



The HUDSON CONNECTION



The Town of Hudson Newsletter
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TOWN HALL LIGHTING EVENT COMING UP

SANTA PLANNING ANNUAL VISIT ON FRIDAY

Everyone is invited to stop by Town Hall for the visit by Santa and Town Hall lighting ceremony on Friday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m., preceded from about 4:00 to 5:00 by Santa's tour around the Town, accompanied by representatives from the Hudson Fire District and from the Weld County Sheriff's Office. Again this year we will enjoy holiday tunes by the Hudson Elementary carolers, directed by Laura Winters. The music and Town Hall lighting will be followed by refreshments and shocked looks from parents as kids tell Santa what they want for Christmas.



Speaking of which, don't forget...

"Hudson Angels" Toy Drive Deadline Approaches

December 10th is the deadline for contribution of new toys for the toy drive. Thanks to everyone who has participated to the project so far. It's not too late to help!

Toy drop-off locations:

- Hudson Town Hall
- Hudson Public Library
- Hudson Fire Station (downtown on Cedar Street)
- And collection boxes for toys located at businesses around town

2011 TOWN BUDGET SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1 ADOPTION

On Wednesday evening, December 1st, the Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the Town's budget for 2011. Several public meetings on the budget were concluded with a public hearing on November 17th.

The Town enters 2011 again with a solid base of revenues with which to conduct business, although the water utility fund is still struggling with revenues lagging increased expenses.

Highlights for 2011 include the planned final phase of the wastewater project, including connecting the main part of the Town to the new treatment plant and abandoning the old sewer lagoons on Hwy. 52.

Other highlights include:

- Establishment of a vehicle and equipment purchase and replacement fund to systematically save money for future purchases.
- Additional five hours per week of Sheriff patrol time.
- Upgrades to the water distribution system.
- Continuation of events, including movies in the park, pumpkin patch and Town Hall lighting.
- Drainage improvements.

Visit the Town web site, www.hudsoncolorado.org, call, or stop by Town Hall if you would like to view the detailed budget or if you have questions.

PUMPKIN PATCH A HUGE SUCCESS



The 3rd Annual Hudson Pumpkin Patch Children's Festival was held at the Hudson Memorial Park on October 29th. This year's event had an attendance

that more than doubled that of the previous two years. Nearly ninety children picked out a free pumpkin to take home and decorate. The fantastic fall day was highlighted by crafts, games with candy and prizes, music, and storytime around the bonfire.



Thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success:

- Rossi Farms for donating the pumpkins.
 - Coyote Hill Land and Cattle for hay bales.
 - Barn Store for donating ice.
 - Fire Chief Jock Johnson and volunteer fire fighters for the bonfire.
 - Med Express Urgent Care and the Town of Parker for donating trick-or-treat bags.
 - Principal Greg Dent of Hudson Elementary and staff for helping promote the event.
 - Hudson Management Assistant Dan Hamsmith's family for organizing and running the event.
- Great job!

HOME AND BUSINESS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST BEGINS

Judging will be under way shortly for the annual Christmas lighting contest. Awards will be given to winning homes and businesses that exhibit exceptional holiday displays.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HUDSON FIRE DISTRICT ON THEIR NEW STATION

The Town congratulates the Hudson Fire Protection District and its new Chief, Jock Johnson, on the November 13th grand opening of the new fire station and district headquarters in downtown Hudson.

BOARD CONSIDERS AMENDING RULES FOR PARKING ON TOWN STREETS

The Board of Trustees is considering Ordinance No. 10-12 that amends rules for parking of large trucks, trailers, boats and recreational vehicles on Town streets for periods in excess of 24 hours.

The ordinance provides for permits to park these trailers and oversize vehicles within the Town-owned street right-of-way, but off of the pavement and sidewalk, for longer periods if the parked vehicles do not block signs or intersecting traffic, does not violate other Town codes, and is not objected to by neighbors.



For example, vehicles with permits could be parked on an improved surface behind a sidewalk if there is adequate room. But they would not be allowed to accumulate junk or to have weeds growing around them.

Contact Town Hall for details.

PET REMINDER

With the cold weather approaching, pet owners are reminded to be sure that your animals have adequate shelter.

There have been a number of complaints about dogs running loose. Please make sure that your gates are closed and your dogs are under control. Also, please be sure that your dogs have town licenses and rabies shots.

MORE NEWS FROM TOWN HALL...

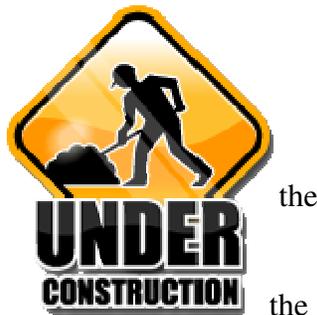
- One mile of Kersey Road, north of the I-76 interchange, is in Hudson. The Town is planning to resurface that portion of the road in 2011.
- The Town recently purchased a sewer jetting trailer and will be implementing a routine sewer main cleaning program next year.
- In the last 12 months the town passed the 100 million gallon threshold for annual production of treated water.
- The work on Beech Street to repair damage from the water leak has been completed. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- The Town still plans to proceed with the bike path/sidewalk along the south side of Highway 52 from Sunset Acres Street to Cherry Street. Obtaining approvals for the project has taken longer than anticipated.
- Dawn Pruitt was recently appointed to the Planning Commission. Welcome aboard!
- Cecilia Aichleman was reappointed to the Housing Authority Board. Thanks for your service



SEWER PROJECT OUT TO BID

Financing arrangements are complete and the last phase of the Town's sewer project is out to bid. Construction should begin shortly after the first of the year on a lift station and sewer main that will connect the main portion of the Town to the new treatment plant.

The project will include abandoning the old lagoons on Highway 52 and connection of the Hudson Industrial Park to sanitary sewer system. Construction should be complete sometime during summer of 2011.



Christmas Greetings from the library!

Terri Redden, director

Hudson Library is proud to be a part of the **Hudson Angel's Toy Drive**. We will be hosting a wrap up party December 10th starting at 4:00. A puppet show by the CIA puppet team will precede the wrapping. Please join us.

If you enjoy reading, lively discussions about books and just gathering with a really fun and engaging group, visit our **book club**. They are reading "**The Help**" by Kathryn Stockett. January 7th at 6:00 p.m. they will gather to discuss the book. The book club is open to everyone.

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

Story time is every Friday with Tami at 10:30-11:00. Children have really enjoyed the time they spend listening to stories, doing crafts and making friends. 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 time will increase as they get older.

Want a simple way to get books, DVDs and CDs? Our district library catalog is available 24 hours a day at www.mylibrary.us. If an item is not available in our library it 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 you learn how to use it.

Visit the library today. Where else can you obtain free access to books, computers, homework help, DVDs, CDs, and assistance with a smile? Ask us about **Fafsa** forms and **Grant** information for college. We also have **tax** forms.

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

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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.**

- *Town Hall Lighting*
- *Annual lighting contest*
- *Hudson Angels toy drive*
- *Library news*
- *2011 Budget highlights*



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