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FIRE SEASON IS COMING!

BE PREPARED!

FREE Fire Preparedness Workshop

Saturday, April 27, 2-4 pm

Gilpin County Community Center

SEATING IS LIMITED!

RSVP to 303-582-9106!

Sponsored by Gilpin County, Colorado State Extension and the
Greater Rollinsville Community Association.

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Community Newsletter WINTER/SPRING 2013

<http://co.gilpin.co.us>

Electronic means of communications have come to play an increasingly large part in the lives of Gilpin County residents but—as this very newsletter demonstrates—we're not quite able to give up on old-fashioned print on paper just yet.

We still post meeting notices on the bulletin board outside the Old Courthouse here in Central City, and we utilize posters, signboards, flyers and handbills for all sorts of classes, workshops and special events.

Our local newspapers—and we're lucky enough to have two that pay close attention to what we are doing in Gilpin County—continue to provide both another outlet for us to disseminate information and a reliable check on the goings-on of all our local governments.

But there are a lot of media that we don't have in Gilpin County, and that absence sometimes makes our task of communicating much harder.

There's no radio station that reliably reaches Gilpin listeners, and the Denver television stations can hardly be expected to cover local stories with regularity.

And though the papers do a fine job, they're both weeklies, and thus can't easily keep up with changing events, weather, and other circumstances.

For real emergencies, of course, we have a well-tested reverse notification system by telephone, but even that has become problematic as more and more people use cell phones that have marginal coverage up here in the high country.

For all those reasons, then, we're urging folks to get online, either with computers or mobile devices, and keep up with important Gilpin County information in that fashion.

The website (<http://co.gilpin.co.us>) usually has a wealth of useful information, with upcoming events usually emphasized right on the home page.

But folks who follow us on Facebook (GilpinCountyGovernment) or Twitter (@GilpinCounty) can have regular, timely messages sent directly to them, without having to religiously check the website for updates.

Not everyone will be interested in every post—the Summer Day Camp and Chainsaw Safety Workshop probably appeal to different demographics, for instance—but it's a great way to get timely reminders of scheduled programs and events, as well as the unscheduled facts of life (road closures, power outages) that affect us all here in the mountains. Try it!

Roger Baker
County Manager



Current and past issues of the Gilpin County Newsletter may be viewed online at <http://co.gilpin.co.us>.
For more information, or to change mailing addresses, contact us at 303-582-5214.

TAX NOTICES & PAYMENT INFORMATION

Alynn Huffman, Gilpin County Treasurer

Tax notices were mailed out the last week of January. If you haven't received yours yet, please call our office at 303-582-5222. Your notice may have been returned to us. The most common reason notices are returned is because of a bad address. If you have moved or you've changed your address and forgotten to notify us, we most likely have your returned notice here.

All tax notices are sent to the owner of the property. If you are in bankruptcy and receive a tax notice, that notice is for your information only. If a mortgage company is escrowing money for your taxes and you receive a tax notice, that notice is for your income taxes at the end of the year. The mortgage companies contact our office for your tax information. Most mortgage companies pay your taxes in the two installments as mass payments. If you are responsible for your taxes the remaining payment dates are as follows:

Full payment: Tuesday, April 30, 2013

2nd Half payment: Saturday, June 15, 2013

The postmark counts when mailing payments, not the date of your check. Since June 15 is on Saturday the Treasurer's Office will accept walk-ins for the second half payments on the following Monday, June 17, 2013. You may also go to our website to make a payment by electronic check or credit card. In the same area you can see if a payment has been made and print out your tax notice. Visit <http://co.gilpin.co.us>, click on "pay or view 2012 taxes" and follow the instructions to pay your taxes or to see if your mortgage company has paid. If there are outstanding taxes or a tax lien on your property, payment cannot be made online. If you no longer own the property and are not responsible for the taxes, please notify

the Treasurer's Office and return the notice to us. Finally, if you have any questions at all, please email taxes@co.gilpin.co.us, call 303-582-5222, or come into the Treasurer's Office. We will do our best to help you.

Foreclosure information may be found at: <http://co.gilpin.co.us>, on the Public Trustee's website. Choose departments, Public Trustee, VIEW foreclosures, Show All or enter a specific foreclosure number and see all activity that has happened with that foreclosure. Gilpin County foreclosure sales are held at 10 am every Thursday if we have any available. You can check continuances and foreclosures going to sale each Tuesday after 2 pm by clicking on "Foreclosure Reports".

The Foreclosure Hotline is free and available for homeowners who have missed a payment or are in danger of foreclosure: 1-877-601-HOPE (4673). This number connects homeowners with trained professional housing counselors who will help borrowers understand their options while working with borrower and lender to help avoid foreclosure.

Gilpin County 2014 Non-profit Funding Requests

Organizations that have received county funding in recent years will receive an email in June. This email will include a 2014 budget request form due August 31, 2013, and the detailed policy, with guidelines as to what sorts of requests will be considered. The Policy Statement for Gilpin County Funding of Non-County Agencies and Programs is also found on the county website. If you know of an organization that does not receive an email or needs more information, please call Gilpin County Finance at 303-951-3671.

2013 Notices of Valuation: A New, Cost-Saving Look

Anne Schafer, County Assessor

In an effort to reduce the cost of processing, printing, and postage, Gilpin County has joined a consortium of Colorado Assessors opting to send a postcard Notice of Valuation on May 1 in place of the long notice you have received in the past. You may review your property characteristics using our online record search at <http://co.gilpin.co.us>. To request a copy of the long notice, or if you have any questions, email the Assessor's office at assessor@co.gilpin.co.us or call during regular business hours at 303-582-5451.

2013 REAL PROPERTY NOTICE OF VALUATION			
In order to save postage and printing costs, this is a condensed version of your Notice of Valuation.			
See your entire Notice of Valuation which may include a listing of property characteristics relevant to value, further details on the appeal process and a protest filing application online at : http://www.co.gilpin.co.us/assessor/default.htm			
Schedule	Property Address/Description		
Classification	Prior	Current	Difference
Total			
If you are unable to view your Notice of Valuation online, please call us at 303-582-5451.			
If you disagree with the Assessor's determination, or if you do not receive a Notice of Determination, you must file a written appeal with the County Board of Equalization on or before July 15 th .			

2013 REAL PROPERTY PROTEST FORM		
You may appeal your valuation by June 1st by visiting our office or mail/email this signed form		
To the assessor. Website: http://www.co.gilpin.co.us/assessor/default.htm Email: assessor@co.gilpin.co.us		
Location/Mailing: 203 Eureka St., PO Box 338, Central City, CO 80422 Phone: 303-582-5451		
SCHEDULE NUMBER: _____		
PROPERTY OWNER: _____		
What is your estimate of the property's value as of June 30, 2010? \$ _____		
TO APPEAL ACCOUNT _____, CHECK HERE: <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
YOUR REASON FOR APPEALING THE VALUE IS: _____		
Please attach additional information as necessary.		
Signature	Telephone Number	Date
E-Mail Address		
AGENT AUTHORIZATION: You must provide written authorization if you are using an agent. The agent's name, mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number must be provided.		
YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL YOUR PROPERTY VALUATION EXPIRES JUNE 1ST.		

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS AND NOTES

Slash site opening April 17! Trash site changes coming soon!

At the Transfer Station providing better waste management is our primary goal. We continue to work towards increasing our recycling program but ultimately it is up to you, the residents, to choose to use the recycling options available. Last year we went to single-stream recycling, meaning you no longer have to sort recyclables. We increased our recycling materials by 44% in the last two years and have decreased our solid waste tonnage to the landfill by 22%. Please look on our website or read the recycle signs at the transfer station for items allowed.

In our continuing effort to offer improved services, in cooperation with our CSU Extension Agent Irene Shonle, we have applied for a grant to upgrade the transfer station. If our grant is fully funded we will purchase two compactors with containers for our recycling program and a composter so that residents and the Gilpin County School can begin composting. We won't know the results of the grant application until sometime in May.

The Solid Waste Transfer Station is open five days a week. Additionally, the Slash Site will be open April 17 – October 6 with the same hours as the transfer station: Wednesday – Saturday 7 am—2:30 pm, Sunday 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. Holiday closures apply, and sometimes differ from other County offices. Check the County website, or the signs at the Transfer Station for details.

County residents are charged \$1.00 (for 33 gallon size and smaller) and \$2.00 (for any bag larger than 33 gallon) per bag of household trash. Discount punch cards may be purchased at the Public Works Office (255 Braecher Park Road) at \$20.00 for 24 punches (\$0.83 per punch). Punch cards purchased at the Waste Transfer Station are \$20.00 for 20 punches (\$1.00 per punch). Household trash, recycling and slash drop off is also open to non-residents. "Free Trash Day Tokens" have replaced the coupons once printed in the County newsletter and are available, with proof of residency (resident sticker and photo ID are required and utility bill or tax statement may be necessary) and must be picked up at the Public Works office. For more details, please call Public Works at 303-582-5004. The fee schedule is available at the County website: <http://co.gilpin.co.us>, We still accept cash, checks and charge cards (with a small fee to the user).

Starting in May we will be accepting household hazardous waste at the transfer station. Household hazardous waste is defined as "waste derived from single and multiple residences, and other residential units such as hotels and motels." EPA expanded the definition of household wastes to include wastes from bunkhouses, ranger stations, crew quarters, campgrounds, picnic grounds, and day-use recreation areas. Household hazardous waste must meet two criteria: the waste must be generated by individuals on the premises of a household, and the waste must be composed primarily of materials found in the waste generated by consumers in their homes. We will only accept household hazardous waste that is normally found in household waste streams such as paint cans, insect repellent, aerosols, household cleaners, oil, and antifreeze. We will at no time be able to accept hazardous waste derived from businesses, schools, the County, a municipality or other non-residential activity.

Colorado State University Extension Update

Irene Shonle, Gilpin County Extension Agent

Colorado State University Extension is here to help you live in the mountains, with information on mountain gardening, forest health, renewable energy, noxious weeds, wildlife issues, 4-H youth development and more. Programs are available to all without discrimination. Our website is www.extension.colostate.edu/gilpin and our phone is 303-582-9106. We are in the Exhibit Barn, 230 Norton Dr., right next to the Community Center. If you'd like to receive regular updates on classes and programs from us, please go to the Extension website and add your email address in the box. Or, you can "like" us on Facebook. Upcoming classes:

Be Wildwise series:

Fire Preparedness Workshop April 27 (Saturday) 2 pm-4 pm. Gilpin Community Center. FREE! Fire season has already started. Hear presentations from a Fourmile Fire survivor, Gilpin Sheriff, Gilpin Ambulance, firefighters, and insurance representatives on how to prepare yourself and your home. You'll receive useful handouts, and can buy metal address signs. RSVPs appreciated.

Living with Wildlife May 4 (Saturday) 2 pm-4 pm. Gilpin Community Center. FREE! Are you seeing moose for the first time, or noticing aggressive coyotes? Are you ready for extra-hungry bears this year? Learn and have fun, while your kids enjoy the special kids' track with snacks, crafts & games.

Firewise Landscaping May 11 (Saturday) 9 am-12:30 pm. Nederland Community Center. FREE! Defensible space does not mean moonscape. Get the latest science on how houses actually burn in wildfires and learn how to transform your home's perimeter into an area that you can not only use, but looks good and helps protect your home.

Kids Be Wild Wise! May 11 (Saturday) 10 am-Noon. Gilpin County Library. FREE! Kids, bring your parents for an interactive workshop with our special guest Golden Gate Park Ranger, a sing-a-long and crafts (make your own alert wildlife noise maker).

Wildlife Story Hour May 22 (Wednesday) 10 am Gilpin County Library. FREE! Join us to read animal stories, make an animal mask, and sing a fun song about being safe with wildlife.

Chainsaw Safety Workshop June 1 (Saturday) 9 am-Noon. Gilpin Community Center. FREE! Learn how to evaluate and fell trees safely with a chainsaw. The class consists of an indoor lesson and an outdoor demonstration of techniques. Gilpin residents only. **Must RSVP**-space is limited.

Spring Gardening Series:

Vegetable Planting Techniques & Season Extension May 7 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm. Gilpin Community Center. \$5.00 This class will give you the best practices for planting your vegetable garden, including tips on how to extend your growing season.

Drought Tolerant, Hardy Flowers May 29 (Wednesday) 6:30 pm. Exhibit Building. \$5.00 Nothing grows up here? Nonsense! Learn about beautiful and tough flowers to brighten your landscape.

Garden Pests: Insects & Critters June 22 (Saturday) 2 pm. Exhibit Building. \$5.00 Learn how to deal with pesky insects and animals in your garden.

Mountain-hardy plant sale at the Flea Market! June 8 (Saturday) 9:00 am until they sell out!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS!

GCART Skills Workshop: April 21 (Sunday) from 11am to 4pm. Come learn how to tie a knot with rope and learn to make halters, muzzles and more using webbing. You will also learn how to handle reptiles, amphibians, parrots, macaws and other large birds, horses, alpacas and even a yak. Lunch will be provided by the High Country Auxiliary so for a lunch head count please RSVP to Vicki Nemec at 303-582-5214 or vnemec@co.gilpin.co.us

GCART Gymkhana Series - Come participate in the Gymkhana Horse Games. All ages and experience levels are welcome! Dates are June 9, July 14 with the series finale at the Gilpin County Fair on August 18. Come to Fairgrounds by 9:30 a.m. and register for the day. This event needs at least one food vendor to complement the Mexican food vendor on July 14. If your organization is interested in this opportunity, please contact Vicki at 303-582-5214.

10th Annual Gilpin County Flea Market - June 7 & 8, 9am-4pm (Friday & Saturday) Booth applications are now available at the county's website. Outside vendors are welcome to stay over on Sunday, June 9 and sell to the participants and attendees of the GCART Gymkhana taking place in the arena. Food vendors have agreed to stay. Check out the Gilpin County Surplus Equipment Sale.

2nd Annual CoWN Event—July 5-7 (Friday-Sunday) We hosted this at the Fair last year and it was a huge success. It includes horse clinics and various horse and rider skill tests all weekend.

21st Annual Gilpin County Fair - August 17 & 18 (Saturday-Sunday) Booth applications are now available on the County's website. Need information? Email fairinfo@co.gilpin.co.us for answers. Interested in being a food vendor? Call Vicki at 303-582-5214 for an application; food vendors are allowed by approval only. If you are a merchandise vendor please call Heather at 303-582-9106. NEW IN 2013, the merchandise and information vendors will be in the gymnasium at the Community Center. This means clean, dust-free booth spaces! Special requirements for setting up are listed on the application along with other changes so review the application carefully.

Check the County website at <http://co.gilpin.co.us/Events/Events.htm> for more information!



Gilpin County Parks & Recreation Events & Summer Camp

Come join us for this year's fun-filled Summer Day Camp Program at the Gilpin County Community Center! We will be filling our days with activities such as: Swimming, Games, Arts & Crafts, Spanish, Pottery, and much more. We only have 30 spaces available, so get your registrations in early. \$10.00 per day deposit is due at registration. Cost without classes: \$32 per day. Cost with classes: \$36 per day. Contact Amanda Skeen for more info: 303-582-1453.

There's lots going on for teens and adults, too: a full slate of class schedules and notifications of other events is at www.GilpinRecreation.com. And now there's a Class Cancellation Hotline for after-hours class cancellations: 303-582-1453, extension 8.

GILPIN COUNTY HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

***Gilpin County Old Courthouse Building* 203 Eureka Street, Central City, CO 80427**

Office	Area of Service	Main Number	Fax Number	Mailing Address
Administration	Commissioners & General Services	303-582-5214	303-582-5440	P.O. Box 366
Assessor	Property Assessment	303-582-5451	303-565-1798	P.O. Box 338
Clerk & Recorder	License Plates/Car & Voter Registration	303-582-5321	303-565-1797	P.O. Box 429
Community Development	Planning/Zoning/Mapping/Building	303-582-5831	303-565-1796	P.O. Box 661
Coroner	Deaths in Gilpin County	303-582-3957	303-582-3390	P.O. Box 333
Treasurer	Taxes & Fee Payments	303-582-5222	303-582-3086	P.O. Box 368

***Justice Center* 2960 Dory Hill Road, Black Hawk, CO 80422**

Office	Area of Service	Main Number	Fax Number	Suite No.
Courts	County and District Courts, Jury Duty	303-582-5522	303-582-3112	200
Dispatch Center	Non-emergency Services	303-582-5500	303-582-3758	300
District Attorney	Part-time Office out of Jefferson County	303-582-1340		220
Human Services	Adult/Child Protection/Public Assistance	303-582-5444	303-582-5798	100
Jail	Detentions	303-582-3576	303-582-3574	350
Senior Services	Meals, Transportation and Shopping	303-582-5444	303-582-5798	101
Sheriff Administration	Civil Process, Dog Tags, Case Reports	303-582-1060	303-582-3813	300
Victim Services	Dignified Services for Crime Victims	303-582-5926	303-582-6018	300

***Gilpin County Apex Facility* 495 Apex Valley Road**

Office	Area of Service	Main Number	Fax Number	Mailing Address
Finance	County Budget, Vouchers, Payments	303-951-3671	303-951-3675	P.O. Box 366, CC, 80427
Human Resources	Employment, Insurance	303-951-3673	303-951-3675	P.O. Box 366, CC, 80427
Facilities Manager	Facilities/Maintenance	303-951-3674	303-951-3675	P.O. Box 457, BH, 80422

Other County Offices

Office	Area of Service	Main No.	Fax Number	Mailing Address
Community Center	Rec. Classes, Mtg. rooms	303-582-1453	303-582-5404	250 Norton Dr., Black Hawk, CO 80422
Community Center Pools	Swimming and swim lessons	720-536-2855	303-582-5404	250 Norton Dr., Black Hawk, CO 80422
CSU/Gilpin Extension Agent	Gardening, forest health, renewable energy, noxious weeds, 4-H	303-582-9106	303-582-5062	230 Norton Dr., Black Hawk, CO 80422
Library	Information Services	303-582-5777	303-582-3938	15131 Hwy. 119, Black Hawk, CO 80422
Public Health Agency	Community Health	303-582-5803	303-582-9063	101 Norton Drive, Black Hawk, CO 80422
Public Works	County Road Maintenance, Trash Transfer, Slash, Hot Logs	303-582-5004	303-582-3291	255 Braeher Pk Rd BH CO 80422
Veterans Officer	Veterans Services	303-582-5444	303-582-5798	2960 Dory Hill Rd, Ste.100, BH, CO