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DOWNTOWN TO SEE SOME SPRING FLOWERS

Soon we will be seeing some new flowers around the downtown area. As part of our community beautifica-



tion effort, the Town has announced a program to place planters similar to the one in front of Town Hall in front of businesses downtown. We will

be working with downtown businesses over the next few weeks to identify locations for the planters and to arrange for the flowers to be planted.

Larry Finn, a Hudson Planning Commissioner, prepared the initial design for the 175 lb. planters, each of which features

buffalo head silhouettes. The skilled labor to build twenty-one planters was donated by the Hudson Correctional Facility.

TOWN TO OFFER CITIZEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

We are living at an exciting time in the history of our little town. How the future unfolds depends on all of us.

Have you ever wondered how the Town provides water, sewer, public safety or other services? Have you ever wanted to get more involved in the civic life of the community, but just not known how to do it? Do you have ideas for the betterment of the community or questions about why

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PLANNING UNDER WAY FOR MEMORIAL DAY

The Town is working on plans for a Memorial Day program. This year, on **Monday, May 27th**, Hudson will observe Memorial Day with a program at the new Veterans Memorial.

The day may also include a “flag retirement” ceremony with the proper ceremonial destruction of old, tattered US flags. Anyone who has a

flag that is damaged or worn can drop it off at Town Hall.

If you have ideas for community activities that day please send the ideas to Town Hall. Lets make this a day to remember!

A detailed program will be published in the next edition of the *Hudson Connection*.

Come and join your friends and neighbors as we recall the meaning of the day, to honor those who sacrificed to protect our freedom.



VETERANS MEMORIAL BRICK SALE RESUMES

Back by popular demand! If you missed the opportunity to purchase a memorial brick paver at the Hudson Veterans Memorial we are accepting orders again. The Town will begin taking orders for personalized engraved brick pavers to honor an individual US military veteran or our country's military. The text-only, engraved brick pavers come in one size:

4" x 8" @ \$40.00 – Maximum of 3 lines and up to 20 characters per line (including letters, spaces, and punctuation)

The Town will issue a Proof of Purchase Certificate to authenticate the purchase. Anyone interested can view the bricks that are currently installed



at the memorial for ideas on wording.

Contact Town Hall if you would like to purchase a brick. **The deadline for this round of brick purchases is September 1, 2013, in order to provide for time to have the bricks engraved and installed before Veterans Day.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2012 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

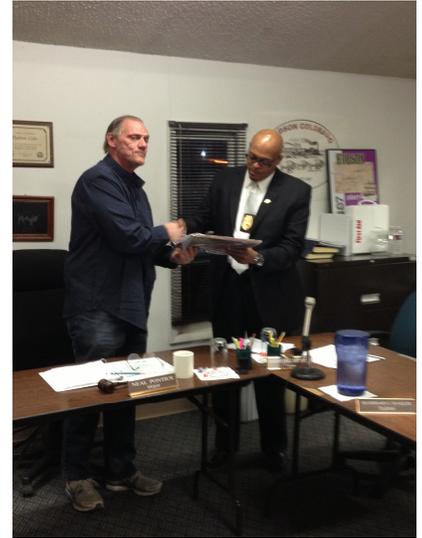
The Town would like to thank all of those residences and businesses that competed in the 2012 Christmas Lighting Contest. The community's displays are getting better and better each year making the judging process that much more difficult. Congratulations to the following winners in the residential category: the Swanson residence at 75 Ash Street; the Reuter residence at 442 Beech Street; the Morin residence at 335 Cedar Street; and the Hargis residence at 325 Holly Street. The Hudson Fire Protection District Administrative Building / Master Station took the business recognition honors for their Christmas display. Thanks to all of those who participated!

Hudson Correctional Facility Recognized for Community Project

At its February 6th meeting the Board of Trustees recognized Warden Joe Driver of the Hudson Correctional Facility for helping with a community project. Inmates in the Facility's vocational training program built 21 planters that will be located in the downtown area.

Staff at the Facility have been very active in the community and have worked closely with the Town on this and on

other projects. Thank you Warden Driver!



Mayor Pontius presents a plaque to Warden Joe Driver

OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE PERMIT SYSTEM BEING CONSIDERED

A large amount of heavy vehicle traffic on town streets has raised questions of the high cost of maintenance and road damage. Currently, the Town has an ordinance that prohibits vehicles over 20,000 lbs. gross weight from using town streets unless they are conducting business in town. The new ordinance will retain that prohibition on residential streets, but will pro-

vide for a fee-based permit system to allow heavy trucks that are conducting business outside of town to use non-residential streets in town. This ordinance, which is similar to a permit system administered by Weld County, does not apply to Highway 52 nor to I-76.

Anyone wishing more information or to apply for a "Special Transport Permit" should contact Town Hall.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP IN THE SELECTION OF THE NEXT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS?

TOWN EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2013

The Weld County School District Re-3J Board of Education and members from the Colorado Association of School Boards have been working together in the process of selecting the next Superintendent of Schools. The Board values community input and is inviting interested individuals to serve on one of the interview committees which will assist the Board in this decision making process. Inter-



views will be held all day on Saturday, March 9th (times and location yet to be determined). Lunch will be provided. Committee members will also be required to attend an interview committee training session on Wednesday, February 27th at 5:00 p.m. If interested, please call the district office at 303-536-2055 to sign up or for more information no later than noon on Friday, February 22nd.

Again this year there is a full schedule of events planned for the community. This issue of the *Hudson Connection* includes a schedule of events, with a few dates yet to be finalized. Additional details for each event will be published in future issues and posted around town.

The Southeast Weld Chamber of Commerce, the host of the **Hudson Harvest Festival** in recent years, has announced that it will no longer be able to organize the event. Without another group or committee to take over the responsibility, it appears that there will be no festival this fall. However, the Town plans to organize other events in the park, including a kids' fishing derby, three movies in the park, Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances, and a fall "pumpkin patch."

We welcome ideas on how to make the scheduled events more enjoyable.

Hudson Public Library
555 Main St.
303-536-4550
Hours :
M,T,Th,F :10:00 am – 6:00 pm
W 10:00am – 7:00 pm
Sat. 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sun closed

2013 HUDSON EVENTS SCHEDULE

April 27 – Dog Licensing & Vaccination Clinic

May 3 & 4 – Spring Clean-Up Days

May 3 – Movie in the Park #1

May 27 – Memorial Day Ceremony

June 14 – Yard of the Month (1st Recognition)

July 12 – Yard of the Month (2nd Recognition)

July 12 – Movie in the Park #2

August 9 – Yard of the Month (3rd Recognition)

Sept 7 – Fishing Derby (Hudson Fishing Pond)

Sept 7 – Movie in the Park #3 (Park Main Pavilion)

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 Light-

News from the Library Terri Redden, Library Director

2012 was a good year for the Hudson Public Library. We circulated over 50,000 items, lent 17,000 items to other libraries and greeted close to 23,000 visitors through our doors. We've had almost 5,700 computer uses and issued close to 300 new cards to patrons. This was the year that saw many people convert to e-readers. Our library district has downloads for those devices so we've seen an increase in that area too. A rough estimate for usage is 1600 downloaded books.

Jesse Esparza from the SBDC (Small Business Development Center) has changed his schedule for this year. He will be in our library on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Jesse is available to help you with your small business questions. Please call the library for more information.

Our Playgroup "Imagination Station" is meeting at the library on Fridays starting at 10:15 a.m. We invite you to bring your toddlers for an entertaining time where they can interact with each other and put together puzzles, do crafts, and play with some newly purchased toys. The parents seem to enjoy their selves too!

FISHING POND UPDATE

Since the Hudson Fishing Pond officially opened in November 2012 many residents and non-residents have enjoyed all that is offered in and around the 1.5 acre pond. Be it fishing, walking around the quarter mile trail, visiting “Dave” the duck, or just relaxing and enjoying the peace and tranquility, the park’s newest amenity has become an instant hit. We have seen some very big fish hooked and some not-so-big fish caught and released.

People frequently ask about the requirements to

fish in the Town pond. Simply, a fishing license is required if you are over 12 years of age. Colorado’s fishing rules and regulations must be followed as they will be enforced by Colorado Parks and Wildlife law enforcement officials. Go to www.wildlife.state.co.us. State fishing regulations are also available at the pond parking lot.

The Park and Fishing Pond is open to the public from 6:00am to 10:30pm. After hours the park is under a curfew (Town Ordinance 10-92). It is unlawful to be in the park between those hours without a permit from the Town. Other prohibited activities are: camping;



campfires; horseback riding; hunting; paintball; swimming or wading; boating; glass containers; and alcohol.

Posted signs clearly state, **DANGER: KEEP OFF THE ICE.** Ice fishing is prohibited. Please don’t endanger yourselves or emergency personnel by going out on the ice!

And finally, please keep dogs on a leash in the park and remember to clean up after them and dispose of the litter properly. This includes any trash items you may have created during your visit. With everyone’s help we can keep our pond and park land looking beautiful for generations to come. Let’s all enjoy our park, take care of it, and use it safely.

News from Town Hall...



- The Town’s application to Great Outdoors Colorado for a matching grant for playground equipment was denied. We are looking at alternative funding for the project.

And **thanks** to our volunteers:

- Dawn Moore was reappointed to the Housing Authority Board
- Jo Ann Bowen was reappointed to the Hudson Library Board
- Shirley Sellers was reappointed to the Planning Commission

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the Town does things in a certain way? Would you like to get out and meet some of your fellow Hudson citizens? Or are you looking for something interesting to do on Wednesday evenings?

The Town has announced a new program that will provide an interesting and fun way to address all of these things: the **Hudson Citizen Leadership Project.**

Citizens of the Town of Hudson who are of high school age or older will be eligible to apply for this new and exciting program. The anticipated

size of each year’s class will be between ten and twenty participants. There is no cost to the participants for the proposed seven evening series of events that will include discussions of community leadership, presentations about the various services provided by the Town, the Town’s finances, and other matters related to our local government. Sessions will be once per month, for about two hours each. A light dinner will be provided.

Watch for the next issue of the **Hudson Connection** for details.

TOWN SEEKING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING FOR POND IMPROVEMENTS

The Town will be submitting another application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for matching grant funding to complete improvements at the fishing pond this summer. If successful, we will be able to add a fishing platform, picnic tables, shoreline stabilization, and other amenities. We also plan to add some more trees to the site this spring. Hopefully the trees already there made it through the winter OK.

TOWN LEASES WASTEWATER LAGOON PROPERTY

You may have noticed a lot of activity at the old wastewater lagoon site lately. The Town has leased the site to Front Range Pipeline Company through May 2014 as a staging area for a natural gas pipeline project that they are building a few miles west of Hudson. Payment for the lease is both cash and an agreement to do the final grading and seeding the site. The Town plans to make the site available for development in the future.

WATER PROJECT UNDER WAY

The Town Engineer, KBN Engineers, is working with the Town staff to resolve a number of operational issues with the Town's water system. The project should improve water flows to por-

tions of the system and correct the recurring "disinfection byproduct" problem in two remote sections of the system that has resulted in required notices such as the one appearing below. The Town has already begun implementing rec-

ommendations of the study that we hope will correct the problem.

The Town has sufficient water rights to meet the needs of the community in 2013. While we do not anticipate the need for any water restrictions again this year in Hud-

son, we hope that the mountains will see some good moisture for the remainder of the winter and spring so that reservoirs can be replenished for farmers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

(System Name) 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 exceeds 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 (calendar quarter) Fourth was (level) .107 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.

(Describe corrective action)

The Town of Hudson has discontinued the use of the well that has been a contributing factor in the formation of TTHM's.

We anticipate resolving the problem within (estimated time frame) 3 months. For more information, please contact (name of contact) Hunter Tobare at (phone number) 3 536-9311 or (mailing address) Po Box 351 Hudson Co 80643

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by (system name) Town of Hudson
Colorado Public Water System ID#: CO 0162359 Date distributed: 2/14/13

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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.

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www.hudsoncolorado.org**



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