



# The HUDSON CONNECTION



The Town of Hudson Newsletter  
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## APRIL ELECTION CANCELLED

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### **Matt Cole to Join the Board**

At its regular meeting of March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution cancelling the scheduled April 6<sup>th</sup> Town election. At the election there were to be five Board seats on the ballot, including the Mayor and four trustees, three for 4-year terms and one for a 2-year term. As of the deadline for filing, however, only three candidates, incumbent Mayor Neal Pontius and incumbent Trustees Isidro Guardado and Ray Patch had filed. Prior to the later write-in filing deadline, Matt Cole filed as a write-in candidate. No candidate filed for the remaining Trustee position. With fewer candidates filed than the number of open positions, there is no need for an election. Two years ago, the election was cancelled for the same reason.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, the newly seated Board will decide how to fill the vacancy by appointment. The vacancy must be filled within sixty days of the new Board's first meeting.

The terms of Trustees Barb Baker and Dwayne Haynes expired.

Matt Cole has regularly attended Board meetings and is familiar with current issues before the Board. He was recently appointed to the Planning Commission. **Welcome aboard, Matt!**

The Mayor and new/returning Trustees will take the oath of office at the Board's April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### ***"HUDSON CELEBRATES PROGRESS"*** **April 17<sup>th</sup> Events Planned**

The Town of Hudson cordially invites residents and local business owners to join us for a celebration of the completion of our two major public works projects on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant will begin 9:00 a.m. at the plant, located east of the Kersey Road at County Road 18.5. Tours of the new facility will follow the ceremony.

Later that same morning, everyone is invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at Hudson Memorial Park at 11am to celebrate our newly paved streets. A fun walk / skate / bike ride is scheduled immediately following the ribbon cutting event. At the end of the fun walk residents are invited back to Hudson Memorial Park for a Color Guard flag presentation by the American Legion, with Weld Central High School Choir singing the National Anthem and a fly-over sponsored by the Vintage Aero Flying Museum. The day's events will conclude with the Town hosting a BBQ Lunch at noon.

For celebration locations updates and the latest information on the celebration, please visit our website at [www.hudsoncolorado.org](http://www.hudsoncolorado.org).

## PAVING UPDATE We're Getting Close...

The paving project is nearing completion, with all streets having been paved with at least the first layer of asphalt. In the coming weeks the contractor will complete the top lift of asphalt, where needed, and will finish all concrete work, including a second raised crosswalk at the elementary school. Other "punch list" items are to be finished soon, such as backfill behind sidewalks.

So, now that we have paved streets, what do we do with them?



First, we can park on them. In the core older area of town, the north/south streets are wider because most houses front on them and there is a greater demand for on-street parking. But even on the east/west streets there is room to park. Please do not block the sidewalks.

Second is the obvious. We can drive on them. But please slow down and keep Hudson safe! The smooth surface of the new pavement has brought more children out to bike and skate throughout the town. Please stay alert and remember that the speed limit in town is 25 MPH, unless otherwise posted.

Finally, we can landscape up to them. We have seen a lot of folks outside during the recent good weather, working on their yards and landscaping. Where there are curbs or sidewalks, there is an opportunity to landscape up to a hard edge rather than a gravel shoulder. This includes landscaping the town-owned space between front property lines and the concrete if you wish.

If you have any questions about the streets or the paving project, please call the town's Public Works Department at 303-536-9311, ext. 224.

## STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

Our Public Works Department has developed a tentative street sweeping schedule. We can't sweep under a parked car. So, residents are asked to remove their parked vehicles from the streets during the following schedule days:



- Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, all north – south residential streets will be swept
- Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, all east – west residential streets will be swept
- Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, from 6am – 8am; the downtown area streets of Cedar, Dahlia, and Birch, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues, and Hudson Drive will be swept

This schedule is subject to change as we gain experience with sweeping the new five miles of pavement. We appreciate your assistance during those time periods.

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## HUDSON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT UPDATE

The facts from the Hudson Fire Protection District ARE, we are still here, 18 working strong and efficient members.

Don't forget to join us on March 27th, 2010 for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. The event will take place downtown at Station #1 on Cedar Street from 4pm to 8pm. We look forward to seeing you!

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## FOODSHARE AMERICA

The deadline for ordering groceries through Food Share America is April 12<sup>th</sup>. Each package purchased through the Town's distribution site qualifies for \$1.00 of food credit, which will help fund food packages for local families in need. Please contact Linnette Barker at the Town Hall or order on-line: [www.sharecolorado.com](http://www.sharecolorado.com).

## **NEW WASTEWATER PLANT IN OPERATION**

On January 28<sup>th</sup> the new Hudson Wastewater Treatment Facility went on line. While the idea of a wastewater plant might not be something that stirs excitement in most people, it is an essential component of a modern town. With ever more difficult standards for the quality of wastewater discharges, the increasing demand for service, and, incidentally, most everyone's desire to close the old sewer lagoons on Highway 52, this new automated mechanical plant represents a huge step forward for the community.

In 2010 the Town hopes to move ahead with the second phase of the project, the retirement of the old lagoons and the installation of a pumping station and sewer main line to the new plant. That will also make sanitary sewer service available to areas in and around town that currently aren't served.

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## **ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC AND PET LICENSING COMING SOON**

The Town of Hudson will be holding its Annual Rabies Clinic and Pet Licensing event on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. As in past years, the Town's Public Works Shop, located at the northwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Cherry Street, will be hosting the pet event. Costs for this year's clinic are as follows:

- \$10 – Rabies Vaccine
- \$3 – Town License (tag) (spayed or neutered)
- \$10 – Town License (tag) (not spayed or neutered)

If your pet received a 3-year vaccine, you will still need to bring your vaccination paperwork to the clinic to receive your town tags. Additional services are being offered by the Alpine Veterinary Hospital staff. For a list of those services and associated costs, please visit our town website at [www.hudsoncolorado.org](http://www.hudsoncolorado.org).

## **U.S. CENSUS BUREAU KICKS INTO HIGH GEAR**

Over the next several weeks, the 2010 Census will be the most visible advertising campaign you will be seeing. The U.S. Constitution (Article 1, Section 2) requires a headcount of everyone residing in the United States once every ten years.

Census forms are currently being mailed or delivered to every household. The Census form contains 10 questions and should only take about 10 minutes to complete. The form needs to be filled out in its entirety and mailed back in the postage paid envelope as soon as possible.

The information being collected by the Census helps to determine how the more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding is spent each year on infrastructure and services like: hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior citizen centers, emergency services, bridges, tunnels, and other public works projects.

People from many walks of life use Census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers, and more. Residents themselves have used Census data to support community initiatives involving environmental legislation, quality-of-life issues, and consumer advocacy. Census information also affects the numbers of seats the State of Colorado occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives.

If you have any questions about the 2010 Census, the Hudson Public Library at 555 Main Street is hosting an Authorized Census Questionnaire Assistance Center. A U.S. Census representative will be available Mondays from 10am – 3pm, Thursdays from 1pm – 6pm, and on Saturdays from 9am – 2pm, starting March 19<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>. You can also contact the Denver Regional Census Center at 303-264-0202.

## GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY!

Terri Redden, director

### Celebrate National Library Week April 11-17

Visit the library today. Where else can you obtain free access to books, computers, homework help, DVDs, CDs, and assistance with a smile?

If you enjoy reading, lively discussions about books and just gathering with a really fun and engaging group, visit our **book club**. This month's book is *Revolutionary Road* by Richard Yates. April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. they will gather to discuss the book.

**Homework Help** is held on Wednesdays. Please bring your homework questions to Marcie at the library from 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Marcie has previously taught at the night school at Weld Central.

Ask us about **"FAFSA"** forms and **Grant** information for college. We also have **tax** forms.

**Story time** is every Friday with Tami at 10:30-11:00. The third Friday of the month a drop in craft day is held from 10:30 – 1:30 p.m. This month it will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The children have really enjoyed the time they spend listening to stories, doing crafts and making friends. Age two is a good age to start teaching them to sit and listen to a book while in their parents' laps. Initially, they might only sit still for 5 or 10 minutes, but the time will increase as they get older.

Want a simple way to get books, DVDs and CDs? Our district library catalog is available at [www.mylibrary.us](http://www.mylibrary.us). Items not available in our library can be obtained by putting a hold on it and brought to our library via courier. The courier visits us 6 days a week. We can also take returns for any library in the district. If you have any questions about accessing our library catalog our staff is more than willing to help.

*"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents" Emilie Buchwald*

## SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS ANNOUNCED

The Town of Hudson has set Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> as its Annual Residential Spring Clean-Up Days. Dumpsters will be located at the Town's Waste Water Lagoon Treatment Plant located at State Highway 52 and Hickory Street across from the Loves Travel Stop.

Clean-up days are a service provided exclusively to the citizens of the Town of Hudson.

You will need a valid ID with a Hudson Water Bill or other Utility Service Bill which shows your name and physical address. You

will not be allowed to dump without one. Weld County Household Hazardous Waste Program will be on-site accepting items this year. All hazardous waste items will have to be labeled and must be capped or the item will not be accepted.

Times for the event are as follows:

Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – 8am to 4pm

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – 8am to 6pm

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 8am – 12 pm

For a list of accepted items, please visit our town website at [www.hudsoncolorado.org](http://www.hudsoncolorado.org). If you have additional questions contact Robbie Dodge at 303-536-9311.

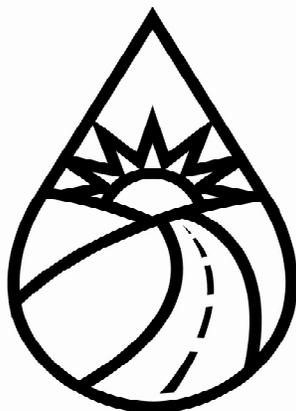
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We invite you to visit our website at [www.hudsoncolorado.org](http://www.hudsoncolorado.org) for the latest in town news and project updates. Your comments and questions are always welcome and can be sent to Town Hall via our email address at [info@hudsoncolorado.org](mailto:info@hudsoncolorado.org). Our hope is that it will become a useful tool for the community in keeping up on events affecting the community.



You are cordially invited



## HUDSON CELEBRATES PROGRESS

Please join us in our town celebration on  
Saturday, April 17, 2010

Festivities Include:  
Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Official Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Light Refreshments  
And Guided Plant Tours 9:00am – 10:00am



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Fun Walk/ Skate/ Bike Ride  
on the Town's Newly Paved Streets  
Ribbon Cutting 11:00 at Hudson Memorial Park  
Walk goes 'till 12:00



Barbeque Lunch in the Park at 12:00  
Starting With Color Guard Presentation, the National Anthem,  
and Fly-Over by the Vintage Aero Flying Museum

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*“Hudson Celebrates Progress” scheduled for Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.*

*The April 6, 2010 Hudson Municipal Election has been cancelled.*

*The Board of Trustees will consider an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board.*

*Rabies clinic and spring cleanup scheduled.*

*2010 Census coming your way.*

**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.**

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