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*"A fallen leaf is nothing
more than a summer's
wave goodbye."*

-Unknown

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FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Every summer we receive complaints about tall grass, weeds, unlicensed cars, and related code violations in residential areas. It's always a challenge to balance the City's obligation to abate nuisance violations on private property while also recognizing the individual rights of our homeowners.

Government intervention doesn't need to happen if we all do our part to keep our respective properties free of nuisances. The Police Department recently hand delivered a letter to residents identifying the most common nuisance violations in our community.

Keeping our properties clean, safe, and nuisance free makes our neighborhoods more attractive and marketable. A little effort can ultimately pay off with higher property values and can even make us feel safer.

The City supports residents by providing free trash service, a dumpster on the Mesa for large items, a fenced storage area for vehicles, and an exterior paint program available to residents. We encourage voluntary compliance, but occasionally the City gets involved in prompting residents to correct violations. Although we haven't strictly enforced code violations in the past, we recently received complaints from residents regarding inoperable cars, outside storage, trash, and high grass and weeds, which has prompted us to share this message with our residents.

The Police Department letter has several resources available to help residents who need help and September is a great month to tackle lingering projects before winter arrives. The City is taking significant steps to make Black Hawk a resort destination and we can all do our part to keep our community clean and beautiful.

Stephen N. Cole

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Stay healthy this flu season

Visit the Black Hawk Onsite Flu Shot Clinic

The flu shot helps prevent you from getting the flu and from spreading it to others - so to help protect you and your loved ones, the City of Black Hawk is hosting an Onsite Flu Shot Clinic/Event for City staff and residents.

WHAT: 2019 Onsite Flu Shot Event

WHEN: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 - 7:00 am to 11:00 am

WHERE: Robert A. Clark Emergency Operations Center - 911 Miners Mesa Road

WHO: Flu shots are available at no cost to the following:

- City of Black Hawk residents age 19 and older living within Black Hawk city limits. *Must show proof of residency/street address*
- City staff and eligible dependents age 19 and older.

NOTE: If you are a Kaiser Permanente member, please bring your Kaiser ID Card to the event. Please wear short sleeves or a shirt that allows your upper arm to be exposed, so the nurse can provide the flu shot quickly and easily.



Stop viruses from spreading

No Pass Zone

Cover your cough. Cold and flu viruses are spread through the air. Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve to trap the virus. If you cough into your hands, wash them as soon as you can.

Try not to pass it on. Stay home and rest when you're sick. Really need to go out? Be careful not to expose others. If you have a fever, wait at least 24 hours after your fever is gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.

Clean your home. A sick person can spread germs by touching counter tops, telephones, toys, cups, or bathroom sinks. Find out how to keep a cold and flu free kitchen.

Use disposable tissues. Viruses can live on cloth handkerchiefs, so use — and throw away immediately, disposable tissues to reduce spreading your illness to others.

Avoid touching your face. Try not to rub your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs often spread this way.

Healthy habits

Kick the habit. If you smoke, we have a variety of resources to help you quit. Keep your children away from secondhand smoke. It's bad for their health and can cause cold-like symptoms.

Keep 'em clean. Hand washing is one of the most important things you can do to keep from getting and spreading colds and the flu. Using plain soap and warm water is as effective as using antibacterial soap. Carry an alcohol-based hand gel to use when you can't wash.

Breastfeed your baby. This will help keep your baby healthy and reduce the risk of colds and ear infections.

Stay healthy. Eating well (including antioxidant-rich fruits and vegetables), getting plenty of rest, managing stress, and exercising can help you resist infection. Children and adults (especially seniors 65 or older) who have a chronic health condition or weakened immune system should get a pneumonia vaccination.

9 Fun-Filled Ways to Workout - By Richard M. Ryan

What do you think of when you hear the word “workout”? Do you picture treadmills, dumbbells, and aerobic classes? Do you see it as another chore on a growing to-do list? Many of us do, which is why exercising can be such a challenge. But why not picture a fun activity outside in the sunshine instead? In fact, you can reap the same health benefits — and more — when you’re enjoying a physical activity outside. Exercising in the great outdoors can help you get your daily dose of vitamin D, breathe in cleaner air (depending on the location — be sure to check the local air quality index for an up-to-date report), and have a greater sense of vitality. So now is the time to shake up your fitness routines by taking them outside and having some good ol’ fashion fun. Here are a few activities you’ll want to try:

1. Play a game

Grab friends or family members and get a game going. Traditional sports like volleyball, basketball, soccer, or football are popular options. But don’t be afraid to channel your inner child for alternatives like hopscotch, hide-and-seek, or capture the flag. You could even get creative and make up your own game and rules. Depending on where you live, you might also be able to join an adult kickball, dodge ball, or beach volleyball league.

2. Go on a scavenger hunt

Whether it’s your local neighborhood or a foreign city, going on a scavenger hunt is a great way to explore your surroundings. There are several scavenger hunt apps that you can download on your smart phone to take with you on the go. You could even create your own scavenger hunt for your family to do right in your neighborhood.

3. Sign up for a fun run

Themed races and 5K running events are very popular these days. There are races that feature inflatable obstacles, bubbles, getting covered in colored powders, and more. Some even feature live music and food trucks or bring you through your favorite amusement park. Find one that gets you excited and start training for the big day.

4. Explore a new destination

There’s a reason why people often say they need a vacation from their vacation. Exploring a new destination can be a lot of work. You might spend hours walking through museums, historic sites, or crowded markets. But rather than wait for your next big vacation, try exploring something closer to home. Plan to walk through a different neighborhood or go for a run in a park you always drive past. You might be surprised at what you discover.



5. Make a splash

Swimming, in general, is a great low-impact aerobic workout. But if you're looking for more of a challenge, then surfing, kayaking, and paddle boarding are all great options that will help you build muscle strength. **Safety tip:** Whenever possible, make sure there's a lifeguard on duty or go with a buddy. You'll also want to wear the appropriate safety gear — like a life jacket or rash guard.

6. Take a walk or hike with friends

Time passes quickly when you're walking or hiking with friends. You'll be so preoccupied talking, laughing, or checking out the scenery that you won't even notice you climbed that mountain or looped the block 10 times.

7. Spend time in the garden

Gardening is an all-around healthy activity. Depending on the level of effort you put in, you can work up a nice sweat while pulling weeds or tilling soil. Plus, if you decide to grow fruits, vegetables, or herbs, you'll get the added benefit of readily available fresh produce.

8. Practice tai chi or yoga

Tai chi and yoga are low-impact workouts that are perfect for the outdoors. You may even find local groups that practice together in the park or at the beach. As you go through each movement, you'll work on improving your balance, strength, and coordination. These activities also encourage us to focus on being in the present moment and enjoy our current surroundings.

9. Take a spin

Grab your bike, dust off your old skates, or hop on a scooter and get rolling. Whether you're cruising on a trail through the woods or a bike path by the beach, it's so rewarding to feel the rush of a warm breeze as you glide. **Safety tip:** Remember to always wear a helmet. When riding at night, wear reflective gear and a light.

Need more workout ideas?

We've got you covered. Check out our Health Encyclopedia for more ideas on how to find the right activity for your life. **Safety tip:** Before moving your fitness routine outside, be sure to wear the appropriate sun protection.



Nutritional Ideas from our Health Care Providers

Healthy Blueberry Smoothie

When mouth pain makes eating difficult, this antioxidant-rich and vitamin-packed drink gives you a convenient way to add nutrients like fiber and calcium to your diet. This healthy blueberry smoothie is packed with flavor, so you don't need to add sugary juices - a smart move to protect your teeth.

Ingredients:

1 cup blueberries
½ cup almond yogurt (look for the lowest sugar option)
1 cup almond milk
2 tablespoons chia seeds

Directions:

This one's pretty easy. Just blend the ingredients until they reach the desired consistency and enjoy!



Tasty Tuna Salad

Ingredients:

5 oz solid white tuna in water, drained
¼ cup reduced fat mayonnaise
2 tablespoons chopped celery
1 teaspoon minced onion
½ teaspoon lemon pepper
2 whole wheat pitas

Preparation:

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes to allow flavors to blend. Serve tuna salad in a pita bread pocket.



Black Bean Salad with Tortilla chips

Ingredients:

½ Cup Black beans
½ Cup Diced tomatoes
¼ Cup Chopped fresh cilantro
1 ½ Tbsp Lime juice
1 Tbsp Olive oil
¼ Cup Corn
1/8 Cup Chopped bell pepper
1 ½ tsp Chili powder
1 ½ tsp Cumin
1 Bag of tortilla chips

Preparations:

Wash all fresh ingredients. Using a sharp knife, dice up tomato into small pieces. Then, dice up the bell pepper into similar sized bits. Take a bunch of cilantro, chop it into small fine pieces. Next, drain the black beans. In a medium sized bowl, combine all of your ingredients and toss them together. Pack in a bowl with a secure lid.



Upcoming Events - Ready, Set, Mark your Calendars!

Residents and Staff

City of Black Hawk 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Time: 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Ameristar Casino Resort Spa

Contact: Black Hawk Fire Department 303-582-2248

Cost: \$25 / \$15 Student (Anyone)

Register: events.firehero.org/Blackhawk



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2019 Lighting Ceremony

Date: Monday, November 25, 2019

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: Gazebo at Stroehle Square

Switch on the lights with the Mayor! All residents, employees, and visitors are invited to share hot cocoa, hot cider and holiday cookies.



Staff Only

City of Black Hawk

2019 CPR, First Aid and biennial EEO Trainings

Dates: October 2nd, 10th, 14th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 29th and November 1st.

See email for more details.



City of Black Hawk

2019 Maintain Don't Gain

Registration Dates: Friday, November 1 – 8, 2019

8-Week Program – November 18, 2019 to January 11, 2020

Win prizes for maintaining start weight or losing weight!



2019 Holiday Party

City Employees and Council

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2019

Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Crooks Palace – 200 Gregory Street-Lunch, Awards and Celebrations!



2019 Gilpin County Food Bank & Children Wish List

November 15th to December 13th

City of Black Hawk Staff

Collection of food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas to support those in need. More details to come. Please plan to donate or select a child's wish list.

CP&D

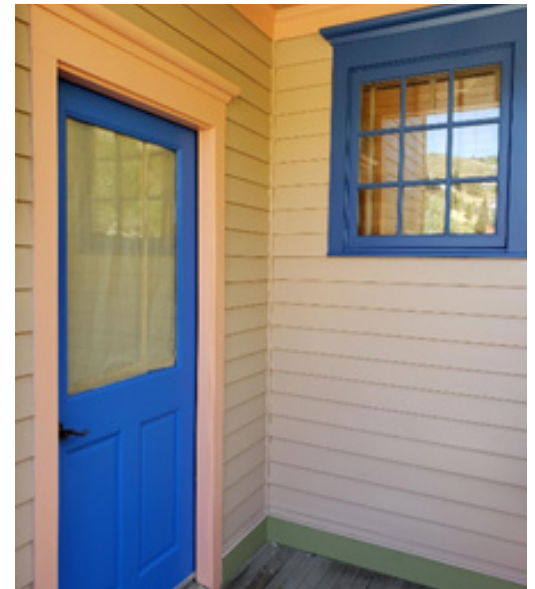
COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Exterior Paint - A Work in Progress

As a way to enhance the curb appeal and create a signature statement, Mountain City is getting an exterior paint face-lift with new color palettes through rich, diverse color schemes. The City chose a unique door color for each of the properties and coordinated distinguishing body, trim, and accent colors. Even though the colors on the Lace House are the same, the doors will be painted a unique color from that color palette.



Peterson-Martin House – 496 Gregory Street - before and after:



Not only does Mountain City see a makeover, but the Council Chambers housed in the Presbyterian Church at 201 Church Street will receive a refreshing with existing colors while the Police Department housed in the School House at 221 Church will be rejuvenated with a new color scheme.

261 High Street and 231 Dubois, two historic residential homes, participated in the *General Fund Exterior Paint Program*. The photos below and on next page show before and after images.



261 High Street - before and after



231 Dubois Street - before and after



All residential properties within the City of Black Hawk Historic Residential District are eligible to have their houses repainted. The program provides property owners with financial assistance to help keep their properties well maintained.

Applications are available in the Planning Department at 211 Church Street and are due each year by April 1st. Once a resident's house has been repainted in the General Fund Exterior Paint Program at least eight years must pass before they may reapply to participate again in the program.

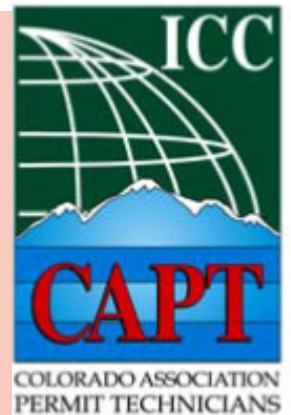
The painting this year will promote the exterior appearance of Black Hawk's properties and provides for the continuation and enhancement of a functional, sustainable, healthy, and vibrant Black Hawk community.

For more information, contact Cynthia Linker at Clinker@cityofblackhawk.org or 303-582-0615.

2019 CAPT Meeting - "Plans Examiner Class for Permit Tech"

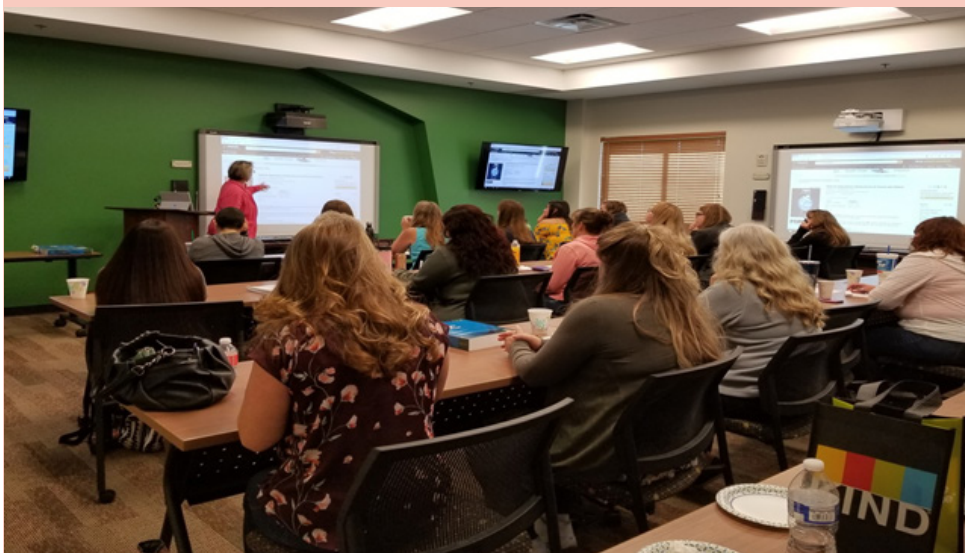
The City of Black Hawk hosted the July Colorado Association of Permit Technicians meeting at the beautiful Emergency Operations Center on Miner's Mesa. The meeting topic was, "Plans Examiner Class for Permit Techs," Sharon Bonesteel AIA CBO as the instructor. Sharon's explanation of the elements that go into the Residential Plan Review and her tips for passing the ICC Residential Plan Reviewer exam proved to be very informative. Twenty-eight (28) permit technicians, plans reviewers, and planning administrators from near and far attended the class.

Participants represented the jurisdictions of Loveland, Aurora, Edgewater and, Erie, Gilpin County and Jefferson County. After a morning of note-taking and study, JKQ provided a



scrumptious taco bar lunch with Ardetta Robinson baking the mouth-watering vanilla and, chocolate strawberry topped cupcakes for dessert.

The class wrapped up at 3 p.m. with everyone back on the road to their jurisdictions to implement and share the knowledge they gained from the meeting, and maybe a nap from all the wonderful food!



Colorado Preservation Inc. - Technical Training Workshops

On Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Historic Preservation Commission members attended the Timber workshop held on location at the Argo Mill in Idaho Springs.

The Argo Mill was a state-of-the-art mill when constructed in the early 1910s. The mill was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. The Argo Mine and Mill have generously made the mill available for this workshop on Timber and Timber grading.

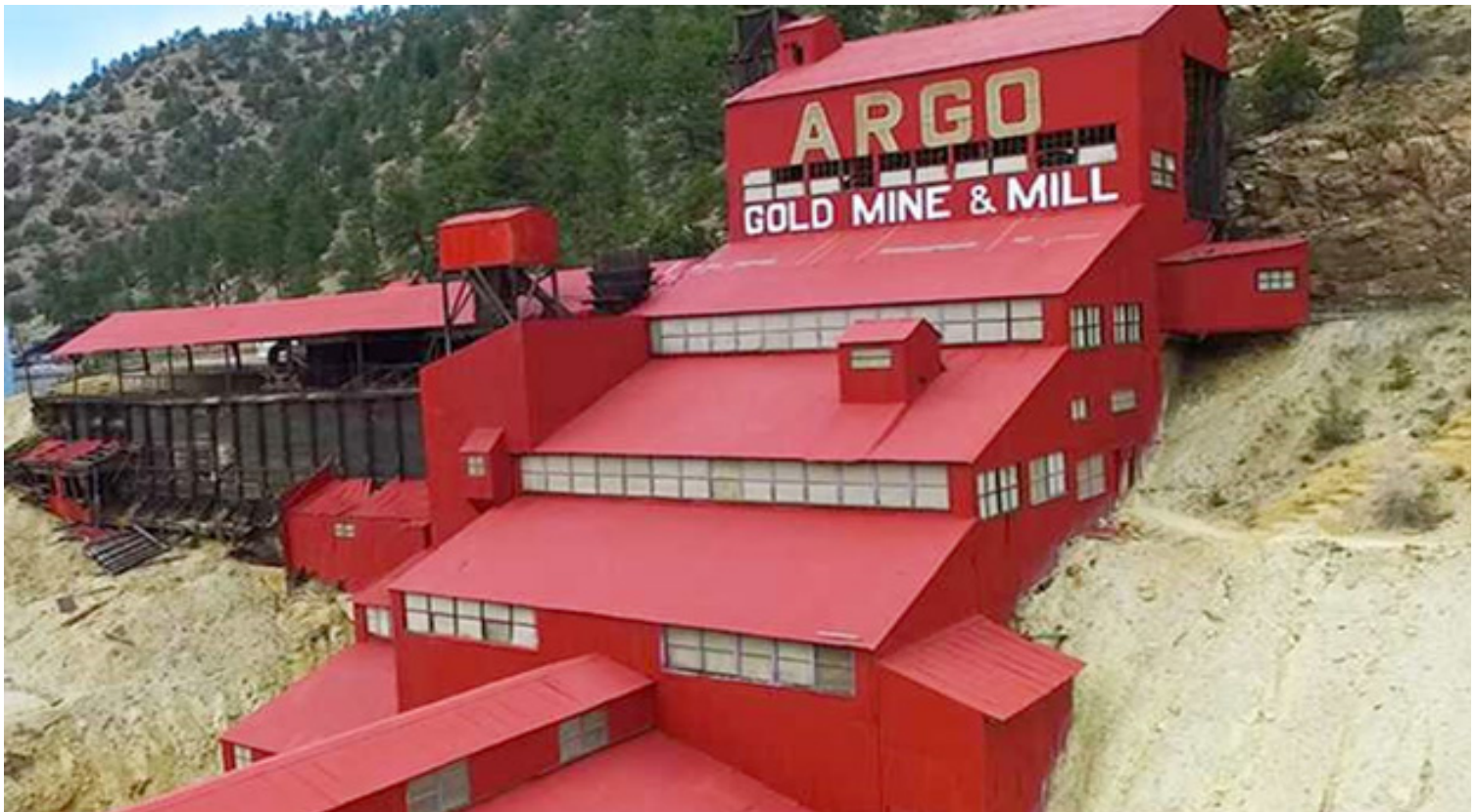
The mill will be the host to an exploration of the grading protocol for structural lumber and timer in historic structures as developed by Ron Anthony of Anthony & Associates for the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training.

This document will be the basis for the hands-on grading of the structure of the mill. The workshop will include a tour of the mill and an explanation

of the history of the property. A discussion regarding the need for a way to grade historical wood structures and typical timber materials found in Colorado structures will be held before the group turns to the job at hand. Tools needed for non-destructive testing will be provided to the teams as small groups tackle various portions of the building.

In addition to determining the grade of the historic timbers, an assessment of the condition of the timber being graded will also be conducted by the teams. Various timber deterioration mechanisms will be explained.

The group will come together at the end of the assessment period to discuss the overall condition of the structure and explore any recommendations for repairs.



NEW FACES 2019



Officer Kevin Sagar

Tell us about yourself.

Hello, my name is Kevin Sagar and I am a Police Officer with the City of Black Hawk. I am not a native to Colorado as I was born in Washington DC. My family moved to

Colorado when I was 4 years old. I graduated from Littleton High School and attended CSU and Red Rocks Community College. I met my wife in the jail (no she was not an inmate) and have been happily married for 20 years. I currently live down in the metro area with my wife and my two teenage sons.

I have been in Law Enforcement for approximately 25 years. My career started at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff and a

Detention Specialist in the jail. I then moved over to the Westminster Police Department as an officer where I remained for 11 years. Looking for a change, I then was hired with the First Judicial District Attorney's Office (Jefferson and Gilpin Counties) as a Criminal Investigator. After 10 years with the DA's office, it was time to make a return to what I had missed most about law enforcement; wearing a uniform and helping the community. Some of my favorite activities and hobbies are spending time with my family, going to all my kid's activities, shooting, off-roading, anything, and everything to do with aviation, golf, and travel.

Tell us about your new position and experience working at the City of Black Hawk so far.

I am currently on patrol and working the 3 pm to 1 am shift. I started in June of 2019 with the city and have enjoyed my experience so far. I have never worked in a mountain community and have so far enjoyed the view and atmosphere. The police department has a good group of employees that I am proud to be working with.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Meet Sergeant Aaron Sheedy

I have been with the City of Black Hawk for 17 years. Currently, I am the Sergeant in charge of the Investigations Unit. I am also the Special Services Unit Commander and Range Master for the Firearms Training Program.

I have been married to my wife for 8 years and we have a 6-year-old daughter. I am originally from Northern Illinois but was raised in Summit County where I graduated high school. I spent 5 years in the U.S. Army where I had several opportunities to deploy to the Middle East and Korea. I have two dogs, Jasmine (9) and Gunner (1.5), both Rottweilers.

I like to go see the Colorado Rockies play as much as possible, I also like to snowmobile. I travel to the U.P. of Michigan where family gets together for a week to ride the trails up there. I have recently gotten into woodworking. I'm not very

good so there is a lot of room for improvement. I also like to go to the range and shoot when I have the time. I like to play golf, but I haven't been able to play much this year though I plan on getting out a few times before winter sets in. I like fishing, and this summer I taught my daughter how to fish, so she's looking forward to catching her first fish. Last year my family got a travel trailer so we try to use that as much as possible. We are planning a trip to Yellowstone in the near future. My wife and I are planning a trip to Ireland. Both of our families are originally from Ireland and we would like to see where they are from and see if we can locate any relatives over there.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Julie Seitzinger

I started working for The City of Black Hawk on April 19, 2017. It was quite a first day! On April 19, 1864, the vignette on the Black Hawk Point Lithograph served as the archetype and was ordained as the official corporate seal for The City of Black Hawk. One hundred and fifty years later, the celebration was held in the Annex building, Council Chambers with Council Members, Residents, and Employees. For me, it was a day of enlightenment, meeting new people, greeting old friends and starting my new job taking pictures, and eating cake. Two plus years as the Administrative Assistant, I couldn't be happier, and I'm still as excited as the day I hired on. Every day begins with a beautiful view of Rocky Mountains and a ride up Highway 6/119. Most people don't really notice how wonderful and unique the canyon ride is. When I arrive, I am relaxed and ready to begin the day.

The City of Black Hawk strives; more than any place I have known; to not only preserve its history but to share it, too! As the coordinator of the Black Hawk Lantern, my position has expanded my opportunities to explore our city's history from a mining town to resort destination and so much more! I believe the duties and responsibilities of my position are very unique and quite different from most administrative personnel. Besides the normal processes and procedures – I have the honor to create publications on behalf of The City of Black Hawk that show others the beauty, the history, and our goals for the future that will go beyond any measure of time.

I am not native to Colorado, but originally from Salt Lake City, Utah. Colorado has been my home for 17 plus years and will continue for many more. My husband, and I really have enjoyed exploring the different segments of Colorado, from its beautiful mountains, quaint towns, desert plateaus, and grassy plains. Like my home state, Colorado is not just one place but many places depending on where you go.

After we moved here, I began the long process of finding my ancestors and learned that my mother's father and brothers were born here in Denver, and my great-grandfather at 16, traveled here from New York. He learned the trade of barbering, traveling through the small towns of Colorado where he met my great grandmother in Buena Vista. It was during my grandfather's teenage years, they moved to Salt Lake City.

In the past couple of weeks, I have been researching the history of businesses that started here in Black Hawk and the buildings that still exist today. Out of this research, I may have found another branch of my own history - a gentleman with the my family surname of Wyatt, became a partner with a local store owner. I haven't found his first name, but perhaps as I explore the history of Black Hawk, his name will be revealed. I am grateful to be a part of Black Hawk's history and look forward to its future!

HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Historical Commercial Buildings - 101 Black Hawk Street

Black Hawk, like many towns, began as lean-to's, wooden shacks, canvas tents and any other material that can be carried by man, horse, carriages, and many of the early adventurer's came in the old schooner wagons. In the first burst of industry, the buildings are usually thrown together with any material that was brought, and almost looked like they wouldn't stand if a gust of wind came by. Many of the businesses put up a clapboard facade front and log buildings attached in back.

But as time passed, and owners and proprietors became prosperous, they invested more into the old wooden buildings – the new modern building material – BRICKS! With most of the trees chopped down and burned for heat or building material, most people shifted to using bricks for

exterior and saving the wood for internal structure. Many of those original commercial buildings are surviving today. It's difficult to be certain of when the buildings actually opened for business and most especially when many of them were built no newspaper recorded the “grand openings”.

Much of the earliest details are either buried under or inside of the buildings (newspapers and such were used as insulation) or just plain lost to time, so we will present the best information available to us in our time.



Black Hawk before 1870

Knights of Pythias building was constructed in the early 1860's, and the first brick building. It is located at 101 Black Hawk Street, and was owned by Jesse Scobey, one of Black Hawk's most colorful characters who ran a saloon downstairs, while the Knights maintained the upper rooms for their order. The Town Council also met in the lodge hall until City Hall was built in 1877. The ground floor is the original second story, and the first story is now the basement.



Knights of Pythias (top floor), Jesse Scobey's Saloon and Billiard hall on main floor. (Third building from right)

This shift is a result of floods during the early part of the century that deposited silt and debris. With the exception of Prohibition, a saloon and billiard hall had occupied this building for over 100 years. The Knights of Pythias building was very important to multiple fraternal orders, such as

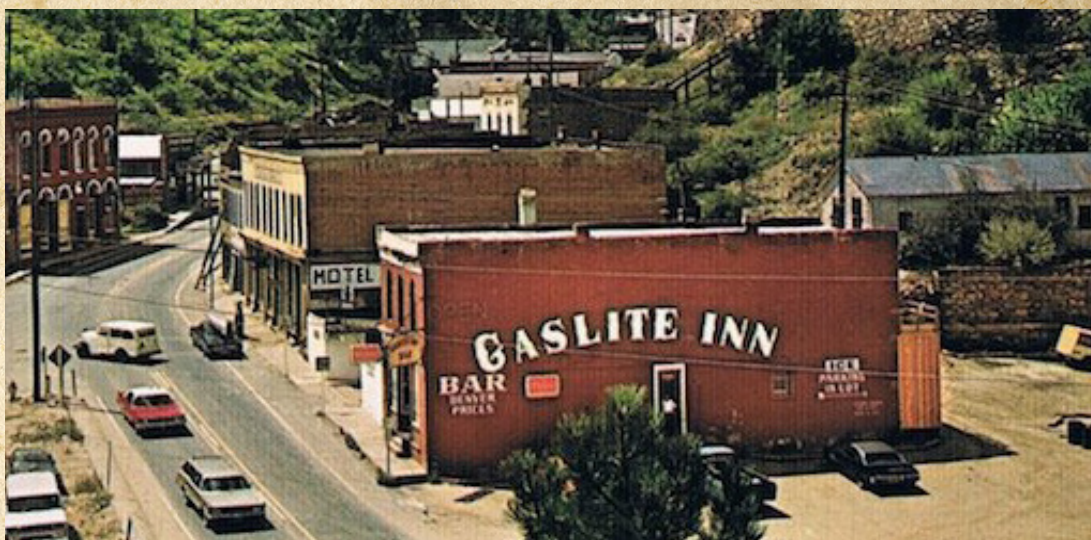
Rocky Mountain Lodge no. 2, I.O.O. F. (Odd Fellows), which was chartered June 14, 1865. The second Black Hawk Odd Fellows chapter, Colorado Lodge No. 3 followed less than a year later. The first Masonic fellowship was Black Hawk Lodge No. 11, A.F.& A.M., which instituted February 17, 1866. And over the years many others - Foresters, Red Men, Good Templars - would join them.



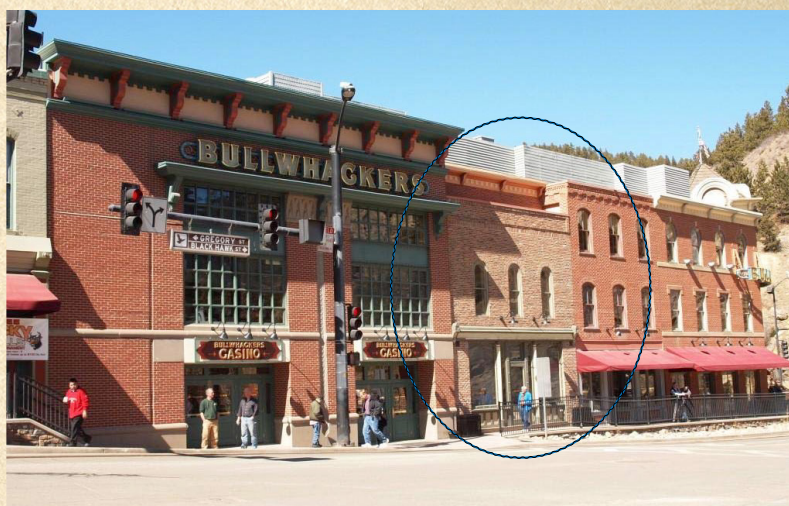
The Colorado Miner, July 1863

Reported in the this ad, Jesse Scobey and partner are moving their stock of wines and liquors to the newly built brick store room on Black Hawk Street -

In the 1970's Mr. Jack Burns was the proprietor of the Gaslite Inn.



1980's - Black Hawk Grocery and Texaco Station



Incorporated within Bullwhacker's in 1992, (picture taken March 16, 2010) and today is part of the Z-Casino.

US Senator Cory Gardner Tours Black Hawk Trail System

Senator's Visit Highlights Development of Black Hawk's 600-Acre Maryland Mountain Recreation Park

Black Hawk, CO – August 28, 2019

The City of Black Hawk was pleased to host Colorado Senator Cory Gardner on August 28th for a tour of the City's Maryland Mountain Recreational Park, a new mountain trail development situated in the beautiful hills and valleys above the City. Mayor David D. Spellman and members of the City's staff highlighted the development of what will be one of most unique trail systems in the State of Colorado.

The Maryland Mountain Recreational Park will feature trails of various skill levels and allow visitors to hike or bike through an area filled with historical reminders of Colorado's gold rush days. The trail system creates opportunities for passive outdoor recreation and heritage tourism while giving hikers, mountain bikers and nature and history lovers an incredible chance to see historic venues at the epicenter of Colorado's Gold Rush.

Some trails will include portions of the railroad bed from the historic Gilpin Tramway (which was the only two-foot narrow-gauge railroad in Colorado in the 1800s). Completion of the first phase of the park is projected mid-2020 and will promote outdoor recreation and heritage tourism, contributing to the overall economy in Gilpin County and Colorado.

However, the 600-acre Maryland Mountain Recreational Park won't be complete for several years. The City continues its focus on developing cooperative relationships with Local, State and Federal agencies needed to complete the project.

Senator Gardner's visit underscores the City's work with the Bureau of Land Management to acquire several small parcels of underutilized BLM land within the mountain park project area.

"We were proud and delighted to welcome Senator Gardner to Black Hawk and appreciative of the time he took to tour the Maryland Mountain Recreational Park," said Mayor Spellman, "We also applaud the Senator's ongoing commitment to work with the BLM and local governments on the Bureau's land holdings in Colorado and other western states."

The potential acquisition of the BLM land will create additional opportunities for public access to this unique area. Senator Gardner's visit comes as the City begins construction of the Maryland Mountain Park trail-head, which will span Highway 119 and tie into the historic Gilpin Tramway rail-bed.



PUBLIC WORKS

City Shuttle Buses - Ready to go daily!

In the last edition of the Lantern, you met Joe Lopez. Joe's main job responsibility is maintaining the interior and exterior of all City shuttles. Each day Joe cleans the shuttles inside and out making sure everything is in place before leaving the shop. Before the shuttles head out to pick up passengers the mechanics perform an inspection that covers everything from the headlights to the tires.

In addition to the thorough cleaning and inspections given to the shuttles, the City fleet shop staff works hard to ensure that City vehicles are also in immaculate condition.

The shop is equipped with lifts and an alignment rack that gives the mechanics the ability to fix most repairs in-house instead of having to

send the shuttles down the hill for repairs. Our skilled mechanics know how to fix just about every problem that comes their way.

All shuttles are handicap accessible and are equipped with 2 TV screens that entertain passengers with the history of Black Hawk along with casino information! A few of our shuttles also have chains so they can continue to run during inclement weather.

The staff in the fleet shop works diligently to provide superior service to everything that rolls through the shop doors. All passengers on the shuttles can ride with peace of mind knowing the City fleet shop has meticulously checked each shuttle before it hits the road!



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

General Tech Update - Current and Upcoming Projects

Black Hawk IT is always busy with projects that can range from extremely minute to mind-boggling. Here are a couple of projects we are currently working on.

Time-Lapse Capture

To capture footage of the Gregory Street Renovation Project we will be setting up purpose-made time-lapse cameras, the cameras will capture about 30 frames a day which over the duration of the project should create a 2-3-minute video. One of the challenges in capturing images over such a long period is battery life. So to address that we chose a purpose-made camera that uses a low power mode that is tied to a programmable schedule.

Sensor Monitor Network



We are developing a network dedicated to monitoring any manner of sensors, including several ways to acquire feedback; information on temperature, voltage, status, etc. To simplify that by combining the data from those sensors we can map out the current state of any environment and deliver that status to the appropriate person or application. Additionally, when a state is determined to be alert worthy (a specific door is opened outside of business hours) we can notify an interested party (i.e. Police Dispatch).

Other Tech Tidbits

Windows 7 end of support

Windows 7 has been a rock-solid operating system for the past 10 years (WOW time flies) and will continue to function for many years to come, however in January 2020 Microsoft will be dropping support for it. End of support leads to limited Security Updates which means most if not all security holes discovered in the future will be open for attackers.



It's a good idea to update to the latest version to protect yourself from exploits. After Windows XP went into end-of-support, an exploit was discovered that led to an outbreak which affected almost every version of Windows.

Only newer versions of Windows ended up receiving fixes, the extreme severity of the outbreak caused Microsoft to issue an emergency patch for the unsupported operating system. Similar to Windows XP there will be some cases where running an older version is fine but for general home usage I would recommend upgrading to Windows 10.



Google Fuchsia operating system

The next operating system from Google is aiming to turn Mobile, Notebook, and Desktop into an extremely cohesive unit with an all new operating system; the system will look the same on all devices and sync user information between any devices. While the majority of Google apps are universal, no matter which OS you currently use, Google is aiming to unify not only the applications but the user interface/ user experience. Unlike the current widely used Google implementation of the “Android” OS this

version is built from the ground up with no ties to the Linux Source or Java, the focus is on security and stability. If you are all in on the Google “experience” you will love the seamless way this OS ties into all the services with not only a snappy and responsive feel but also smooth design.



FINANCE

Calendar Year-End vs Fiscal Year-End and Budgets

The City of Black Hawk operates on a Calendar Year-End for budgeting and financial reporting purposes. However, June 30 is also significant, as it reflects the State Fiscal Year-End. The Division of Gaming imposes a progressive tax on all casinos based on accumulated Adjusted Gross Proceeds (AGP) (money wagered minus winnings paid out) for the fiscal year. As a casino's AGP accumulates during the fiscal year, it pushes them into the next tax bracket. These brackets range from 0.25% to 20.00%. After the conclusion of the Fiscal Year, the Division of Gaming distributes the Gaming Tax collected, less the cost to operate the Commission, to recipients as directed by the State Constitution. The three host gaming communities share 10% of the net gaming tax distributions, based on the proportion of gaming revenue generated by each jurisdiction.

- Statewide AGP (casino gaming revenue) was up 0.20% from the previous 12-month period. Black Hawk saw a decrease of 1.21% in AGP, Central City was up 6.01% and Cripple Creek was up 3.51%. Black Hawk casinos make up 73.70% of Statewide gaming revenue.
- Statewide Gaming Tax (paid by the casinos) was down 0.22% from the previous 12-month period. Black Hawk saw a decrease of 1.59%, Central City was up 9.16% and Cripple Creek was up 5.54%. Black Hawk casinos paid 82.93% of Statewide Gaming taxes for the Fiscal year.
- For the Fiscal Year End June 30, 2019, the Gaming Tax distribution to the City of Black Hawk was down 1.11% from the previous year.

As we move into early fall, City Officials and staff will be working on the 2020 Budget. The annual figures above, as well as upcoming monthly statistics, will be monitored to ensure a balanced budget is adopted. The Gaming Tax distribution from the State is significant, making up roughly 38% of all General Fund revenues.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

National Preparedness Month

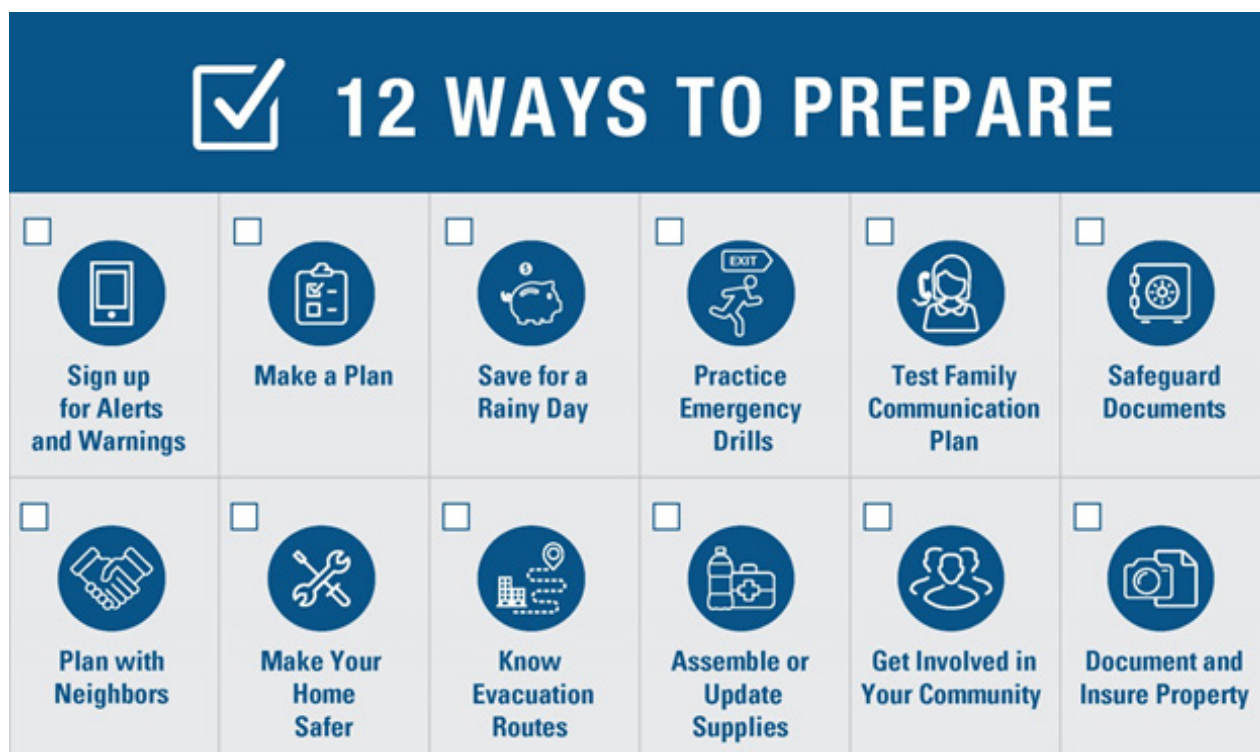
National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year.

Research on preparedness shows that people who believe themselves “prepared” for disasters often aren’t as prepared as they think. Forty percent of survey respondents did not have household plans, 80 percent had not conducted home evacuation drills, and nearly 60 percent did not know their community’s evacuation routes.

Nearly 20 percent of survey respondents reported having a disability that would affect their capacity to respond to an emergency situation, but shockingly only one out of four of them had made arrangements specific to their disability to help them respond safely in the event of an emergency.

Our nation’s emergency managers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, EMT/paramedics, and other emergency responders do an incredible job of keeping us safe, but they can’t do it alone. We must all embrace our individual responsibility to be prepared – in doing so, we contribute to the safety and security of the nation as well.

Becoming more prepared in case of an emergency is easier than you might think. Whether it’s your home, your neighborhood, your place of business, or your school, you can take a few simple steps to prepare.



There are many resources available to help you prepare for an unforeseen emergency. Visit the websites of organizations and government programs like **Ready.gov** and the **National Safety Council** to learn more about how you can prepare for and respond to disaster. Visit the website of the **Home Safety Council** to learn how you can make your home safer for you and your family.

Here are a few pointers to help you get started!

Save for a rainy day

When it comes to emergencies, Americans face more than just natural disasters like wildfires or flooding. We also deal with flat tires, broken water heaters, and sudden medical expenses. Both big disasters and unexpected bills take time, money, and resources away from other priorities. So why aren't we doing more to get prepared? Take time this month to strengthen your financial preparedness for disasters and emergencies.

An **Emergency Financial First Aid Kit** is available for free from FEMA. Call 1-800-480-2520 and ask for publication number 1075 or visit www.operationhope.org or www.ready.gov/financialpreparedness to download the digital publication.

Document and insure your property

Your home, your personal belongings, and your business are meaningful and valuable assets. If a disaster strikes, having insurance for your home or business property is the best way to ensure you will have the necessary financial resources to help you repair, rebuild, or replace whatever is damaged. Yet, more than half of all homeowners in the United States do not carry adequate homeowners insurance to replace their home and its contents should a catastrophic loss occur. Now, before a disaster strikes, take the time to:



Not all insurance policies are the same. Coverage amounts, deductibles, and payment caps can vary significantly. Consult with your insurance professional to be sure your policy is right for you. It is also important to review your policy annually to remind yourself of your coverage and to make any updates based on new purchases, renovations, increases in property value, or increases in costs to rebuild or replace items.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Visit www.ready.gov/prepare to learn more about specific risks and what protective measures to take before, during, and after a disaster.
- For additional information about preparing your home to better withstand disasters, as well as recovering, repairing, and rebuilding following disasters, visit the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety at www.disastersafety.org.
- To download a homeowner's guide to natural disasters, including ways to reduce potential damages and premiums, visit www.flash.org/homeownersinsuranceguide.
- For information on insurance regulations in your state, contact your state insurance commission. A map linked to each state's insurance commission website is available at www.naic.org/state_web_map.htm.
- For insurance-specific questions, visit the Insurance Information Institute at www.iii.org.



City of Black Hawk **9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB**

This 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb is way for the community to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001. Each participant climbs or walks the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center carrying the name and photo of a fallen hero to symbolically complete their climb.

Your climb benefits the programs of the FDNY Counseling Services Unit and the programs of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation that support the families of our nation's fallen firefighters.

DATE: September 11, 2019

TIME: 0800 - 1100

LOCATION: Ameristar Casino
Resort Spa

CONTACT: Black Hawk Fire Dept.
(303) 582-2248

COST: \$25 / \$15 Student

REGISTER NOW: events.firehero.org/blackhawk

Share Your Photos: [#AmeristarBH](#) [#BlackHawkFire](#)
[#911StairClimb](#) [#NFFFStairClimb](#) [#MoveAndBeMoved](#)

MUNICIPAL CODE MOMENT

The City of Black Hawk is encouraging property owners to voluntarily address property conditions that are considered code violations. Failure to comply may result in further enforcement action. The most commonly violated City ordinances are listed below.

- * Outside storage - keeping or storing items on any property such as tires, building materials, tools, and equipment could be a fire hazard, and a detriment to the health, safety, or general welfare of the inhabitants. (Sec. 7-21(4))
- * Littering public or private property. (Sec 7-22)
- * Weed control - including brush and grasses over 12 inches. (Sec 7-27)
- * Trees and shrubs - dead, broken, diseased or infested by insects. (Sec 7-28)
- * Offensive or unhealthy uses - no building, vehicle or structure, etc., shall be used or kept, which is detrimental to health, offensive to sight, smell or hearing. (Sec. 7-30)
- * Abandoned, unlicensed or inoperable motor vehicles - it is unlawful to store on any property. (Sec. 8-79)
- * Locating, storing, and parking recreational vehicles. (Sec. 8-92)
- * Obstructing streets and sidewalks. (Sec. 10-22)
- * Abandoned iceboxes, etc. (Sec. 10-81)
- * Storage of flammable liquids in vehicles. (Sec. 10-82)
- * City Council historic review process-minimum improvement (Sec. 16-368)

1) It shall be unlawful, and a public nuisance for any person to own, occupy or to lease, rent or otherwise allow occupancy by others, of any building or structure which, by negligent act or omission, does not comply with this provisions of this section.

2) Every building or structure shall be kept and maintained in good condition and repair.

3) All foundations, exterior walls, roofs, and all appurtenances thereto shall be substantially weather tight and rodent-proof.

4) All exterior wood surfaces shall be adequately protected from water seepage and decay.

5) All windows, exterior doors, and basement entryways shall be reasonably weather tight, water tight and rodent-proof.

6) Per Black Hawk Residential Design Guidelines, metal and cloth carports are not permitted.

- * Street parking distance and direction: right-hand wheels no more than 12" against curb line or edge of roadway. (MTC 1205)

For more information regarding the Municipal Code visit www.cityofblackhawk.org. If you have questions regarding the disposal of trash or debris, please contact Public Works at 303-582-2282. Public Works personnel will also be available in September to assist residents who need help removing large items. Information regarding residential use of the Mesa storage yard is available by calling 303-582-2231.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Corporal Solis Graduates from C.I.T. Training



It's clear police officers respond to emergencies and criminal activities every day, but, a police officer's role has expanded over the years to include increased contact with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. A reduction in mental health resources across the country means officers have an increased likelihood of interacting with people during a mental health emergency.

As a result, the Black Hawk Police Department sends police officers to a specialized 40-hour training course to ensure officers can recognize and successfully

handle mental health-related situations. The Crisis Intervention Team training or CIT is more than your typical training course.

It's an intense training course which brings mental health clinicians, consumer and family advocates and police officers together to better understand how to handle mental health issues. The training material includes information on signs and symptoms of mental illnesses; mental health treatment; co-occurring disorders; legal issues and de-escalation techniques. The CIT curriculum also includes training on developmental disabilities; older adult issues; trauma and excited delirium; as well as verbal de-escalation skills needed to resolve sometimes very intense situations.

Officers practice their newly acquired skills during scenario-based training situations involving professional actors who play the part of distressed individuals. Officers receive immediate feedback from instructors and classmates about their performance and their ability to resolve the simulated crisis situation. The training week usually includes panels of mental health providers; family members of individuals experiencing mental health issues and persons who have been diagnosed with mental illnesses.

On August 16, 2019, Corporal Eli Solis graduated from the C.I.T. Training course held at Douglas County Sheriff's Department. Congratulations Eli!

Find your happy here!

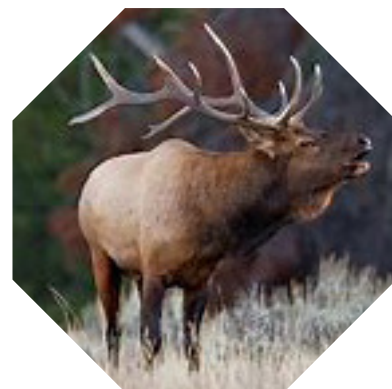
The City of Black Hawk is hiring for passionate and engaged employees to fill several positions within the Police Department. If you are interested in being a part of the City of Black Hawk family, and are seeking great compensation, benefits, success, and stability, visit www.cityofblackhawk.org to view current openings and apply on-line.

Maryland Mountain, Chase Gulch Trails and Hunting

We want your hike or mountain bike ride up Chase Gulch to Maryland Mountain to be enjoyable and safe. Our trail system is completely inside the City limits and no hunting is permitted.

However, there is private land and U.S. Forest Service land adjacent to Black Hawk's open space areas, where hunters may be found. For your safety during the fall months consider wearing an orange safety vest or other brightly colored clothing. Brightly colored vest or jacket will make you more visible in case a hunter has wandered into the Chase Gulch area. Please do not litter and take out any trash you take in. The City of Black Hawk has prohibited the following on all City-owned open space areas: **Shooting, Camping, Fires, Motorized Vehicles, and Hunting.**

Please respect the land and the rules, if you see a violation report it right away to the Black Hawk Police Department at 303-582-5878. If you have an emergency call or text 911.



New Emergency Notification System

The Black Hawk Police Department transitioned to an emergency notification system called Hyper-Reach on January 1, 2019. We used Code Red for several years, but there are new products on the market, which provide additional functionality. Changing notification systems can be challenging because Dispatch Centers rely on citizens to sign up for the notification service. Hyper-Reach requires citizens to sign up for emergency notifications which you can tailor to fit your needs.

Hyper-Reach will generate notifications in a select geographical area targeting cellphones for specific emergency situations.

This type of notification could be instrumental during extreme emergencies. If you have not signed up for emergency notifications you may do so here:

<http://hyper-reach.com/cogilpinsignup.html>.

You can text “GilpinAlerts” to 720-707-1694, or call 720-707-1694. Be sure to login at some point soon after signing up to decide the type and frequency of notifications.

Hyper-Reach 
The Power of Instant Communication

Getting Prepared for Fall & Winter Driving

Keep in your Car:

- Shovel
- Windshield scraper and small broom
- Flashlight
- Water
- Snack food
- Matches
- Extra hats, socks, and mittens
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Blanket(s)
- Tow chain or rope
- Road salt and sand
- Booster cables
- Emergency flares
- Fluorescent distress flag

With fall and winter snowstorms just around the corner now is a good time to double-check the tire tread depth of the tires on your car to ensure your car can handle the snow. Tires are expensive, but adequate tires can help ensure your safety and the safety of others. Be prepared for any weather-related emergency.

Bears are always on the move - be aware!

Bears become increasingly active in the fall and the potential for encountering a bear increases. Black bears are curious, smart and very adaptable. They're not fussy and will eat just about anything with calories. Bears want to get the most energy they can with the least amount of effort. Every bear's goal is to get fat enough to live through the winter.

Most conflicts between people and bears can be traced to easy-to-get-at human food, garbage, pet food, birdseed or other attractants. When people allow bears to find food, a bear's natural drive to eat can overcome its wariness of humans.

Bears that get too comfortable around people can destroy property or even become a threat to human safety. Habituated bears must often be destroyed. Please don't let bears die needlessly. Do your part to bear-proof your home and property to help keep bears alive and wild.

Each of us can play a role in reducing our potential for accidental encounters with bears by following some simple practices.

- Put garbage containers out the same day it's collected.
- Clean trash containers with ammonia.
- Don't leave pet food outdoors.
- Bird-feeders are prime targets for bears. Avoid their use.

Call the Black Hawk Police Department 911 Emergency Call Center if you observe an aggressive animal or call the Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 303-297-1192. To learn more about living in the mountains with wildlife, visit the Colorado Parks and Wildlife web site at <https://cpw.state.co.us>





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