sept TBD – Fall Clean-Up Days
- Oct 18 – Pumpkin Patch
- Nov 9 – Veterans Day
- Dec 6 – Hudson Town Hall Christmas Lighting Celebration
- Dec TBD – Residential/Business Christmas Lighting Competition Judging Week (week of 12/8 or 12/15)

SPRING CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED

It’s time to “de-stuff.” The Town has scheduled the spring clean-up for May 3rd to 4th. Because of the wastewater lagoon reclamation, the location has changed. **Beginning at 8:00 each morning dumpsters will be located along Remington Street in Hudson Hills.**

Hudson residents with ID are welcome to dispose of large items at no charge, including items such as: appliances; furniture; scrap wood; tree branches; old toys; bikes; lawn mowers. There will be a small charge for disposal of tires, televisions, and computer equipment.

and all kinds of batteries; oil and antifreeze (these fluids have been limited in the past to a maximum of ten gallons); and passenger vehicles and light truck tires (charges will apply for these items).

Items that will **NOT** be accepted include: regular household trash; bricks; concrete; roofing materials like tiles, shingles, roofing tar and asphalt; lawn debris such as grass clippings and leaves; medicine or cosmetics; and ammunition of any kind.

Weld County will be on site to accept household hazardous waste such as insecticides, solvents and paint, fluorescent lamps, batteries, fire extinguishers,

IT’S STREET SWEEPING TIME AGAIN!

The town will be sweeping up the sand and other debris on town streets on the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each month for the north-south streets, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the east-west streets. Further sweeping will be done on selected streets as needed.



The crew will place signs on street corners to let people know in advance of scheduled sweeping. Remember, we can’t sweep where there are vehicles parked on the street. We’re good, but not that good. Thanks for your help.

small propane tanks, and helium tanks. We will not accept any leaking containers, empty containers, half-full containers, no drums or metal cans containing oil or antifreeze.

Spring Clean-Up is a service provided exclusively to the citizens of the Town of Hudson.

Check the town website www.hudsoncolorado.org for more updates.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hudson fire would like to thank everyone who braved the storm to support the fire department at the annual spaghetti dinner on March 23rd. Despite the inclement weather the event was successful. Hudson fire covers 106 square miles including the towns of Hudson and Lochbuie with 15 volunteers and 5 paid staff. Hudson fire responded to 150 emergency calls between January 1st and March 31st 2013.



Fire fighters David Armfield and Kevin Hudson join Chief Robert Bertram for ice rescue training at the fishing pond.

FILM CREW VISITS HUDSON

Yes, that was a film crew working recently at the downtown Shell station. The crew was filming an advertisement for the Colorado Lottery. Watch for it on TV...



Communities matter @ your library: Celebrate National Library Week April 14-20

Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources. Often the hearts of their communities, libraries are deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work and study. Libraries are trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and reengage with each other to enrich and shape the community and address local issues.

Librarians work with elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large to discover what their communities needs are and meet them.

Whether through offering e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners, supporting early literacy, and librarians listen to the community they serve, and they respond. Service to the community has always been the focus of the library. While this aspect has never changed, libraries have grown and evolved in how they provide for the needs of every member of their community.

OLD SEWERS BEING EVALUATED

The Town is conducting a thorough evaluation of the sanitary sewer system. We will be jetting, vacuuming and video inspecting all the lines in the older part of Town. This work will



start on Monday April 8th and continue through April 19th. If there are questions please contact Public Works Director Ron Allen or Director of Utilities Hunter Fobare at 303-536-9311.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

A library card is all you need to get a return on your tax dollar investment.

For more information, visit the Hudson Library at 555 Main St., or call 303-536-4550. Highplains library's Web site is at www.mylibrary.us.

 Like us on Facebook
Libraries hours are M, T, Th, Fr 10-6, Wed 10-7, Sat 9-2, Sunday closed

Watch *Hudson Library* grow as we prepare to build a new library.

News from Town Hall...



- Veterans Memorial commemorative bricks are on sale. Contact Town Hall for details.
- There will not be a formal Memorial Day event in Hudson this year. The next scheduled event at the Veterans Memorial will be on Veterans Day, November 11th.
- The town is waiting to hear about a pending grant application for the frontage road realignment. If successful, work will begin this summer.
- The wastewater lagoon reclamation is finished.
- Picnic tables and additional trees will be installed at the fishing pond this spring.

UTILITY BILLING CARDS – NEW LOOK

Beginning April 1, 2013, the Utility Billing Cards will have a new look. Same size card, however the new Utility Billing Cards will be white with blue and red lettering instead of the grey cards. Please remember to pay your bill by the 25th day of each month to avoid a late fee.

The program is open to between 10 and 20 residents of the town from high school age on up.

This will be the first year of the program that is intended to help engage citizens in the growth and development of the town. We are at a point in Hudson's history where there are changes taking place around us. We can all work together to take advantage of new and exciting opportunities.

Discussions about community leadership will be woven into seven sessions, each of which will focus on one of the basic functions of town government.

The project will depend upon enrollment of no less than ten people, with a tentative limit of twenty in this first class. Participants will be expected to participate in at least six of the scheduled seven sessions to be eligible for a Certificate of Completion. Classes will be held at Town Hall, with occasional field trips to town facilities. The program includes one Saturday morning volunteer activity to help plant trees or perform some other community service activity.

Call Town Hall at (303) 536-9311 if you have any questions or would like more information about the program.

2013 Hudson Community Leadership Project, Tentative Schedule:

Session 1 (May 22) – Overview of Hudson Town Government: Code, plans, projects

Session 2 (June 26) – Budget and Finance: How we all pay for the services that we receive

Session 3 (July 24) – Water and Wastewater: Town-owned enterprises, tour of facilities

Volunteer Project (Date TBA) – Saturday morning, tree planting or other service project

Session 4 (August 28) – Streets, Parks and Other Services

Session 5 (Sept. 25) – Public Safety: Hudson's Law Enforcement, Fire Protection and Emergency Management Partnerships

Session 6 (October 23) – Planning and Economic Development: What does the future hold?

Session 7 (Nov. 25) – Wrap-up
Developing a vision.

Report to the Board of Trustees

Ideas and questions

Board of Trustees Meeting (December 4) – Presentation of certifi-



**HUDSON COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROJECT
Application for Enrollment**

YES, I would like to participate in the 2013 Hudson Community Leadership Project.

Name _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Years a Hudson resident _____ Occupation _____

What do you hope to gain and learn from the program?

I am a resident of the Town of Hudson and if selected I am willing to actively participate in the 2013 Hudson Community Leadership Project.

Photographs of the class will be taken over the course of the program. Do you give the Town of Hudson permission to use photos of you in town publications? Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Return completed application form to town hall no later than May 1, 2013. Questions? Call (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.

**Visit the Town's web site for more up-to-date news about what's going on:
www.hudsoncolorado.org**



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