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**GILPIN COUNTY SAFETY FAIR (SEE PG. 7)**

Welcome to mud season! While we can still expect more snow, the glorious high-country summer is just around the corner. The bluebird days and cool nights we treasure here in Gilpin County also come with the increased risk of wildfires. Gilpin County partnered with Timberline Fire Protection District, Colorado State Forest, and CSU Extension to win a grant from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources for creating defensible home spaces. Those participating in the grant and neighbors who did not will all be busy this summer hauling slash to the Public Works Slash Yard which is free to residents.

In an effort to keep the peace, the Board of County Commissioners voted to update the shooting resolution originally passed in 1975 and we are now working towards enforcing the state noise ordinance. We'd also like to remind residents that Off-Highway Vehicles are not permitted on county roads.

Balancing the county budget with reduced gaming tax revenues continues to be a difficult process. We have had to make cuts in all areas but have tried very hard to keep the quality public services that we all appreciate. The lack of county-wide transportation continues to

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be a problem, although we have joined Boulder County in a regional experiment that provides service from Rollinsville to Nederland on Thursdays. Our hope is to find funding that will provide service to the entire county five days a week. We are also working to improve broadband and cell service in the county and have been supporting legislation in the house and senate that looks promising.

The commissioners and all employees work for the benefit of the citizens of Gilpin County. We strive for open and honest local government that focuses on the safety, health and well-being of our residents. We hold monthly informal gatherings at the Community Center to discuss current issues and welcome the opportunity to talk with you personally. Enjoy the summer!

Gail Watson, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners

**Funding Request Information for the January-December 2015**  
**Gilpin County Budget:**

Organizations that have received county funding in recent years will receive an email in June. This email will include a 2015 budget request form due August 31, 2014 and the detailed policy, with guidelines as to what types of requests will be considered. The Policy Statement for Gilpin County Funding of Non-County Agencies and Programs may also be found on the county website at <http://co.gilpin.co.us/Finance/FundingPage.htm>. 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.

**GCART** (Gilpin County Animal Response Team) is proud to announce the addition of four new certified members to its roster which brings GCART up to 20 certified team members. The group is currently working on two large-scale trainings this spring/summer. The first will be a pre-mock where members will actually set up a shelter and learn how to use all of the equipment. The second will be a full-blown mock where the public will be invited to bring their animals in under a pretend evacuation scenario. This will give GCART members a chance to actually take in animals and assure that the procedures put in place will work as expected during a real emergency. Please keep an eye on the Weekly Register Call and the Gilpin County website for more information on these training dates.

***Gilpin County Community Center***  
***Summer Day Camp***

Monday - Friday 7am - 6pm

June 2 - August 8 ~ Ages: 5 - 13

***Only \$30 per day/per child with a \$5 discount for additional children.***

*Join us for a fun-filled summer of activities such as:*

***The Old West, Native American Culture, Mountain Gardening,  
Guest Entertainment & Much More!***

250 Norton Drive - 303-582-1453 - [www.GilpinRecreation.com](http://www.GilpinRecreation.com)

## 2014 Property Values & Sample Tax Calculation

Anne Schafer, Assessor

Colorado law currently requires a two-year reassessment cycle of all real property; **2014 is an intervening year** of the cycle. For most properties, the value remains the same as what appeared on your 2013 Property Notice of Valuation.

In an intervening year, Notices of Valuation will be sent only to property owners with a property that changed in value. Value changes are usually due to new construction, reclassification or demolition. However all property owners may appeal their value in the month of May.

### Calculation of Property Taxes

The actual value of property is **not** the taxable value. Rather, the taxable value is a percentage of the actual value. The percentage is called an “assessment rate,” and the resulting value is called the “assessed value.” It is currently 7.96 percent for residential properties and is 29 percent for vacant land and all other properties.

Your property taxes are calculated by multiplying the mill levy or tax rate by the assessed or taxable value of your property.

### Example:

The actual value of Mr. Jones’ home is \$200,000. The Notice of Valuation shows the current assessment percentage is 7.96%, so  $\$200,000 \times 7.96\% =$  an assessed value of \$15,920.

Then, multiply the **assessed value** times the **decimal equivalent of the total mill levy**. Mr. Jones’ assessed value of \$15,920 x the mill levy of .035530 = approximate taxes of \$565.64.

### IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 24

- May 23: Last day a major party voter can switch parties and vote
- June 2: First day ballots will be mailed to voters
- June 16: Last day to register on-line at [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com)
- June 16-June 24: Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) open at the Courthouse, 203 Eureka St. Central City

VSPC Hours: Weekdays (starting June 16) 8-4:30; Saturday (June 21) 9-1; Sunday (June 22) CLOSED

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, JUNE 24, 2014: Open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

At the Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) you can:

- Cast a ballot in person
- Vote on equipment that is accessible to voters with disabilities
- Drop off ballots in person
- Update your name or address on the voter rolls
- Register to vote (if a County resident)
- Unaffiliated voters can change to a major party and vote



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 a mailing address, contact us at 303-582-5214.

**Public Health Agency**  
Ann Marie Bailey, Coordinator

**Water Testing**

Because you cannot see, smell or taste most contaminants that can be in your water well system, you should test your water on an annual basis. Gilpin County Public Health Agency provides water testing for Total Coliform and E –Coli. The Agency is open Monday through Friday to dispense water testing kits and instructions on how to use them. Evaluation of water samples is performed Monday through Thursday, 8am through 1pm; water samples must be submitted within 24 hours after being placed in the kit container. Generally, 8am – 1pm is the best time to bring the sample in; however, some afternoons Monday through Thursday are available by calling 303-582-5803 x13 to make arrangements. The Coliform/E-coli test kit charge is currently \$25. For more information call the Gilpin County Public Health Agency at 303-582-5803 x 13 or go to the County website <http://www.co.gilpin.co.us>, then click on the Public Health Agency link and scroll down to the “Well Water Testing” section.

**FREE Radon Testing**

Radon is a radioactive gas caused by the natural decay of uranium that is found in nearly all soils. It typically moves up through the ground to the air and into your home through cracks and other holes in the foundation. The radon test kit is now **free** and available at the Public Health office at 101 Norton Drive. For more information on radon testing please call 303-582-5803 x13.

**CardioPlus Fair**

Gilpin County Public Health Agency will be presenting the **CardioPlus Community Health Fair** on Saturday, September 27, from 7am- 3pm at the Isle Casino located at 401 Main St., Black Hawk. The Fair will offer **FREE Cardiac Risk Assessments** (Total Cholesterol, LDL, HDL, Triglycerides, Glucose) EKGs, Blood Pressure and Body Mass Index testing. Other blood tests are available at a very low cost: C-reactive protein, A1C, and Vitamin D. Also available will be tests for Ultrasound Peripheral Arterial Disease and Ultrasound Carotid Artery.

**Nurse-Family Partnership**

Nurse-Family Partnership is a program for women who are pregnant with their first child and who meet low income requirements. Program enrollees receive home visits from a caring registered nurse throughout the pregnancy and continue to visit until the baby is 2 years old. The program is free to those who qualify. Please contact (970) 668-9711 or (303) 809-5284 for more information.

**Lead (Blood) Testing**

Lead poisoning is a serious problem for young children, as it can cause disabilities, attention deficit disorder and decreased intelligence. You can't see, taste or smell lead in your home or yard.

**Testing:** Children must be between the ages of 12 months to 6 years. Call 303-582-5803 to set up your child's appointment.

**Where:** Gilpin County Public Health Agency, 101 Norton Drive.



Please join us as we form a county-wide volunteer organization committed to helping seniors, disabled and financially challenged Gilpin County residents. We are enlisting volunteers to help with yard work, transportation

and other ways to be of assistance to your neighbors who may need a helping hand.

Please let us know if you can join us! Email [GilpinCares@gmail.com](mailto:GilpinCares@gmail.com) or sign up at the Community Center.

## Gilpin County Parks & Recreation Upcoming Classes, Leagues & Events

### Gilpin County Community Center

Go to [www.GilpinRecreation.com](http://www.GilpinRecreation.com) or call 303-582-1453 for more information.

#### **Youth Summer Camp: Mon. - Fri., June 2 - Aug. 8 from 7am to 6pm**

Summer 2014 is approaching quickly and the planning is in full swing! Ages: 5 - 13. Cost: \$30 a day per child (additional child discount of \$5). Friday care is available! Closed week of July 4. Join us for a fun filled summer of activities such as: The Old West, Native American Culture, Mountain Gardening, Guest Entertainment and much more. Check our website for details on possible field trips, too! [www.GilpinRecreation.com](http://www.GilpinRecreation.com). Contact: Amanda Skeen or Laura Pierce at 303-582-1453 for more information.

#### **Swim Lessons: 3 Express Sessions Mon. – Thur. for 2 weeks**

All levels, Ages 6 mo. and up, 6/9 – 6/19, 7/7 – 7/17 and 7/28 – 8/7. Saturday lessons also available 5/24 – 7/19. Check our website for detailed information on levels and times. Private and Semi-Private Lessons also available. Adult lessons upon request. Dates and times are tentative and subject to change. Contact: Jacob Rippy at 303-582-1453 for more information.

#### **Father's Day Fishing Clinic: Sun., June 15 from 1pm – 4pm**

Celebrate Father's Day at the Fishing Hole! Located at William C. Russell Park & Pond above Central City. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Prizes, Family Fun for ages 2 – 16 and their families. Bring your Rod, Reel, Bait & Cooler. FREE Admission!

#### **Youth Soccer League: Practices begin the week of Aug. 11**

Early registration (\$10 discount): April 28 – May 31. Regular registration: June 1 – July 31. Late Registration (Additional \$10): August 1 – open. Practices are after school Mon-Thurs. (some coaches may choose to practice Friday). Game days: Aug. 23, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4. Make-up dates: Oct. 11 & 18. Cost: 1<sup>st</sup> child \$60, 2<sup>nd</sup> child \$55, 3<sup>rd</sup> child \$50. Volunteer coaches needed; coaches' children play for half-price. Contact: Orrin Snyder at 303-582-1453 for more information.

#### **Fitness Classes: Mon. - Fri. am & pm, ongoing**

Get in shape with our fitness classes. We offer a variety of classes: Cardio and Muscle Toning, Pilates, Hatha & Vinyasa Yoga, Kickboxing, Nia, and Water Aerobics. **NEW! Train & Tone class Mon. 5pm - 6pm & Meditation Thurs. 8:15am – 9:15am. Also, Adult Strengthen, Stretch & Balance Mon. & Wed. 11:15am - 12:15pm.** Check our website [www.GilpinRecreation.com](http://www.GilpinRecreation.com) for more details.

#### **Stitchers Get-Together: Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 8:30am to 12pm**

ALL stitchers wanted: sew, quilt, needlework, knit, crochet... beginners welcome! Looking for Stitchers interested in getting together twice a month to finish those UFO's, learn something new, share your knowledge, get to know other stitchers. Bring your projects and show'n'tells! Childcare will be provided: \$4 first child / \$2 each additional child. *Cost: Drop-in charge to GCCC*

#### **Tae Kwon Do: Tue/Thur, 6pm- 7:30pm, Ages 7+, ongoing**

Learn coordination, balance, mental awareness, confidence, discipline and fitness from our experienced Black Belts. This is a great, family-oriented class for children & adults.

#### **Give Me A Break: Wed. & Thur. from 8:15am - 10:30am**

Please provide diapers/wipes/snacks or anything else your child may need to be happy and comfortable while you exercise. *Cost: \$4 for the first child, \$2 each additional child. Ages: 6 months & up.*

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## CSU Gilpin County Extension~ Upcoming Events

Irene Shonle, Gilpin County Extension Agent

**Wildfire Mitigation & Firewise Landscaping Workshop** Saturday, May 10, 9am to 12pm. FREE Gilpin Community Center (250 Norton Dr.) Defensible-space does not mean moonscape: learn top tips on making your house less likely to burn in a wildfire, while still making it attractive. RSVP's appreciated: 303-582-9106.

**The Great 4-H Mountain to Metro Adventure** June 25 & 26. Must enroll no later than May 21; 303-582-9106; \$30.00; space is limited! All youth ages 10-12 are welcome to come on this exciting overnight adventure with an 'amazing race' theme, traveling through the mountains and Denver. Fun, life skills and friendship.

**Weed Control Check-out Program** Call the Extension Office to reserve a sprayer: 303-582-9106. Treat your noxious weeds with a low-toxicity, low-dosage spray made available by a grant from the Colorado Department of Agriculture. FREE to Gilpin County landowners with small infestations, half price for infestations over 5 acres.

**Mountain Plant Sale** June 7, 9am until sold out. Gilpin Exhibit Barn (230 Norton Dr.) We'll have mountain hardy favorites including many natives and shrubs. More plants this year! Get there early for best selection and advice.

**Small Fruits for the Mountains** June 4 6:30pm to 8pm. Gilpin Exhibit Barn (230 Norton Dr.) \$5.00 Learn about tasty and attractive small fruits that will actually grow in the mountains. RSVP's appreciated: 303-582-9106.

**Weed and Wildflower Festival** Watch our website for details on our Weed and Wildflower Festival throughout July. Hikes, nature journaling, classes, weed pulls, and kids' activities. Interested in any of the above events and more? Contact us at 303-582-9106, visit us at 230 Norton Drive, "like" us on Facebook (CSU Extension Gilpin County), or find us on the web at [www.extension.colostate.edu/gilpin](http://www.extension.colostate.edu/gilpin) -- where you can also sign up for our email list.

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## Public Works Update

Curtis Logsdon, Director

### Road and Bridge Division

Road and Bridge does not have any major projects planned this summer as the budget continues to be challenging. The main focus this year will be on providing general road maintenance, along with addressing and improving problem areas throughout the county and completing FEMA funded projects that were started last fall from the flooding. Due to budget constraints only roads that meet State mandated requirements (more than 400 vehicles per day) will be dust suppressed this year.

*A couple of friendly reminders:*

- The windrow of snow left across the entrance of your driveway by the snowplow is the responsibility of the resident. In the case of unusually large snowstorms county equipment will go back after the storm has ended to begin cleaning up and widening the roads. Road and Bridge will only clear the windrow from the driveways which had been cleaned out initially and have been plowed closed again from the widening process.
- Driveway culverts are the responsibility of the property owner and must be maintained by the residents. Gilpin County is responsible only for the maintenance of culverts that are used to drain ditches and which exist under county maintained roads.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

**Gilpin Gymkhana Series** ~ June 8 & July 19, 10am until done. Come participate in the Gymkhana Horse Games. All ages and experience levels are welcome! The series finale will be held at the Gilpin County Fair on August 17. Come to the Fairgrounds and register between 8am and 9:45 am.

**Gilpin County Community Safety Fair** ~ Come to the Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 21. We have an awesome day planned with the local Fire, Ambulance & Police Departments, safety demonstrations, food, games & entertainment for the entire family. Hands Only CPR, Bicycle Rodeo, Fire Extinguisher Training, Petting Zoo, and much, much more! Save the date!

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Gilpin County Flea Market** ~ June 6 & 7, 9am-4pm (Friday & Saturday) Booth applications are now available at the county's website.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gilpin County Fair** ~ August 16 & 17 (Saturday-Sunday) Booth applications are now available on the County's website. Need information? Email [fairinfo@co.gilpin.co.us](mailto:fairinfo@co.gilpin.co.us) for answers. Interested in being a vendor? Call Heather at 303-582-9106 for an application; food vendors are allowed by approval only so call for more information on becoming a food vendor.

NEW IN 2014, the **Mardi Gras/Affinity Group Rodeo** will be making its premier debut on Saturday starting at 1pm. Some of the FREE attractions will include a petting zoo, pony rides, Bungee trampoline, 27' slide, mechanical bull, contests galore including the log splitting, Gilpin Gourmet and Talent Contest. The craft and merchandise vendors will be showing their wares in the gymnasium of the Community Center once again, along with the new numbering system that will allow you to shop the vendors while waiting for your turn with the face painter.

Check the Gilpin County website at <http://co.gilpin.co.us> and click on the Fair Highlights link for more information!

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### **Solid Waste Division**

Solid Waste raised its prices on household trash at the beginning of 2014. 33 gallon bags and smaller are \$2.00 per bag, and bags larger than 33 gallons are \$3.00 per bag for Gilpin County residents. Non-residents pay \$4.00 and \$6.00 respectively. Discount punch cards are still available at the Public Works office (255 Braeher Park Road) at \$20.00 for 24 punches (you get 4 free punches). Punch cards purchased at the Transfer Station are \$20.00 for 20 punches. Solid Waste will open the Slash Site on Wednesday, April 30. It will be open the same hours as the Transfer Station through Sunday, October 5.

#### **Transfer Station and Slash Site Schedule**

**Wednesday – Saturday 7am to 2:30pm**

**Sunday 9:30am – 2:30pm**

Free Trash Day tokens are available to Gilpin County residents, with proof of residency, (photo ID is required and utility bill or tax statement may be necessary) and must be picked up at the Public Works office. Free Trash Day is intended for residential clean up and is limited to 5 cubic yards per residence (approximately a full size pickup with racks) and is not available to businesses. For more details, please call Public Works at 303-582-5004. The fee schedules for recycling, electronics and solid waste are available at the county website <http://co.gilpin.co.us>. We accept cash, checks and charge cards (with a small fee to the user).

**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	303-435-7061	303-327-7900	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