



The HUDSON CONNECTION



The Town of Hudson Newsletter
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BOARD MEMBERS BEGIN ANOTHER TERM

TWISTER SEASON HAS ARRIVED

Severe thunderstorms are once again crossing the northern Front Range. Do you know what to do in the event that Hudson was in the path of a severe storm containing a possible tornado?



Take the time now to have a family meeting and create a family emergency plan that details your actions should a watch or warning be issued: where to take shelter and how to escape if necessary; a gathering point should family members be separated; and a call list that includes 911, police, fire, utility companies, and out-of-town and local friends or relatives to call.

For more information on tornadoes and other natural hazard conditions and a list of supplies recommended for your 72-hour family emergency kit, visit our website at www.hudsoncolorado.org.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

This issue contains the annual "Consumer Confidence Report" for our town water system. The report, required by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, must be sent to all customers of public water systems in the state. Please call Tim Hopwood, Public Works Director, at Town Hall if you have any questions.

FIVE TRUSTEES SWORN IN

Recently, Town Clerk Linnette Barker administered the oath of office to the Mayor and four Trustees. On April 7th Mayor Neal Pontius and Trustees Ray Patch and Isidro Guardado returned for another term. They were



joined by new trustee, Matt Cole. Later, on May 5th, Trustee Barb Baker accepted an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board, continuing

her service on the Board for another two years. Thanks to these members of the Board for your service to Hudson. Thanks also to Dwayne Haynes who left the Board after a four-year term as Trustee.



HUDSON CELEBRATES PROGRESS

It took a long time, too long to suit most of us, but two of the Hudson largest public works projects in the Town's history are finally completed. On Saturday, April 17th, residents, business owners, town staff, project engineers, construction contractors, and dignitaries gathered to celebrate.



Trustee Barb Baker presided over a grand opening celebration at the new state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant that included comments by the Mayor and others involved in the project, a ribbon cutting and guided tours.



Later that morning, participants gathered at Hudson Memorial Park for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the town-wide street paving project. Trustee Ray Patch presided over this event. As part of the festivities, the town hosted a fun walk / bike ride on some of the newly paved streets, presentation of the colors by members of American Legion Post #180, and a cookout.

Nearly 100 people enjoyed the event, including many town residents, County Commissioners Barb Kirkmeyer and Sean Conway, County Clerk and Recorder Steve Moreno and others.

The Town of Hudson Board of Trustees, town administration, and the Hudson Events Committee would like to thank all of the many volunteers who helped to make this event a tremendous success. We would also like to thank our business sponsors whose generous donations and monetary



contributions made this event possible. Those businesses include Velocity Constructors, Industrial Facilities Engineering, Hudson Lockers, Andersen's Star Market, Carl's Jr. , Fort Lupton Safeway, American Legion Post #180, Weld Central High School Chorus, and the pilots of the Platte Valley Airpark.

YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST

People all around town are sprucing up their yards! This summer residents will be eligible to receive recognition for exceptional yard work through the town's new "Yard of the Month" contest. Three winners each month will receive a "Yard of the Month" sign to proudly display in their yards for the entire month. Winners will receive a commendation from the Town. The winners will be selected according to the appearance of the house; the lawn; flower beds, gardens, bushes and trees; creativity; originality; and overall appearance. Judging will be held June through September.



Each yard will be limited to winning the award only once in any calendar year. Only the front yards as viewed from the street will be judged. Backyards will not be considered, even if visible from the street. Judge's will determine and select the Yard of the Month prior to the award being given.

SKUNKS SPOTTED AROUND TOWN



The Town has received reports of skunks being seen in town. Please keep the following in mind in order to reduce the risk.

Skunks feed on a wide variety of plant and animal material. Their diet includes berries, fruits, vegetables, insects, small rodents, reptiles, eggs and young birds. They disrupt unsecured garbage cans and may also damage lawns, athletic fields, and golf courses by digging up turf as they search for food. Feeding dogs or cats on a deck or porch is a sure way to attract skunks. Skunks sometimes live under buildings can be a nuisance to building occupants should the skunk release its “musk.” (A nice term for it.) Brush piles, open irrigation pipes, and junk cars offer shelter to skunks.

Skunks are the primary wildlife carrier of rabies. They may also be infected with tularemia, distemper, Aleutians disease and several parasites including fleas, lice, mites, ticks, roundworms, tapeworms, and flatworms.

TOWN AWARDED GRANT

On May 14th the Town was notified that it had been awarded a grant of \$1.45 million from USDA Rural Development. The grant, combined with a loan, will enable the Town to complete its wastewater project, installing a new lift station and a sewer main to the new wastewater treatment plant, and abandoning the old lagoons located on the east edge of town on Highway 52. The Town hopes to begin construction on the project this fall.

PLEASE WATER YOUR HYDROSEED

As part of the paving project many yards in town had grass seed sprayed behind the sidewalk or curb. Please be sure to keep the new seed watered.

BINDWEED IS BACK

Again this year we would like to remind you that bindweed is NOT the town’s official flower. It is a particularly nasty weed that is very difficult to control once it has taken hold. For information on how to control this weed, visit our web site: www.hudsoncolorado.org.

Hudson Public Library Launches Summer Reading Program



Make a Splash- Children’s program

Make Waves - Teen program

Water Your Mind- Adult program

Children will explore the world of water and water fun through stories, songs, games and other activities about oceans, rivers, lakes, and pools and the creatures that live there.

The 2010 Summer Reading Program is open to preschool through adult, with programs, prize drawings, a reading club, and more. Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins on May 24, 2010. Calendars with activities will be available at registration.

Hudson Public Library
555 Main St.
Hudson, CO 80642
M-T-Th-F 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Town Of Hudson 2010 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report For Calendar Year 2009

Public Water System ID # CO0162359

Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzca.

We are pleased to present to you this year's water quality report. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

General Information About Drinking Water

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides** that may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff,

and septic systems.

- **Radioactive contaminants**, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

Our Water Source(s)

Source	Water Type
No 2 Well Old Standby Well	Ground Water
No 2 Well New Shallow Replacemnt	Ground Water

Carter Lake

Surface Water

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has provided us with a Source Water Assessment Report for our water supply. You may obtain a copy of the report by visiting www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/sw/swaphom.html or by contacting Joe Racine at 303-536-9311.

Potential sources of contamination in our source water area come from: Agriculture uses, Residential uses, Septic systems, Roadways, Oil and Gas wells, Chemical Inventory and storage sites, Hazardous waste generator sites, Above and underground leaking storage tanks.

The Source Water Assessment Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that **could** occur. It does not mean that the contamination **has or will** occur. We can use this information to evaluate the need to improve our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. This can help us ensure that quality finished water is delivered to your homes. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan.

Please contact Joe Racine at 303-536-9311 to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report, to learn more about our system, or to attend scheduled public meetings. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and

Organics and Inorganics	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	1/29/2009	0.012	0.012	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
HEXACHLOROCYCLOPEN TADIENE	10/23/2009	0.13	0.13	ppb	50	50	Discharge from chemical factories
NITRATE	1/29/2009	4.1	1.35 - 4.1	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NITRITE	1/29/2009	4.1	1.35 - 4.1	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection By-Products	Date	Average	Range	Highest RAA	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2009	19.21143	1.21 - 30.04	41	ppb	60	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	2009	65.6775	46.06 - 114.27	96	ppb	80	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Collection Date	90 TH Percentile	Unit	AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2009	0.215	ppm	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2009	1	ppb	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Radionuclides	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	4/25/2006	1.1	0.6 - 1.1	pCi/L	5		Erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED URANIUM	11/7/2006	5	5	ppb	30		Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	4/25/2006	3.35	1.8 - 3.35	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Analyte	Facility Name	Highest Value	Unit	Monitoring Period
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Health Information About Water Quality

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800)426-4791.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Violations

Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
MCL, AVERAGE	Maximum Contaminant Level Violation	TTHM	01/01/2009 - 03/31/2009
MCL, AVERAGE	Maximum Contaminant Level Violation	TTHM	04/01/2009 - 06/30/2009
FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)	Failure to Monitor	LEAD & COPPER RULE	01/01/2010 -

Information About the Above Violation(s)

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Town Of Hudson is required to include an explanation of the violation(s) in the above table and the steps taken to resolve the violation(s) with this report.

TTHM's are a disinfection byproduct caused by long detention time in storage and transmission lines. The Town of Hudson is limiting the amount of chlorine to keep residuals at a minimum and keeping detention time in storage tanks to a minimum.

The Town of Hudson sampled for lead and copper in non CDPHE approved locations. The Town has since either received approval for the sample locations or changed sample locations to an approved site.

NEW WATER TANK NEARING COMPLETION

Hudson's new 1,000,000 gallon water tank and pumping station, located northwest of Sparboe Farms, is scheduled to be ready for testing in June. The new facilities are being built by Cornell Companies for dedication to the Town as part of the development agreement with Hudson. Land for the tank was donated to the Town by Sparboe Farms. The tank will increase the Town's total water storage capacity to about 3.5 million gallons.



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

**REMEMBER... Town Board meetings
are open to the public. Agendas are posted
in the Town Hall window and at the Post
Office.**

- *Be prepared for tornado season*
- *Board of Trustees begins a new term*
- *Water system Consumer Confidence Report*
- *Hudson Celebrates Progress*
- *"Yard of the Month" awards this summer*
- *Town receives grant for wastewater project*
- *Library announces summer reading program*



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