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## **Gilpin County Community Newsletter July 2008**

### A Message from the County Manager

With summer always comes increased wild fire danger in our beautiful mountains, and that combined with the growing awareness of the mountain pine beetle epidemic has given new impetus to homeowners wanting to take appropriate fire mitigation actions on their own properties.

Gilpin County has taken a number of steps to facilitate this process. Our new biomass-fueled Road & Bridge building was designed in part to allow painless (and maybe even profitable!) disposal of logs, and a new, larger and more versatile chipper should be on site by the time you read this. The County is always putting its ever-increasing GIS mapping capability to good use by incorporating those maps into a new Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which with luck should be finished by the end of the year; the plan will guide mitigation efforts as well as fire fighting response in our wildland-urban interface areas.

There are some things homeowners can do now to slow beetle infestation, though as County Extension Agent Irene Shonle notes in her article on page 6, the most effective measures are those undertaken in the fall. The County can't treat all the trees on private lands, much less those on the thousands of acres of park and national forest land in the County; but we can and will make the treatment process easier and assist homeowners associations and our fire departments in protecting and defending the forests we all cherish.

*Roger Baker  
Gilpin County Manager*

#### **Gilpin Residents Only!**

#### **Trash Compactor**

**New Hours as of July 16:  
Wednesdays through Saturdays  
10:00 am to 5:30 pm**

**FREE TRASH DAY:  
September 20, 2008  
7:00 am to 4:00 pm**

#### **Slash Collection Site**

**July 14 to Sept. 30, 2008  
Wednesdays through Saturdays  
7:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Gates locked 5:30 pm**

#### **Property Tax Work Off New Enrollment Period**

Gilpin County's Tax Work-Off Program, which allows senior citizens and disabled taxpayers the opportunity to work for various Gilpin County departments to pay a portion of their property taxes, is now instituting an new enrollment and work period:

**October 1 - November 30:**  
open enrollment  
**January 1 through May 15:**  
participant work period

Those individuals selected for the program are hired as temporary employees of Gilpin County. Jobs are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, taking skills, location, transportation and physical limitations into consideration. Gilpin County does not guarantee work or completion of work hours. Please call 303-582-5214 for details.



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## Taxes and Tax Lien Sale

by Alynn Huffman, Gilpin County Treasurer

It's that time of year again. If your taxes weren't paid by June 16, they are now delinquent. We sent out delinquent notices the first week of July. There will only be one delinquent notice sent. The notice will have interest included for the month of July. Per Statute 39-11-101: "If the amount of the delinquency is not paid by the date specified in the notice, which shall not be less than fifteen days from the date of mailing of the notice, the Treasurer will advertise and sell a tax lien on the person's property on the date specified in the notice [November 19, 2008] at Public Auction for the delinquent taxes, interest, and applicable fees." If you received a delinquent notice and your mortgage company is responsible for paying your taxes, now is the time to find out why they haven't. If you have a BLE/BLA in progress, all taxes must be kept current per the Board of Gilpin County Commissioners. Payment must be received on or before July 31, 2008.

We will accept personal checks for your delinquent taxes through September 12, 2008. Starting September 15, payment by mail or in our office must be made by certified funds or cash. Personal Property and Mobile Property taxes may be paid online by e-check or credit card until midnight, September 12, 2008. Personal property and mobiles that are delinquent will be published September 26, 2008. Real estate taxes may be paid online until midnight, September 30, 2008. If real estate taxes are not paid by the end of September, they will be published in the *Weekly Register Call* on October 17, 24 and 31. The delinquent list will also be on our Website starting the same date as the first publication in the newspaper. The property owner is then responsible for the cost of advertising as well as the tax, interest and applicable fees.

The first week in August, holders of tax lien

certificates will receive tax notices for the certificates they hold if the owner has not paid the current tax. The payment will be the tax, interest owed and a \$5.00 endorsement fee. This is called an endorsement payment. The accrued interest received on the endorsement is the same as the original interest when the tax certificate was purchased. If an endorsement payment is not made, that tax amount goes to the tax sale in November. This creates a situation in which there are two lien holders for the same property and that can complicate things if a Treasurer's Deed is applied for.

All information and necessary forms for the tax sale can be obtained from our office or on our website [www.co.gilpin.co.us](http://www.co.gilpin.co.us) after October 10, 2008. If you need help downloading the forms, please call us and we will walk you through the process.

This year's Tax Lien Sale will be held on November 19, 2008. It will once again be an auction. Payment for any liens purchased at the sale must be in the form of cash or certified funds for first-time buyers. If you have participated in the auction before, you may pay by personal check. If payment is by certified check, the bidder may leave that check in our office before the start of the sale. A receipt will be given to you. That receipt must be returned to our office after the sale. If nothing is purchased, the check will be returned to you. If a purchase is made, the amount owed will be taken out of the certified check. If a refund is due you, it will be mailed to you along with all the paperwork associated with the certificates you have purchased. This is usually done the week following the tax lien sale. Location for the tax sale is again in the Old Court House at 203 Eureka Street, Central City, in the Commissioner's meeting room. We look forward to seeing you. Our office may be reached at 303-582-5222.

### Help Wanted @ the Community Center

**Artists, Craftsmen, and Educators:** The Gilpin County Community Center is looking for exciting new talent to add to our existing programming.

Design your own class to teach and share your skills.

**After School Program:** Begins Aug. 18. Counselor and Aide needed.

Hours: Mon. – Thurs, after School until 6:00 pm. Flexible days.

**Full Time Lifeguard Needed:** Great opportunity! Good pay and excellent benefit package. Training available.

Call 303-582-1453 for more information or go to the Gilpin County website at [www.co.gilpin.co.us](http://www.co.gilpin.co.us) for an application.

## Exercising your right to vote is as easy as 1...or 2...or 3

### 1...Mail-In Ballot (Formerly known as Absentee)

Complete the Mail-In Ballot Application (form enclosed)

Permanent Mail-In Ballot

You will receive a permanent Mail-In Ballot until:

You cancel your request

A Mail-In Ballot is returned to the Clerk's office as undeliverable

You fail to vote in a General Election

Current year Mail-In Ballot Application (form enclosed)

You will only receive a Mail-In Ballot for the current year's elections selected

Deadlines

Request for your Mail-In Ballot must be received by the Clerk's office no later than the Tuesday before each election.

Your voted ballot must be returned to the Clerk's office by 7 pm on Election Day.

Return your voted Mail-In Ballot

Drop off in Gilpin County Clerk's office in Central City

Apply proper postage and mail your ballot to the Gilpin County Clerk's office

### 2...Early Voting

Early Voting occurs in the Clerk's office

Central City – 203 Eureka St.

Electronic Voting and Disabled Access Units available

Paper ballots available

Dates for Early Voting

Primary Election early voting dates August 4 through August 8, 2008

7:30 am – 5:30 pm Monday – Friday

General Election early voting dates October 20 through October 31, 2008

7:30 am – 5:30 pm Monday – Friday

### 3...Vote Centers

Visit your choice of Vote Centers on Election Day

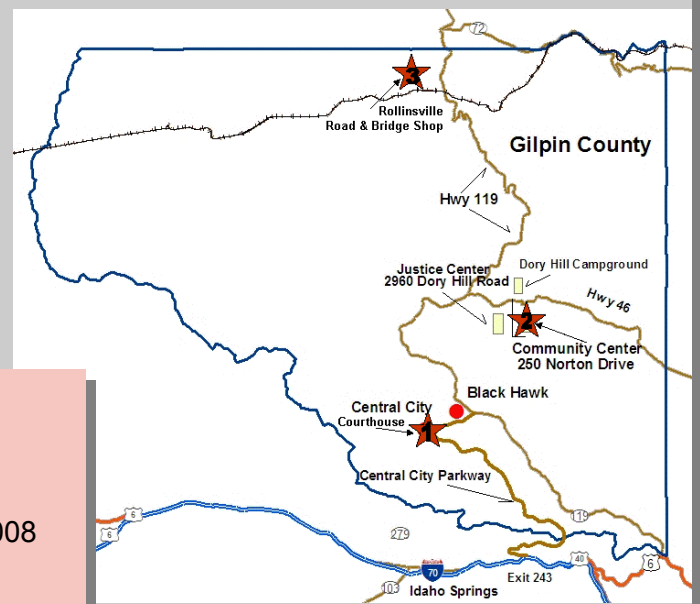
August 12, 2008, 7 am to 7 pm (Primary)

November 4, 2008, 7 am to 7 pm (General)

Electronic Voting and Disabled Access

Units available. Paper ballots available

### Vote Center Locations



### Important Election Dates

#### Primary Election - August 12, 2008 Vote Center Election

Update your physical address by July 14, 2008

Register to vote by July 14, 2008

Deadline to request a ballot to be mailed is August 5, 2008

Early voting August 4 through 8, 2008

#### General Election - November 4, 2008 Vote Center Election

Update your physical address by October 6, 2008

Register to vote by October 6, 2008

Deadline to request a ballot to be mailed is October 28, 2008

Early voting October 20 through 31, 2008

Sample Ballot Primary Election August 12, 2008 *REPUBLICAN PARTY*

**UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)**  
Bob Schaffer

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 111th UNITED STATES CONGRESS - DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One)**  
Scott Starin

**REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One)**  
Jerry Reed

**STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 16 (Vote for One)**  
Don Ytterberg

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 13 (Vote for One)**  
Robert E. Houdeshell

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY - 1st JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Vote for One)**  
Scott Storey

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One)**  
Web Sill  
Bob Giancola

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 3 (Vote for One)**  
Jerry Ward

**\*\*\*COUNTY SURVEYOR\*\*\* (Vote for One) *There are no candidates for this office***



# Fair 2008

**16th  
Annual  
Gilpin County  
Fair**

**Saturday & Sunday  
August 16 & 17**

**Food  
Music  
Magic  
Theater**

**7 Falls Indian Dancers**

**Buffalo Soldiers**



**Paul Bunyan  
Lumberjack Show**

**Jose Torres & his  
Dancing Horses**

**Art, Baking, Candy,  
& Talent Contests  
Mine Drilling Contest**

**4-Man Bungee  
Olivia the Octopus  
Trampoline  
Climbing Wall  
Mechanical Bull  
Reverse 911  
EKG's**



Sample Ballot Primary Election August 12, 2008 *DEMOCRATIC PARTY*

**UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)**  
Mark Udall

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 111th UNITED STATES CONGRESS - DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One)**  
Joan Fitz-Gerald  
Jared Polis  
Will Shafroth

**REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One)**  
Joe Neguse

**STATE SENATE - DISTRICT 16 (Vote for One)**  
Dan Gibbs

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 13 (Vote for One)**  
Claire Levy

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY - 1st JUDICIAL DISTRICT (Vote for One)**  
Vicky L. Peters

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One)**  
Buddy Schmalz

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 3 (Vote for One)**  
Doris Beaver

**\*\*\*COUNTY SURVEYOR\*\*\* (Vote for One) *There are no candidates for this office***

## Weed Control Help and Pine Beetle Update

by Irene Shonle, CSU Extension Agent, Gilpin County

It's weed season in Gilpin County and the CSU Extension is here to help you! Visit us for assistance in identifying weeds and for suggestions on control. We also have ongoing "weed of the week" displays in the Community Center, and will have our usual weed booth at the County Fair. Additionally, pictures and control tips can be found on the CSU Extension website.

We continue to offer a weed cost share program to assist Gilpin County residents in controlling weeds on private property. We have a bottle of Milestone and a sprayer available for checkout at no charge, or we will be able to cover half the cost for a contractor to come out (on a limited, first-come, first-served basis) and do the work for you.

Volunteers are desperately needed for a **James Peak Wilderness Weed Pull** August 9. The Extension, the US Forest Service, and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado are partnering again to pull the troublesome oxeye daisy at East Portal to save those beautiful area wildflowers. Sign up with VOC today at 303-715-1010.



Mountain pine beetles will be flying to new host trees from July 15 through the beginning of September, peaking in early August. If you can avoid cutting during the flight season, do so, as the pine beetle is mildly attracted to fresh cut wood, and ips beetles are very attracted to any cutting activities. The fall season is the best time to look for new beetle attack, cut trees for fire mitigation, etc. If you do have new beetle-infested wood, you will have the most options for treating the beetles if you cut and treat in autumn.

To assist you identifying newly infested trees, we will be holding a **Pine Beetle Identification and Treatment Options Class** at an outdoor location (not yet determined) on September 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Please call the office to register. Also, please call if you would be interested in a basic class on how to cut down trees with a chain saw. If there is enough interest,

we will arrange one.

If you have trees that still have pine beetles inside them in July or early August (you can peel back the bark to look for the beetles to make sure they haven't already left the tree), depending on size, you can bring them to the Road and Bridge building only during specified times, and you **MUST** call first for details at 303-582-5004. They will chip the wood within 24 hours to prevent spread. There are no other effective ways to kill the beetle at this time of year.

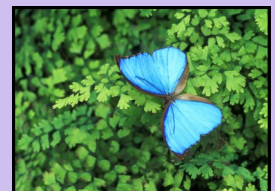
CSU Extension in Gilpin County is continually adding pine beetle information to our website (pine beetle link is at the top of the natural resources page). There is also a new website on pine beetle specifically for the Eastern slope, [www.Frontrangepinebeetle.org](http://www.Frontrangepinebeetle.org)

For more information, call the CSU Extension at 303-582-9106, or visit us at 230 Norton Drive, next to the Community Center, or at [www.extension.colostate.edu/gilpin](http://www.extension.colostate.edu/gilpin).



Extension

**Garden Party**  
**July 20, 1:00 to 4:00 pm**  
**Exhibit Barn**



View our demonstration gardens in full bloom! We will have short talks, guided tours of the critter-resistant garden, the bird and butterfly garden, the rock garden, the plant select garden, the no-water experimental vegetable garden, and the high and dry garden. Also on hand: a weed booth, planting demonstrations, and lemonade and cookies! Call 303-582-9106 for more details.

**GCART Training August 2**  
**8:30 am to 4:30 pm**  
**Call Vicki for details**  
**303-582-5214**

## Community Center and Parks & Rec News

### After-School Youth Camp

Pre-registration is required!! The school bus brings the kids to the Community Center after school Monday through Thursday where the children have a place to learn and play. We offer a variety of activities such as art projects, gym games, 4-H, swimming on Tuesdays & Thursdays and more. This is a licensed program where children can have a lot of fun in a supervised and safe environment from the time the bus arrives until 6:00 pm. Cost is only \$5/day for ages 5 to 12. Only children registered in a class or program may ride the bus to the Community Center. Call 303-582-1453 for more information.

### Fitness Classes

The Gilpin County Community Center offers a variety of fitness classes for everyone to enjoy. We have Yoga, Pilates, high and low impact classes including Quick (1/2 hr anaerobic workout), Nia, Total Tone, Cardio-Interval and Aquacize. Call 303-582-1453, look in the Gilpin County Parks & Recreation Program Guide or on our website, [www.co.gilpin.co.us/Recreation](http://www.co.gilpin.co.us/Recreation), for a class schedule.

### Early Bird Workouts

Don't forget that the Gilpin County Community Center is open at 6:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Swim or work-out in the cardio-hall, track, or weight room. You can also enjoy classes: Quick, our 30-minute express interval training class

on T/Th from 6:15 to 6:45 am or Yoga from 7:00 to 8:00 am on Tuesdays.

### Outdoor Youth Soccer League

This is an 8 week league with 6 weeks of games. Register today. Ages 5 to 14. Practices begin the week of August 11 and games on August 23.

### Adult Volleyball League

Begins in early October. Games will be played Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, as a Round Robin Tournament for six weeks. Call for more information.

### Swimming Lessons

It's not too late to sign up for swim lessons! Stop by the Community Center and pick up a brochure for specific dates and times. Remember, if you're a Gilpin resident you qualify to receive a discount scholarship for your Baby Basics through Level 3 swim lesson! Call the Community Center at 303-582-1453 for more information.

**Community Center Closure Dates:**  
 September 1 Labor Day  
 September 6 – 14 for annual maintenance

### Senior Scene—Senior Reach Program

Do you know a senior who seems distressed or who needs assistance keeping up with activities of daily living? The Senior Reach program supports the well being and independence of seniors who are isolated and at risk and may benefit from mental health or care management services. Senior Reach connects seniors to services such as:

- Nutritional needs
- Friendly visitors
- In-Home Counseling
- Transportation
- Benefits Checkup
- Medicare counselors
- Tax preparation
- Social activities
- Home Care services
- Emergency funding
- Utility Assistance

AND SO MUCH MORE!

When should you be concerned about an older adult? When you see a change in their mental, physical, emotional, and social abilities or if they are not keeping up with their appearance, finances and house chores. You can feel confident that their needs will be addressed and they will receive the proper assistance when you make a call to a Senior Reach Specialist.

No need to worry about transportation.



Senior Reach counselors meet seniors in their homes. Much of the services are free to Gilpin County Seniors. To speak with a Senior Reach Specialist please call toll free 1-866-217-5808.

# County Phone Numbers

## 9 1 1 – POLICE, FIRE and MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

### Gilpin County Old Courthouse 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 Emergency Services Building 495 Apex Valley Road

Office	Area of Service	Main Number	Fax Number	Mailing Address
Finance Department	County Finances, vouchers, payments	303-951-3671	303-951-3675	P.O. Box 366, Central City, 80427
Human Resource Department	Employment, insurance, etc.	303-951-3673	303-951-3675	P.O. Box 366, Central City, 80427
Facilities Manager	Facilities/Maintenance	303-951-3674	303-951-3675	P.O. Box 457, Black Hawk, 80422

### Other County Offices

Office	Area of Service	Main Number	Fax Number	Mailing Address
Community Center	Pools, Rec. Classes, Mtg. rooms	303-582-1453	303-582-5404	250 Norton Dr., Black Hawk, CO 80422
CSU/Gilpin Extension Agent	Mtn. Gardening, 4-H Youth	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	Community Health	303-582-5803	303-582-5798	101 Norton Drive, Black Hawk, CO 80422
Road & Bridge	County Road Maintenance	303-582-5004	303-582-3291	255 Braecher Pk Rd Black Hawk, CO 80422
Veterans Officer	Veteran Services	303-582-5444	303-582-5798	P.O. Box 366, Central City, CO 80427

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