



The HUDSON CONNECTION



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“YARD OF THE MONTH” CONTEST BEGINS

Look around. Flowers are blooming all over town! With two months of winners already selected, the Town's summer contest for exceptional residential yard work is growing in popularity. Winners are being selected according to the overall appearance of their home and front yard as viewed from the street. Local judges consider creativity and originality

in the landscape design and use of flower beds, gardens, bushes and trees.

The contest has cultivated a tremendous response

from the residents and business owners in our town. One young lad came in to ask how he could nominate his dad for his hard work on the family's yard. Business owners have come forward every month to donate items for the winners' gift baskets. To date, six yards and one business landscape have been recognized. Do you recognize any of these neighbors in the photographs? Congratulations to all seven winners!

There are still two months left in the contest, so keep up the good work. Your efforts are being noticed and appreciated by everyone.

We have also received ideas regarding a “most improved yard” category. We plan to implement this great idea next year. Send ideas to mostimprovedyard@hudsoncolorado.org



HUDSON LIBRARY NEWS

by Terri Redden, director

Summer Reading has been a swimming success this year. From the “Make a Splash” for children, “Make Waves” for tweens and teens to “Water Your Mind” for adults, 327 have been busy reading to earn t-shirts and reading bags. We’ve had a total of 586 attendees for our programs and had a rip-roaring fun time at our Summer Reading Celebration at the fairgrounds in Keenesburg. The celebration included Eric West, a musical entertainer for all ages, fun water games and the fabulous “Pan Jumbies” a steel drum band that had us all dancing. The event was open to everyone in our service area which includes Lochbuie, Keenesburg, Hudson, Prospect and Roggen.

The entire staff at the library has worked hard to make 2010 Summer reading a success. Thank you Bev, Marcie, Rebekah, Elaine & Tami, our excellent staff, for showing you care about reading and for sharing it with this community. Thank you also to those who have volunteered to help on craft days, too many to mention and I worry that I will leave someone out, we couldn’t have done it without you.

We would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors this year. They have invested in our children and have shown they care about their education by donating monetarily to the library. This year the sponsors were : A Witness to Life Photography, Andersen’s Star Market, Arnolds Custom Seeding, Bell Brothers Inc, Blazen Creative Group, Colorado East Bank Keenesburg, Colorado Tenderfoot Properties, Corner Mart 66, El Faro Mexican Restaurant, Elvin Things, Keene Auto Supply, Keene Floral, Keenesburg American Legion Post 180, Korner Kitchen Café, Lloyd Land Farms, Lost Creek Guide, Mama’s Natural Care, Peppercod Campground, Simpler Times, Taking Care of Business, Top Gun Framing, Town of Hudson, Weld RE3J.

Each sponsor had their name on the back of our t-shirt that was given away the second week of summer reading. We would also like to thank the parents who read to their children, making sure they fulfill the time needed to finish the program.

The Book Club is reading “**The Time Traveler’s Wife**” by Audrey Niffenegger. They will meet on August 6th to discuss the book at the library at 6:00 p.m. We still have a few copies available if you’re interested in joining in, everyone is welcome. We would like to encourage you to visit the library and see what we have to offer. View the library catalog at www.mylibrary.us to see ours and the entire district’s items.

IT’S BUDGET TIME AGAIN

Every year the Town prepares a budget for the coming year. The budget is a plan for financing Town operations and projects. On October 6th the Board will receive and consider a draft budget. A hearing will be held on November 17th. So, now is a good time to share your ideas on things you would like the Town to do in 2011.

HOW ARE WE DOING?



It’s our job at the Town of Hudson to do a good job and to always be looking for ways to improve. To do that, we need to hear from you. Let us know what you like, what you don’t like, and what you would like to see your Town government doing in the future.



There are many ways to get in touch with us. In addition to talking with Board members and staff, and calling or writing to Town Hall, we suggest:

- Visit our Web Site, www.hudsoncolorado.org
- Send e-mails to info@hudsoncolorado.org. We will get back to you.
- Come to Town Board meetings. Every agenda provides for “Citizen Comments.”
- Use the suggestion box at Town Hall.

WORKSHOP CONNECTS BUSINESSES WITH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Nearly two years have passed since the adoption of the Hudson Emergency Operations Plan and Crisis Action Guide. At the conclusion of the original disaster response and recovery planning process, a training exercise simulating the partial destruction of Hudson by an EF3 tornado was conducted by training facilitators. It included emergency first responders, mutual aid partners and town officials in the Hudson Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The training exercise proved to be a valuable learning experience demonstrating the importance of integrating the Incident Command Post (ICP) with the EOC's roles and responsibilities.



On July 20th, authors of the original emergency operations plan and crisis action guide, returned to Hudson to conduct a second training workshop. This time officials from the Towns of Hudson and Keenesburg and the RE3J School District gathered together with members from the area Chambers of Commerce, local business community, fire protection districts, and amateur radio emergency services organization to discuss the next link in the emergency operations chain – the connection between the EOC and local businesses. This workshop highlighted the importance of planning and communicating in advance to identify all of the available resources in the community that would assist in one or more of the Emergency Support Function roles during the response and recovery phases of a catastrophic event.

As an added bonus, workshop attendees were given pertinent information on business continuity planning. In short, business continuity planning is a holistic approach to ensuring that an organizations critical functions are maintained or restored in a timely fashion that support the processes that generate revenue, maintain reputation, and retain or grow the customer base.

If you would like to learn more about our second workshop or business continuity planning, a PowerPoint presentation is available on our website at www.hudsoncolorado.org.

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

With the town-wide street paving project completed, Hudson's Public Works Department has a new priority, monthly street sweeping. The department has developed a new schedule to help maintain the condition of our streets. Sweeping will occur at the beginning of each month in warm weather. On the first Tuesday of each month, north-south directional streets will be swept. The east-west directional avenues will be swept on the first Wednesday. A second sweeping in the third week of the month will be done on select streets as needed. This schedule may be adjusted as we gain more experience with this big job.



The Town asks for your assistance during the sweeping process by moving your vehicle(s) off the street on the days listed above that directly affect your location. Your cooperation will help maximize the efficiency of this maintenance program.

Inclement weather or unplanned shifts in work priorities may alter the scheduled sweep day but not the scheduled sweep week. Your understanding and patience during those schedule modifications are greatly appreciated.

REMINDER ABOUT SKUNKS

Please keep the following in mind in order to reduce the risk. Skunks are attracted by unsecured garbage or pet food left outdoors. And they live under buildings in brush piles, open irrigation pipes, and junk cars.

Skunks are the primary wildlife carrier of rabies and other diseases. Be careful if you encounter one of these critters, and be sure to remove any pet food or other items that might have attracted it.

If you see a skunk during the day or if you know where there might be a den, please report it to Town Hall.

AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM

With the summer season in full gear and reports of increased criminal activity taking place throughout Weld County, Sheriff John Cooke has provided Hudson residents with some helpful tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.



Tip #1 – Lock your car and house doors. Nationwide programs have proven that the simple act of locking your household and car doors is the #1 deterrent for thieves.

Tip #2 – Move your property into a safe place. Putting bicycles, outdoor equipment, and portable items into safe places such as your garage can prevent their theft.

Tip #3 – Improve your outdoor lighting. Vandals and burglars dislike well-lit areas. Make your surroundings as unpleasant as possible for those up to no-good.

Tip #4 – Cut the bushes around your house. In follow up studies with burglars, they often state that overgrown bushes and hedges provided good cover for their illegal activities.

Tip #5 – Be aware of who is outside between dinnertime and dawn. Get to know your neighbors, your neighborhood youths, and the people who “belong” in your neighborhood. Look out your window while watching evening TV, pay attention to that car alarm that goes off, and in general be involved in the goings on in your neighborhood.

One recent crime study reported that the greatest factor in reducing crime in residential areas was a “nosey neighbor”, “that person who is always looking out the window to see what was going on.” Be that nosey neighbor and you could be living in the safest neighborhood in Weld County.

If you see any suspicious activity, *take action*, call 911.

I-76 CORRIDOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE MOVING FORWARD

During the past several months meetings have been held to discuss the feasibility of forming a regional economic development partnership. In April of this year, the Hudson Board of Trustees approved a joint resolution with Keenesburg and Lochbuie in support of this effort.

This regional partnership, known as the *I-76 Corridor Economic Development Initiative*, has determined that it is in the public interest to use available resources to encourage additional jobs, tax base, business development and business retention in ways that are compatible with each community's unique vision. The three communities will work together in the development of an economic strategy that focuses on the strengths of the southeast Weld County region. These strengths include: our close proximity to the Denver metropolitan area and Denver International Airport; our location along Interstate 76 and the BNSF Railway; available land primed for development; and an available workforce with higher education resources available for job specific training.

In addition, a partnership with long-term support of businesses, non-profits, and educational institutions will be essential for the regional economic development strategy to succeed. *Upstate Colorado Economic Development*, the regional economic development agency, will assist with this regional strategy, coordinating the planning process.

Within the past few weeks, a Steering Committee has been identified. The Steering Committee is responsible for engaging interested people and businesses, gathering input; developing goals, objectives and strategies that lead to the construction of an Action Plan. The final draft of the Action Plan will be presented to each of the three Town Boards for adoption and implementation. The three individuals selected to represent Hudson include: John Honnold, Hudson Mayor Pro Tem, Rob Masden, Cornell Companies Executive Team Member; and Tom Kaufman, Real Estate Agent for Land Advisors.

COMMUNITY EVENTS BEING PLANNED FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2010

The Town's Events Committee is discussing plans for the remainder of the year. There will not be a parade and street dance this year, as we did for last year's paving celebration.

Again this year we will focus on a fall "pumpkin patch" event and will again invite Santa to Town Hall in December for the Town Hall lighting event. The Committee is also looking into the possibility of showing movies in the park on a couple of evenings later this summer/fall. More information on all of these events will be published.

And the Events Committee is looking for more volunteer members to help in planning and organizing future events and celebrations for the community. Call Town Hall if you are interested in participating.

NEW SIDEWALK PLANNED ALONG HWY. 52

The Town has received a highway "enhancement" grant through the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to install a sidewalk/bike path along the south side of Highway 52, from Sunrise Acres Street (formerly Juniper Street) to Cherry Street. Plans are being prepared for CDOT's approval for an eight foot wide walkway. We hope to be able to construct the new walkway in 2010.

FOODSHARE PROGRAM DISCONTINUED

Foodshare America has advised the Town that it has discontinued operations. This program was brought to Hudson as a means of raising funds for charitable purposes. Effective immediately, the local distribution will cease. Town staff is looking at alternative programs to continue this worthwhile effort. Call Town Hall if you have questions or other ideas for fundraisers.

RECYCLING DUMPSTER AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

Beginning July 1st, a community-wide recycling program is being implemented. The recycling center, located next to the town wastewater lagoon, west of the Love's Travel Stop, is being provided by Gator Rubbish Removal at no cost to town residents. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The dumpster, shown below as it was being unloaded, includes three compartments:

- Glass/Plastic/Aluminum
- Paper
- Cardboard



People are encouraged to recycle and to use this convenient facility. We also ask that people take care to avoid material being recycled from being left on the ground near the dumpster.

JUNIPER STREET RENAMED

The section of Juniper Street that provides access to the Sunrise Acres subdivision has been renamed "Sunrise Acres Street." This was done to avoid confusion with the address of the correctional facility, also on Juniper Street, but in the far north area of Hudson. Where possible, the Town tries to keep the same name on street segments that are aligned. However, in this case there was confusion for contractors and other folks who were looking for the correctional facility.

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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
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