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COMMUNITY CENTER CELEBRATIONS

Call 303-582-1453 for information on the following events:

Family Fun Halloween Night:

Thurs., October 29, 6:00-9:30pm. Free Event!
(hayrides extra). Costume Contest, Trick or Treat, Haunted Trail,
Hayrides. Pre-register and pick your hayride time. Hayrides:
\$5/adults & \$3/child (12 & under).



Winter Arts Festival:

Sat., December 12, 10:00am – 4:00pm. Come Join the
Fun! **Music:** Peak-to-Peak Choir, Gilpin H.S. Choir, Gilpin H.S.
Band, The Red Shoes Ensemble. **Activities:** Pictures with Santa
Claus, Holiday Crafts & Gift Market, Face Painter, Food, Dance
Recital, Cookie Decorating & Children’s Ceramic Handprints.
Vendors Interested in a Booth: Accepting applications until
Dec. 1 or until full. Call 303-582-1453 for more information.

Father/Daughter Sweetheart Ball:

Sat., February 6, 6:00 – 9:00pm. \$18/couple, extra
sweethearts only \$7. Save this date! Create a memory to last a
lifetime! Dancing, souvenir photos, refreshments, corsage and
sweetheart treats for the ladies included.



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Gilpin County Residents Only!

Trash Compactor

New Winter Hours as of
November 4:

Wednesdays through Saturdays
10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Slash Collection Site

Open through November 29
Thursdays through Sundays

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Closed November 30
until April 2010

Call 303-582-5004 for details.

Keep an eye out for the next Free
Trash coupon to be published in
the Spring 2010 County
newsletter!



**WALK THE NEW
GILPIN COUNTY TRAIL!**

This trail is an
ADA-accessible
(less than 5% grade),
1-mile loop around the
Community Center,
funded with
Conservation Trust Fund
monies.



Dogs, strollers, wheelchairs, runners, and
walkers are all welcome.

SENIOR PROGRAM IN NEED OF DONATIONS

Mary Ellen Makosky, Senior Program Coordinator

The Gilpin County Senior Program awards scholarships to Gilpin County seniors in need. These scholarships pay for exercise classes at the Community Center as well as admissions to some of our field trips, which are very worthwhile and a lot of fun for our participants. In the past, the senior program has traveled to the Imax Theatre, The Denver Art Museum and the Georgetown Loop, among other places. We pay for these scholarships and special activities out of a donation fund, and have received monies in a variety of ways. For example, two years in a row The Lump Gulch Bunco Society donated over \$700.00. We have had monies donated in the name of deceased patrons, as well as individual donations throughout the year. Unfortunately our donation fund is running low. If you have ever wanted to donate locally to a good cause, now would be the time. We would gladly accept any donation you would like to make. We can take donations mailed or dropped off at the Gilpin County Justice Center Human Services Office at 2960 Dory Hill Road, Suite 100. Please make checks out to the Gilpin County Senior program. Thank you for considering the Gilpin County Senior Program donation fund.



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or jwest@co.gilpin.co.us to be added to the mailing list.

TAX SALE INFORMATION
Alynn Huffman, Gilpin County Treasurer

It's that time of year again. If taxes weren't paid by June 16, they are now delinquent. Delinquent notices were sent out the first week of July. The notice included interest for the month of July. Per state 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 18] 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.

Personal property and mobile homes that are delinquent were published in the *Weekly Register-Call* on September 24, 2009. Any personal property taxes that have not been paid by September 30 will be distrained by the Treasurer the first full week of October. If **real estate** taxes were not paid by the end of September, they will be published in the *Weekly Register-Call* on October 15, 22 and 29. The delinquent list will also be on the Treasurer's web page 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 received tax notices for the certificates they hold if the owner had not paid the current tax. The payment included 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 the county website (<http://co.gilpin.co.us>) after October 9. If you need help downloading the forms, please call us at 303-582-5222 and we will walk you through the process. A new form has been added this year. It is an Affidavit and Certification of Compliance with C.R.S. 39-11-151. This form

explains who can (or cannot) participate in the bidding at the tax lien sale. This form must be filled out, signed and **notarized** by everyone who plans on attending and bidding at the sale. This form replaces the old Certificate of Compliance form. If the form could be filled out, notarized and back in the Treasurer's office by November 16, it will save time on the day of the sale.

This year's sale will be held on November 18. It will once again be an auction. Payment for any liens purchased at the Tax Lien 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 in the Courthouse at 203 Eureka Street, Central City, in the Commissioners' meeting room. We look forward to seeing you.

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GILPIN COUNTY VOTE CENTER INFORMATION

November 3, 2009 General Election

Coordinated Election - November 3, 2009

Vote Center Election (All ballot styles/precincts available at all Vote Centers)

Deadline to request a ballot to be mailed is October 27, 2009

Early voting (Central City Courthouse) October 19 through 30, 2009

YOUR VOTE, YOUR CENTER, YOUR CHOICE

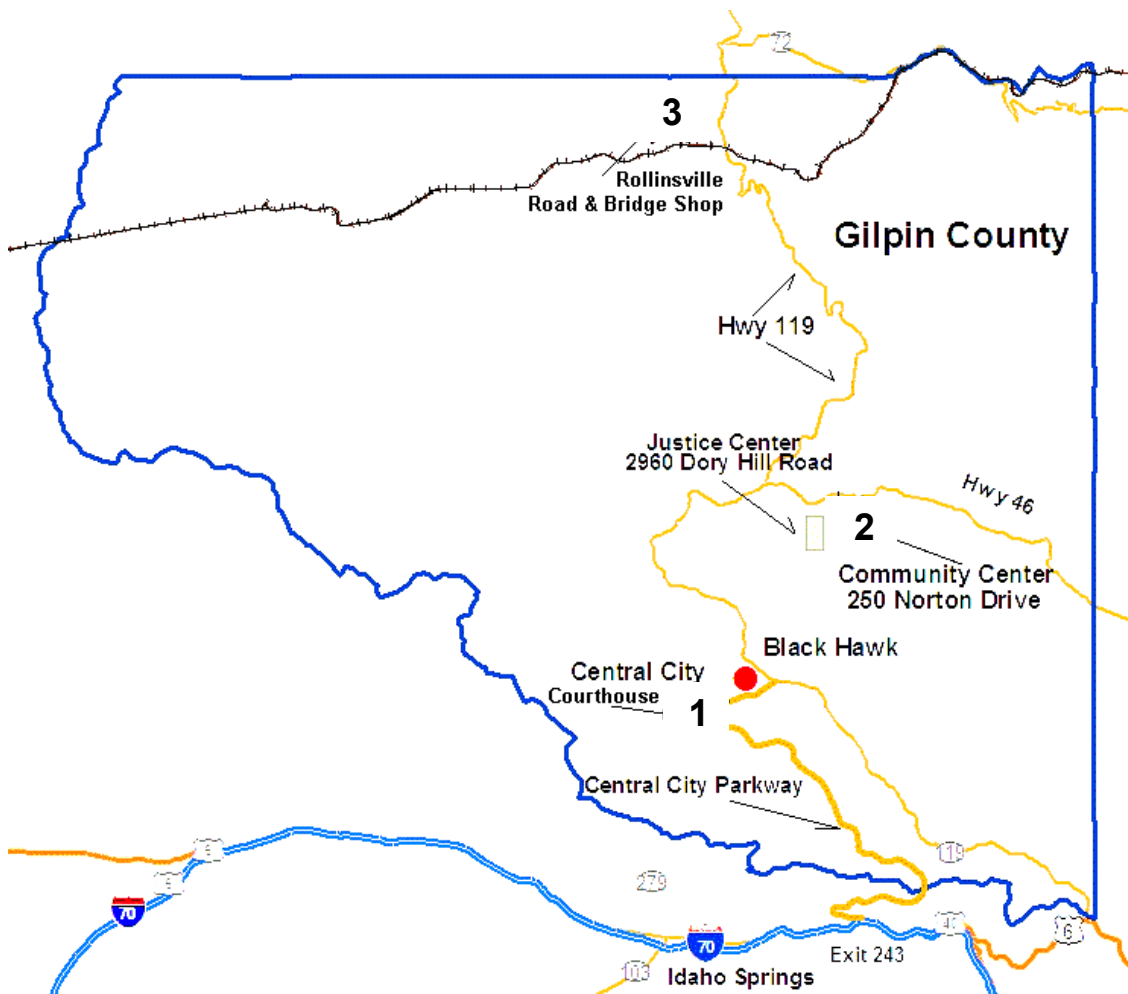
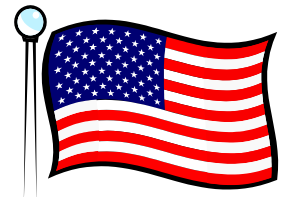
The Vote Center you visit MUST be in Gilpin County!

(see map below, call 303-582-5321 for details)

#1. Central City Courthouse, 203 Eureka St., Central City

#2. Gilpin County Community Center, 250 Norton Dr.

#3. Rollinsville Road & Bridge Shop, 227 Tolland Rd., Rollinsville



PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS EXPLAINED

Anne Schafer, Gilpin County Assessor

The Senior Property Tax Homestead Exemption and the Property Tax Exemption for Qualifying Disabled Veterans seem to be in the news every year. Senate Bill 09-276 removed the funding for the senior citizen exemption for tax year 2009, payable in 2010. The bill **did not** affect the funding for the disabled veteran exemption. In both cases, it is essential that you submit your application the first year you qualify. Once your application has been accepted you will not need to apply again.

SENIOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

A property tax exemption is available to qualifying senior citizens and the surviving spouses of seniors who previously qualified. The three basic requirements are: 1) the qualifying senior must be at least 65 years old on January 1 of the year in which he or she qualifies; 2) the qualifying senior must be the property owner of record, and must have been the owner of record for at least ten consecutive years prior to January 1; and 3) the qualifying senior must occupy the property as his or her primary residence and must have done so for at least ten consecutive years prior to January 1.

For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 of actual value of the applicant's primary residence is exempted. The state will reimburse the county treasurer for the lost revenue. **NOTE: THE SENIOR EXEMPTION WAS NOT FUNDED FOR TAX YEAR 2009.**

An applicant or married couple can apply for the exemption on only one property. That property must be his or her primary residence. Married couples and individuals who apply for the exemption on multiple properties will be denied the exemption on each property.

For the purpose of the exemption, "primary residence" is the place at which a person's habitation is fixed and to which that person, when absent, has the intention of returning. A person can have only one primary residence at a time. If the applicant is registered to vote, the address used for voter registration is considered the applicant's primary residence. If the applicant is not registered to vote, the address listed on automobile registrations, income tax returns, or other legal documents may be considered as evidence of the applicant's place of primary residency.

The property must be classified by the County Assessor as residential. If the applicant owns a multiple dwelling unit property, the exemption will only be granted to the unit occupied by the applicant as his or her primary residence. **The completed Senior Exemption Application must be submitted to the County Assessor's office no later than July 15.**

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFYING DISABLED VETERANS

In November 2006, voters enacted an amendment to the Colorado Constitution extending the senior exemption benefit to disabled veterans. Qualifying veterans are those who have a 100 percent permanent and total disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a result of a service-connected disability and who have owned and occupied the property as their primary residence since January 1.

Application forms are available from the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Veterans Affairs, 7465 E. 1st Avenue, Suite C, Denver, CO 80230. Their telephone number is (303) 343-1268. Forms can also be obtained from their web site at www.dmva.state.co.us/page/va/prop_tax or from the web site of the Colorado Division of Property Taxation at www.dola.colorado.gov/dpt/forms/index.htm. **The filing deadline is July 1.**

An individual or married couple is only entitled to one exemption, either senior citizen or disabled veteran, and only on one property. If an individual or married couple applies for exemptions on more than one property, the exemptions will be denied on every property.

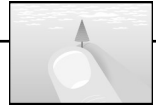
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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION UPDATE

Irene Shonle, Gilpin County Extension Agent



4-H Season is Here

The new 4-H year began October 1st! All youth ages 8 to 18 years are welcome. Although specific club projects have not been decided, we have a new shooting sports leader this year and there will be opportunities for target shooting and archery. Other projects might include dogs, cake decorating and more. Come and take part in this great club.

Managing Money In Tough Times

November 5, 6:30 -7:30 pm, \$5.00, location to be determined. Managing money can be challenging in the best of times, and when things get tight it can cause even greater stress in all areas of your life. This class will focus on tried and true methods for managing your money, planning your spending, and managing credit, and will be taught by family resource management expert Mary Small from the Jefferson

County Extension. This class is especially timely with holiday expenses coming up. Registration required.

Trees for Sale

Seedling tree applications should arrive in our office in early November. Call us for an application. This is a great way to replace trees being lost to pine beetle, or to create a windbreak, a privacy screen, or a wildlife habitat. To qualify, you must own one acre or more of land, purchase seedlings in lots of 30 to 50 (depending on species and size), and not use seedlings for landscaping or resell them as living plants. Order your trees early (first come first serve on species), delivery will take place in early May.

Offices at 230 Norton Drive, in the Exhibit Barn, right next to the Gilpin Community Center, off highways 119 and 46. (303)-582-9106, FAX: (303)-582-5062, website: www.extension.colostate.edu/gilpin

COMMUNITY CENTER FALL & WINTER FUN *Call 303-582-1453 for information on any of the following:*

Gilpin County Community Center After School Youth Camp: Monday – Thursday, Bus arrival until 6:00pm. Pre-registration is required!! The school bus brings children to the Community Center after school where they 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. Cost is only \$5.50/day for ages 5 – 12. Only students registered in a class or program may ride the bus to the Community Center.



Children's Tumbling: October 24 – December 5, 10:15 – 11:00am, Ages 2 – 4. Children build balance & support while constantly learning proper safety and form. They will learn and develop large motor skills while tumbling on our mats, forms, balance beam and more.

Children's Dance Classes: October 24 – December 12, Creative Movement (ages 2-4), 11:15am – 12:00pm & Ballet/Jazz (ages 5+) 12:15 – 1:00pm.

Adult Co-ed Volleyball League: Games will be played on Thursday nights, October 8 through November 12, from 6:00 -8:00pm. Play will be 4 v. 4 and take the form of a round robin tournament with rally scoring. Teams must have a minimum of 4 players and maximum of 8 players. \$60/team.

Youth Basketball Skill Clinics: Brush up on your basketball skills before the season starts. Clinics run on Saturdays from 11:00am – 1:00pm, ages 5-8 on November 7, ages 9-11 on November 14, & ages 12+ on November 21. \$10/clinic.

Fall Teen Trips: Thursdays: Bowling, November 12, 4:40 – 8:00pm, Price: TBD; Christmas Shopping at the Mills, December 12, 4:30 – 7:00pm, Free.



Pottery: *Make a Square Vase* - Sat. November 14 & 21, *Make a Relish Tray* - Sat. December 5 & 19, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Make your own pottery pieces with your own personal touch. Great holiday presents!

THE COLOR OF GILPIN: Gilpin County's Newly Revised Zoning Code

Tony Petersen, Community Development Director

Green, plaid, or gray; Gilpin County's newly revised zoning code is user-friendly regardless of one's color preference. Kermit the Frog once proclaimed with great exasperation and consternation that, "its not easy being green." This may be true for frogs, but not so for Gilpin County residents. Gilpin County's zoning code contains several incentives and other provisions for a greener Gilpin. And if your taste in shirts runs more toward plaid flannel than button-down oxford, we have several codes designed to preserve your right to be rural. In addition, if on your driver's license application you proudly proclaim gray under hair color, Gilpin County is pleased to augment your pride by offering incentives to construct handicap-accessible and senior-adaptable housing. The following Gilpin County Zoning Code highlights are color-coded for easy reference:

Green:

- Adequate water supply must be demonstrated on all commercial development and residential development greater than 10 homes sites. (Sect3.3)
- Wetlands and their water sources not under the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers are now protected by Gilpin County codes. (Section 5.2)
- Potential flood hazards and storm water runoff quality are now addressed by strict performance standards. (Section 5.1)
- Reforestation, forest thinning and defensible space initiatives following a Colorado State Forest Service approved plan are exempt from building and zoning permit requirements. (Section 5.5)
- Dedicated wildlife corridors are required on commercial development greater than 80 acres and residential development greater than 10 home sites. (Section 5.3)
- Transfer of development rights (TDR) procedures have been defined in an effort to decrease density in our existing small lot subdivisions and to protect the backcountry from future development impacts by providing property rights-sensitive alternatives. (Section 3.5)
- Rural development exemption procedures incentivize large lot conservation development and open space preservation. (Section 3.4)
- Scenic vista protection is addressed through hillsides and ridgelines development regulation. (Sections 3.12 & 3.13)

- "Dark sky" outdoor lighting standards have been updated. (Section 3.14)
- Green construction receiving LEEDS, Green Global Standards or Built Green Colorado certification, or an acceptable equivalent, are exempt for all building and zoning fees up to \$3000. (Section 3.16)
- Structures utilizing alternative energy production greater than 1 kilowatt (kw) of electricity or 100% of heat and hot water needs through wind, solar, hydro, bio-mass, and/or other non-fossil fuel means are exempt from all building and zoning fees up to \$3000. (Section 3.17)
- Onsite electric power generation of 5 kilowatts or less is a use-by-right in all zones in Gilpin County. (Section 2.2)

Plaid:

- Commercial firewood processing up to 200 cords per year is a use-by-right on all lands zoned Resource Residential (RR). RR includes all lands formally zoned Forestry. (Section 2.2)
- Dimension lumber production up to 200 board-feet per day is a use-by-right on all RR lands. (Section 2.2)
- Animal production for personal consumption and/or monetary gain is permitted on all property in all zones in Gilpin County. Limits on the allowable number of animals and/or combination of animals are determined by a simple formula incorporating zoning, lot size and animal classification as specified in the code. (Section 2.8)

Recreational horses are permitted in all zones with no limits. However, manure accumulations are regulated under the existing Trash Ordinance. (Section 2.8)

- **Gray:** Single-family dwellings designed to minimum Universal Design standards for handicap accessible and senior adaptable housing are exempt from all building and zoning fees up to \$1500. (Section 3.15)

With these code provisions it is anticipated that Gilpin County residents could live and prosper in a comfortable, relatively unspoiled mountain environment for an entire lifetime, and hopefully many generations of lifetimes. For more details call the Community Development Department at 303-582-5831 or visit the county website.



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	County Budget, Vouchers, Payments	303-951-3671	303-951-3675	P.O. Box 366, Central City, 80427
Human Resources	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, Trash Transfer, Slash, Hot Logs	303-582-5004	303-582-3291	255 Braeher Pk Rd Black Hawk, CO 80422
Veterans Officer	Veterans Services	303-582-5444	303-582-5798	P.O. Box 366, Central City, CO 80427

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