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**City Employees Honored  
for Service**

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We have a future before us in which all should be proud. It will not only be equal to, but greater than the past.

General William T. Sherman  
October 16, 1865

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*Lt. Chris Reid and Firefighter Matt Bowman took Black Hawk's 1948 Mac Fire Truck to the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade*

# FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Greetings:

The steady stream of cement trucks has been nonstop all day. The contractor for the new parking garage on Gregory Street is pouring the third and final floor today. While there is still a great deal of work to complete, the garage is a big milestone. The facade and roof will

take until August to finish. I am sure the number of cement trucks is even higher going to the Monarch Hotel project. According to the owners, the project is on schedule to open late second quarter of 2019.

The last large, visible project in town is the excavation of the Canyon/Dakota site. The excavation makes way for a combination of surface parking and a parking garage for the Lodge Casino. All of these projects are key pieces to the puzzle to fulfilling the vision of Black Hawk becoming Colorado's next resort destination.

I had the opportunity to review a number of the articles in this issue of the Lantern that highlighted various staff members here at the City. In my career, I have had the

opportunity to work with many different employee groups both in the public and private sectors. I can honestly say that Black Hawk is one of the best. The dedication of the employees here is exceptional. The level of consciousness and the drive to do the right thing is a value not commonly seen in public organizations. The number of seasoned employees is very high here in Black Hawk. This is a product of the environment that is fostered by the City Council and the worth they see in a stable workforce. It is very rewarding when all facets of an organization are working together to accomplish a shared vision. The next resort destination in the State! To all, well done!

Happy Trails,

Jack

# CP&D

## COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

### 2018 City-Wide Clean-Up Day

Mark your calendars! In conjunction with Historic Preservation Month (May), the annual City-wide Clean-Up Day is planned for Thursday, May 24th, RAIN OR SHINE.



Each year, City of Black Hawk residents, local businesses, casino employees, City Council members, Historic Preservation Commission members, and City employees hit the streets of Black Hawk to pick up trash and make the City look its best for everyone's enjoyment. In addition to trash pickup, many residents take advantage of the City's offer to pick up large items (such as old appliances) for disposal the day before Clean-Up day.

On the morning of Clean-Up Day, volunteers are offered a delicious breakfast, graciously provided by our local businesses and casinos, in order to fuel them for the work ahead. After returning to Crook's once clean-up is complete, the crews are rewarded with a sumptuous lunch catered by a local catering company, JKQ BBQ.

As always, participants will get the chance at winning one of many gift cards to be raffled off after lunch. We ask that those participants who received an official orange long-sleeved Clean-Up Day t-shirt last year, to wear it again for this year's event!

Stay tuned for additional details regarding this annual event. As always, we appreciate your efforts in keeping our City looking spic and span throughout the year!



2017 Clean-Up Day Crew

## Building Safety Month



MAY 2018

Building Safety Month (BSM) is a public awareness campaign celebrated by jurisdictions worldwide during the month of May for the past 38 years to help individuals, families, and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. The campaign reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement, and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system.

All communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related events, and structural collapse. Model building codes are society's best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores, and entertainment venues. Code officials work day in and day out to keep the public safe.

The campaign is presented by the International Code Council and its 64,000 members worldwide along with a diverse partnership of professionals from the building construction, design, and safety community. Corporations, government agencies, professional associations, nonprofits, and more come together to support BSM because they understand the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work, and play.

Visit [www.buildingsafetymonth.org](http://www.buildingsafetymonth.org) for complete details and specific information on how building codes and building permits save lives.



# INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL BUILDING SAFETY



## Building Codes Save Lives

# 2018



WEEK ONE  
**May 1-5**

Partnering with Code Officials to Build  
Stronger, Safer Communities



WEEK TWO  
**May 6-12**

Advancing Resilient Communities  
Through Science & Technology



WEEK THREE  
**May 13-19**

Protecting Communities  
from Disasters



WEEK FOUR  
**May 20-26**

Safeguarding  
Our Water

WEEK FIVE  
**May 27-31**

Improving Education &  
Training Standards for  
a Safer Tomorrow



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**#ICCB SM18**   

Presented by the International Code Council



## Doing Your Part to Keep Our City Beautiful Year-Round



Keeping the City of Black Hawk clean year-round takes effort on the part of all who live here, in addition to those who come here to work or play. Please take a moment to do the following Random Acts of Cleanliness to ensure our City is a visually pleasant environment for everyone to enjoy:

- Please refrain from littering—place all trash in trash receptacles around the City.
- If you see trash lying around, consider picking it up and placing it in a designated trash can.
- Always extinguish and dispose of cigarette butts properly—please refrain from tossing them onto the ground as they are apt to pose a fire risk in our dry environment, in addition to being an eye sore.
- When walking your dog, always pick up the dog waste and dispose of it appropriately.
- Keep yards and parking areas free of unsightly items, such as bagged trash, discarded automotive parts, old appliances, and household items, etc.
- Dumpster up on Miner’s Mesa Rd is available to all City residents:
  - o Call Erin at Public Works at 303-582-2282 in order to make an appointment to access the dumpsters.
  - o Available year round, Monday – Friday, 8am to 4pm, excluding municipal holidays.
  - o Items not allowed = electronics, construction materials, hazardous materials/chemicals or car batteries.
- Large item pick up is available to all City residents on Wednesday, May 23rd:
  - o Call Erin in Public Works at 303-582-2282 no later than noon on May 22nd in order to schedule a pick up.
  - o This is only for LARGE ITEMS ONLY (such as old appliances, grills, furniture, etc.)
  - o Items not allowed = electronics, construction materials, hazardous materials/chemicals, or batteries .
- Volunteer to join in on the City’s annual Clean-Up Day on Thursday, May 24th (rain or shine) as we hit the streets to pick up miscellaneous trash in and around the City limits. This is always a fun event and includes complimentary breakfast and lunch, in addition to a chance at raffle prizes. Contact Sara Lang Forbes at 303-582-2223 or [sforbes@cityofblackhawk.org](mailto:sforbes@cityofblackhawk.org) for more details.



# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## Internet Growth Facts (Since 2000)

### Usage then vs. now

In the year 2000 the total population of the planet using the Internet was 5%; today, over half of the world's population is connected in some way. That means 3.6 billion people have been added to the world's networks in 18 years, which is a rate of half a million people a day.

### Cost of the data in your pocket now vs then

Based on today's connections speeds, a typical 4G connection on your cell phone, which cost around \$65-\$100 a month, would cost around \$3000 a month in the year 2000. Home Internet cost would have approached the \$42,000 a month range.

### Population vs Internet connected users

While North America makes up only 4.8% of the world's population, around 95% of the US population is connected to the Internet in some way. In contrast to a region like Asia, which contains half the world's population (but only half use the Internet), still has over 1.6 billion more users than North America.

### Speed now vs then

Broadband Internet was just starting to breakthrough as a household commodity in the year 2000, but the average Internet speed was still based on dial-up, which was a mere 56kbps (just under half a Megabyte a minute). To put that in perspective, it would have taken 2-3 minutes to display a single cell phone photo. To stream video, you would have to use a resolution of around 100 by 150. To put that into scale, a 720p video stream's resolution is 1280 by 720.

### The next surge

The advent of smart phones aided in the current boom but smaller devices may close the next gap by more deployment of connected wearables, medical monitoring, fitness trackers, and others. The bottom line is that as much as the Internet has grown, the world still has 3.6 billion more people to account for in some way, the only question is how those people will connect.

World Internet Stats (<https://goo.gl/fNJeY9>)



# PUBLIC WORKS

## Water Rights of the City of Black Hawk-Part 1

First in time, first in right. In Colorado, water is regulated by the State Engineers Office under the prior appropriations doctrine which states that the first one that places a claim on water and puts it to beneficial use, has a senior water right. Black Hawk's water rights date back to the mining days when the Mountain Supply Pipeline and the Black Hawk Reservoir were appropriated on July 3, 1884.

Even though the City's waterworks was constructed and put into service in 1884, the water right wasn't adjudicated (decreed) by the Water Court until 1970. So the 86 year delay in filing the water right puts us behind all other water rights that are senior to 1970.

The water diversions that brought water to town were located in the headwaters of Ralston Creek. The Frog Pond galleries were made of stone about six feet underground and allowed fresh water to infiltrate into wooden pipe that carried the water to town. The 12-inch pipe was buried from the Frog Ponds to a stone reservoir above town where the Dory Hill Water Treatment Plant is located. A section of the 120-year-old stone reservoir is still



Original Wood Pipe

used. It is now lined with a membrane material and probably holds water better than when it was first built.

The way that we are able to take water when our right is junior to other senior water rights is to augment (replace) the water we divert at our treatment

plants with water that is senior to the right that is in priority. We do this with Church Ditch water that we first purchased in



Church Ditch Augmentation Station

1992. The City currently owns 187-inches out of a total of 5,710-inches in the Church Ditch. The City also owns shares in the Farmers High Line. Both of these ditches are way downstream on Clear Creek with headgates near Golden.

The mechanics of the augmentation of our Church Ditch water is to take our inches from the ditch and return the water to Clear Creek through our augmentation station.

The measured flow that is taken from the ditch and returned to Clear Creek is then exchanged upstream to Black Hawk. The exchanges can be to diversions for our treatment plants or to reservoirs near Georgetown for later use.

The exchanges are all done on paper through a complex accounting system that is submitted to the State Engineers Office monthly. City staff keeps detailed records of every drop of water that we divert, store, release, and even return back to the creek through our wastewater flows. This allows the city to have water to serve our customers when senior water rights are calling for their water.



# FINANCE

## 2017 Revenue in Review

Before we move too far into 2018, it may be a good idea to take a look at how the City's finances concluded in 2017. The City of Black Hawk's general government is funded primarily by three revenue sources.

This is made up of the City's 4.50% Sales Tax, fees assessed on each Gaming Device, and the City's share of State Gaming Taxes. In total, these three revenue sources account for more than 80.00% of all General Fund revenue for 2017.

Sales Tax for 2017 was up by nearly 16.00% as compared to 2016, due in large part to a one-half percent increase in the Sales Tax rate effective January 1, 2017. The City's share of the State Gaming Tax for 2017 was up less than 1/10 of one percent (0.10%) from the previous year.

And finally, the Gaming Device Fees for 2017 increased by 1.48% as compared to the prior year, due to an increase in the per-device fee. The City continues to experience an ongoing reduction in the number of devices available for play on the casino floor. The monthly average number of devices in 2017 was 7,413 compared to 7,922 in 2016 and 8,213 in 2015.

When looking at the three revenue sources combined, the total for 2017 was up about 2.70% from 2016.

The City Council continues to explore and implement a variety of amenities and incentives designed to increase the number of visitors to Black Hawk, and in turn, increase the three major revenue streams.

# NEW FACES 2018

## Randy Nguyen

### Tell us about yourself.

Officer Nguyen played soccer, basketball, and was on the track team. His favorite sports to watch are basketball and football. He began college



at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction in 2012. The class that really stood out to him was Introduction to Criminal Justice. He decided to major in Criminal Justice with

an emphasis on Law Enforcement. He was able to attend a Police Academy for his last semester credits. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Randy's older sister is pursuing her dream to become a doctor and his younger brother is about to graduate from High School.

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

Officer Randy Nguyen began his career with the

Black Hawk Police Department January 8, 2018. Officer Nguyen was very pleased to be offered a job with the Police Department and is loving his career choice.

## McKinzie Rees

### Tell us about yourself.



She was born and raised in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. McKinzie attended the University of Nebraska on a soccer scholarship and later transferred to Metro State

in Denver to attain a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Social Work. She currently lives in Englewood with her husband and their six dogs. Officer Rees is an identical twin. On her time off she enjoys snowboarding and weightlifting.

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

Officer Rees began her career with the Black Hawk Police Department on January 29, 2018. Officer Rees has enjoyed meeting everyone and very excited about working for the City of Black Hawk.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ·····

### Meet Mike Schaller

I am the Street Superintendent and have been with the city for over 20 years. Some of the things I oversee are street maintenance, snow plowing, park maintenance, summer flowers, and the cemetery. It's been fun to have been here throughout the building of all the large casinos and watching the city grow.



*Mike Schaller (seen at left) and Family*

I am a Colorado native, married with one daughter, three sons, one son-in-law, and one dog. My friends would describe me as easy going. I'm currently writing a book and hope to finish it this year. I like spending my free time with my family, hunting, fishing, or playing softball.

I'm a fan of most foods; Jose O'Shea's is my favorite restaurant. My favorite authors are Louis L'Amour and C.J. Box, with *Last of the Breed* and *Savage Run* being my favorite books, respectively. *Saving Private Ryan* and *Big Jake* are my favorite movies. My favorite memory is a trip with my family to Orlando/Coco Beach, Florida.

I've traveled to almost all of the states, Mexico, Central America, Bahamas and most of the provinces of Canada. Western Colorado is where I like to spend as much time as possible. I'd really like to visit Ireland, Scotland, Germany, and Egypt.



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT .....

## Meet Jake Adler



My name is Officer Jake Adler with the Black Hawk Police Department. I have had the pleasure of serving for over two years in this great organization! Having been in law enforcement for almost 20 years now, working in a gaming/resort environment has been extremely rewarding, educational, and a great experience in my ongoing career.

I am the proud father of two great boys, who live and attend school in Gilpin County. I am a third generation resident of this great county and am honored to see my family continue to grow up with the experiences and lifestyle I/we are accustomed to here in the mountains. In my off time, I enjoy outdoor motorsports, hockey, and automotive racing and restoration. In this past two years with Black Hawk, I have had the honor of many training opportunities and currently hold a level II position within the department. I am an FTO (Field Training Officer) as well and take great pride in having a hand in developing and shaping current and the future employee's within the organization.

My law enforcement career began in 1998, as a Deputy with the Thomas County Sheriff's Office in Colby, Kansas. While there, I assumed the ranks of Commander of Detentions, K9 Deputy, and various specialized drug enforcement details. I eventually decided to come back home and accepted a Deputy Position with the Gilpin County Sheriff's Office, ascending to the rank of Sargent for the Jail. My desires to get back out in the community and on the road eventually took over, and I moved over to the Nederland Police Department. While there, I began my career as a Patrol Officer, then Sargent, and eventually the rank of Chief of Police. Life took a different path for me several years ago; I then went to work for the Central City Police Department. I was extremely impressed with the Black Hawk Police, having worked with them on multiple occasions. I made the decision to apply and was elated and honored to be selected to work with an absolutely great group of professional women and men who truly emulate the very best law enforcement should be and has to offer!

As a law enforcement history buff, I enjoy learning and researching "Old West" lawmen and their accolades. Given the chance to meet with any of my historical figure hero's, it would absolutely be Wyatt Earp. I try to model myself as a modern day peace officer, with old-fashioned values, always trying to find a positive solution to any given situation and maintain an air of compassion that we (law enforcement) are here to truly help and educate, leaving a viable and honorable impression in all we work and deal with on a daily basis.

I have enjoyed my time with Black Hawk Police Department and look forward to seeing all of you while on patrol and offer my assistance at any time! I also wish to thank this community for the opportunity to serve in a city and county I truly love!

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

## Congratulations Wellness Champions!

City of Black Hawk employees were invited to participate in the "Maintain, Don't Gain" wellness challenge over the holidays. To add to the fun, the City challenged Black Hawk Casinos to participate in a team competition. The City would like to applaud all participants for making the pledge to "Maintain, Don't Gain" over the holidays and for their hard work to improve their health.

City employees who maintained their weight within one pound of their pre-holiday weight, or lost weight, were awarded a \$50 gift card for their active participation and commitment to making healthy choices. The overall team champions were awarded the City of Black Hawk's Golden Sneaker Award. Their hard work has translated into bragging rights for the remainder of 2018!

### City of Black Hawk Employee results:

57 participants reported a total of 184.5 pounds lost over the 8-week program. Team Jiggle Giggle won the employee team challenge with a total weight loss of 50.4 pounds!



*Team Jiggle Giggle*

### Golden Sneaker Team Competition Results:

1st - City of Black Hawk "Jiggle Giggle" Average Weight Lost: 12.6 pounds  
Total Weight Lost: 50.4/4 participants.

2nd - City of Black Hawk "Squishy & Hot" Average Weight Lost: 4.75 pounds. Total Weight Lost: 28.5/6 participants.

3rd - The Lodge Casino "Tubby Tellies" Average Weight Lost: 2.0 pounds. Total Weight Lost: 8/4 participants.



*(Left to right) Wynter Kasch, Cathy Cullar, Jack Lewis, Janet Dennehy, and Heidi Hansen*



## 2018 Election Cancelled!

Besides the incumbents, no candidate petitions or write-in candidate affidavits were received for the regular biennial election to be held April 3, 2018. Subsequently, the City Council cancelled the April 3, 2018 election by Resolution 16-2018 on February 14, 2018; pursuant to Sec. 2-4(b) of the Black Hawk Municipal Code.

The following candidates were hereby elected to four-year terms:

**Linda Armbright, Alderman**

**Jim Johnson, Alderman**

**Haller Midcap, Alderman**

Black Hawk Municipal Court, Judge Ronald Carlson, will preside over the swearing-in ceremony at the beginning of the April 11, 2018 City Council meeting. Congratulations to the re-elected City Council members and thank you for your dedicated service to our community!



## Janice Beecher - Permit Technician

### A Career Opportunity in Code Administration

A Permit Technician possesses the ability to exercise independent judgment in evaluating situations and in making determinations for issuing building permits and understands the basic construction components and practices associated with a project.

The Permit Technician also provides technical assistance in the issuance of construction and development permits to ensure compliance with the provisions of State and local jurisdictions' adopted development regulations and codes.

Having spent numerous hours studying for her certification test, as administered by the International Code Council, Janice Beecher successfully joined the ranks and is officially recognized as a Certified Permit Technician. This was not an easy task.

Janice started her journey by studying and learning the Legal Aspects of Code Administration, Basic Code Enforcement, the International Building Code, and the International Zoning Code. The final trek of her journey was to pass the

International Code Council exam. She was given a set of construction plans, associated documents and asked to answer questions on General Administration, Legal Aspects, Plans & Documents, Zoning, and Site Development. She is a valued employee of our Community Planning and Development Department.



Congratulations to **Janice Beecher** on passing your **Permit Technician** certification test.



## City of Black Hawk 15th Annual Golf Tournament

The golf tournament will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018, at Fox Hollow. Don't forget to set aside this date to join your fellow employees in taking up the challenge again with a little white ball! We look forward to a large turnout of players, so fire up the ol' swing and get your team ready for a warm day and the best of times with friends and co-workers! A flyer with further details and instructions will be sent out later in this month. So watch for the emails and notices.





## 2017 City of Black Hawk Holiday Party

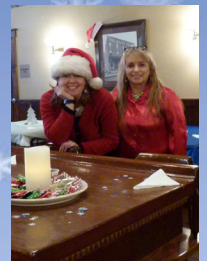
On Thursday, December 7, 2017, the City of Black Hawk City Council showed their appreciation of the City's staff for their hard work and dedication. Mayor David Spellman communicated to employees that Black Hawk's successes are made possible by the valuable contributions of our dedicated staff. Employees were treated to a catered lunch by JKQ BBQ. Tenure awards were presented to employees celebrating 5, 10, 15, 25, and 30 years of service with the City. The party concluded with a drawing for prizes.

Commander Ken Lloyd – 25 years - Police, and celebrating 20 years of dedicated service are Jennifer Hembroff, Trent Ingle, Christopher Reid, and Mark Schaller - Fire, Jason Fredricks- Water, Mike Schaller - Streets.

In the category of 15 years – Quentin Griffin and Chris Williams – Fire, Becky Hart and Aaron Sheedy – Police, Stanley McInturf – Water.

10 years - Jozette Encinias and Mathew Johnson - Police.  
5 years – Robert Tatum – Fleet, Chief Donald Taylor – Fire, Eli Solis – Police.

For Council – Mayor David Spellman has 30+ years of services, Linda Armbright – 11+ years, Jim Johnson and Benito Torres – 5 years.





## Dedicated Employee's with 20+ years Service



*Christopher Reid - 20 years*



*Trent Ingle - 20 years*



*Ken Lloyd - 25 years*



*Presented to Mayor David Spellman  
by his mother, Dolores Spellman  
30 years*



*Jennifer Hembroff - 20 years*



*Jason Fredricks - 20 years*



*Mark Schaller - 20 years  
Mike Schaller - 20 years*

## How to Eat Healthy without “Dieting”

Eating healthy can be easy, tasty, and inexpensive if you stick to some simple guidelines.

### Who isn’t trying to eat healthy these days?

After all, it can help reduce your risk of heart disease, stroke, and lots of other things you’d rather avoid. The good news is, eating right doesn’t have to be hard or require you to give up things you love. It’s all about making smart choices to build an overall healthy dietary pattern.

Here are some simple ways you and your family can eat healthier:

#### INCLUDE

- Fruits and vegetables
- Whole grains
- Beans and legumes
- Nuts and seeds
- Fish (preferably oily fish with lots of omega-3 fatty acids), skinless poultry, and plant-based alternatives
- Low-fat and fat-free dairy products
- Healthier fats and non-tropical oils

#### LIMIT

- Sweets and added sugars, especially sugary drinks
- Sodium and salt
- Saturated fat
- Fatty or processed meats – if you choose to eat red meat, [select leaner cuts](#)

#### AVOID

- [Trans fat](#) and partially hydrogenated oils

#### TIPS

- [Choose mindfully](#). Even with healthier foods. Ingredients and nutrient content can vary a lot.
- [Read labels](#). Compare nutrition information on package labels and select products with the lowest amounts of sodium, added sugars, saturated fat and trans fat, and no partially hydrogenated oils.
- [Watch your calories](#). To maintain a healthy weight, eat only as many calories as you use up through physical activity. If you want to lose weight, take in fewer calories or burn more calories.
- [Eat reasonable portions](#). Often this is less than you are served, especially when eating out.
- [Don’t dismiss entire food groups](#). Eat a wide variety of foods to get all the nutrients your body needs.
- [Cook and eat at home](#). You’ll have more control over ingredients and preparation methods.
- [Look for the Heart-Check mark](#) to easily identify foods that can be part of an overall healthy eating pattern.

We can help you make healthier choices:

- At home
- At work
- At the grocery store
- In restaurants



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# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Working Together to Preserve the Past and Protect the Future

The Black Hawk Fire Department hosted a Facilities Maintenance Information Session for local casinos on March 1, 2018, at the Robert A. Clark Emergency Operations Center. The meeting, led by Fire Chief Don Taylor and Fire Inspector Brad Krichau, was the second community engagement meeting of this type to be hosted by the Fire Department. These meetings have been designed to help casino management, risk managers, and facilities maintenance teams work together with the Fire Department to continue to maintain a safe environment for our patrons.

"It is our mission to save lives, protect property, and serve our community," said Chief Taylor. "The purpose of these meetings is to exchange information and keep the communication lines open with our casino partners so that we can effectively work together to accomplish our safety goals."

Topics covered during this year's meeting included emergency response, inspection procedures and online resources, emergency evacuation planning, inspection trends, and information about special event procedures, and general fire safety regulations that are enforced by the City of Black Hawk Fire Department. Feedback and questions from our casino partners were also addressed during the information session.

"It is important that we have these conversations and become familiar with one another's procedures and operations," Inspector Krichau stated. "By working together, we are creating a successful fire and life safety partnership that will enhance the safety in our community."

Several Fire Department Officers were also in attendance and had an opportunity to address the room, covering some important operational logistics, including using common terminology when requesting emergency response, defining a meeting location, and reiterating the importance of having employees trained on using their property's evacuation plan.

We appreciate our casino employees taking time to attend this information session and for their continued effort to work with the City of Black Hawk Fire Department in implementing and maintaining essential safety measures.



*Inspector Brad Krichau addresses attendees of the annual Black Hawk Fire Department's Facilities Maintenance Information Session held at the City's Robert A. Clark Emergency Operations Center.*

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Citizen Feedback to the Black Hawk Police Department

Members of the Black Hawk Police Department take pride in maintaining positive relationships with residents and visitors. Part of maintaining great service is to be open to feedback about the service we provide to the community. We are proud to say we don't receive many complaints from citizens, but when those unique situations arise we resolve them quickly.

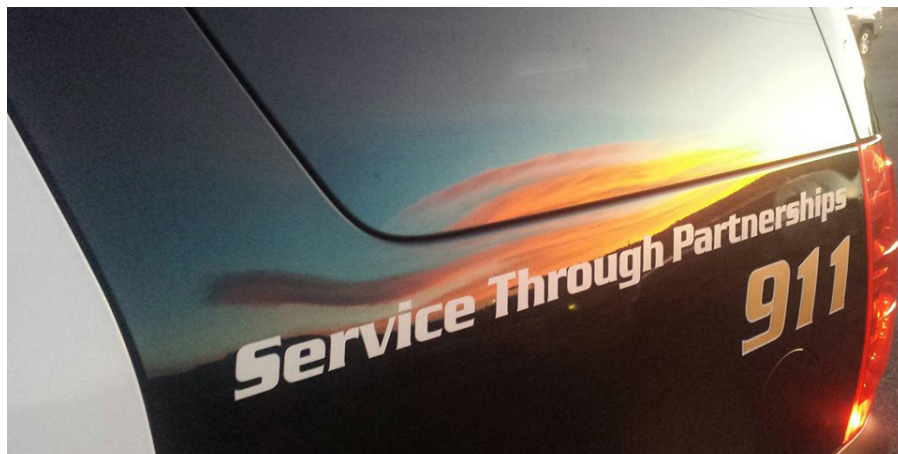


Any Department employee can accept a complaint or compliment from a citizen, but we prefer complaints are directed to a supervisor to ensure proper handling. If a non-supervisory employee receives feedback from a citizen, the employee is responsible for providing the information to a supervisor.

Compliments are always appreciated and encouraged. Supervisors who receive compliments from a citizen will document the circumstances in the employee's personnel file. However, complaints get more attention from supervisors and require more investigation.

Minor complaints are forwarded to an on-duty supervisor for investigation, while serious complaints are reviewed by the Chief of Police and assigned to a Commander. The Chief generally assigns complaint investigations to a Commander who is not supervising the involved employees to maintain objectivity. Any misconduct rising to the level of a crime would be handled by an outside agency in coordination with the District Attorney's Office.

The outcome of a complaint may vary from case to case, but we consider any complaint, sustained or not, to be an opportunity to improve our service. Some complaint investigations lead to more training for the employee or may impact the entire organization. In other cases, an employee may be disciplined for a policy violation or exonerated of any wrong doing. Regardless, the goal is to utilize the information, both positive and negative, for organizational improvement when possible. The Black Hawk Police Department is committed to maintaining the trust of the citizens and encouraging community feedback is an important part of meeting the needs of our community.





## Police Officers Link Services to the Community

In today's world, police officers have to be able to provide traditional law enforcement service, but also be knowledgeable about community resources.

Officers frequently interact with homeless people, drug users, intoxicated people and individuals suffering from mental illness.

Communities across the country are struggling to fully understand the extent of these problems, but its clear police officers are seeing the problem first hand while on patrol. In fact, police officers may be in the best position to identify issues and subsequently direct people to available resources.

As a result, it's becoming increasingly important for police officers to understand the signs of mental illness and substance abuse so they can provide resources to those individuals who need help.

The Black Hawk Police Department currently has eleven Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officers who are specifically trained to recognize and communicate with individuals who are in crisis.

The goal is to ultimately train every officer within the Department, but until then, there is an on-going effort to educate officers about resources that are available in the community.

All officers in the Black Hawk Police Department participated in a recent training session to learn more about the mental health services available in Jefferson, Gilpin, and Clear Creek County. Many of the officers have also participated in a daylong class titled "Mental Health First Aid" which provides officers insight into the services that are available to Gilpin and Jefferson County residents.

Information about these important community services can be found by visiting [www.jcmh.org](http://www.jcmh.org) or by calling 303-425-0300. In addition, a statewide support program is available through Colorado Crisis Services.

Information about these services is available by visiting [www.ColoradoCrisisServices.org](http://www.ColoradoCrisisServices.org) or calling the crisis support line at 1-844-493-8255.



## Black Hawk and Gilpin County Dispatcher Training

On February 22, 2018, Dispatchers from Black Hawk and Gilpin County participated in a joint exercise designed to improve our ability to respond to emergencies.

Major incidents can be more manageable when dispatch centers work together to leverage available dispatch personnel and resources. Dispatchers from the two centers met at Black Hawk's EOC and worked through a complex exercise, which focused on collaboration and communication between the dispatch centers.

Dispatch supervisors for both centers designed the exercise and will develop new procedures in the future to streamline our response capabilities.

The initial exercise focused on the basic capabilities of the dispatch centers and their role in supporting first responders.

A Clear Creek representative monitored the exercise and planned to share the exercise material with Clear Creek dispatchers. A second exercise is being planned for the Fall of 2018 and will eventually be expanded to include all the first responders in Black Hawk and Gilpin County.

Black Hawk Police Chief Stephen Cole and Gilpin County Sheriff Bruce Hartman participated in the exercise and expressed their commitment to developing our collective response capabilities.



*Cathy Collar (standing) and Wynter Kasch*



## Safe2Tell Colorado

The recent shooting in a high school in Florida has resulted in an increase in the number of tips to law enforcement nationally, but also increased tips in Colorado.

The tip line in Colorado is called “Safe2Tell Colorado” which creates an opportunity for anyone to report incidents or concerns to police. The tips can help authorities intervene during a crisis and may prevent someone from being injured. Tips and information can be submitted anonymously by phone, web, or mobile app, and each tip is received by a trained call taker.

Reporting Apps are also available on iPhone and Android devices. The anonymity of individuals providing tips to Safe2Tell Colorado is protected by law. This means the reporting person can remain anonymous under Colorado State Law. If you have information about a threat or dangerous

situation call Safe2tell at 1-877-542-7233 or visit <https://safe2tell.org> to notify authorities. Your tip may save a life!



## See Something, Say Something

“See Something, Say Something” is designed to encourage citizens to report suspicious activity. The “See Something, Say Something” initiative encourages the public to report suspicious activity to law enforcement to help prevent domestic terrorism. Resources include the following:

- If the activity/information presents an immediate threat to life or property call **911!**
- If the activity/information is not an emergency and you would like to report the information for further investigation, contact your local law enforcement or the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) at **1-877-509-2422** or visit <http://report.ciac.co.gov>
- If you would like information on identifying the 8 Signs of Terrorism visit <https://youtu.be/jHjI6mj1jOA>
- For additional information about active shooter situation best practices visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/publicsafety/active-shooter-information>





# HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

## **Tidbits from Black Hawk History - Local News Publications**

March 11, 1864, The City of Black Hawk was incorporated by an act of the territorial legislature.

May 3, 1864 - The production entitled "Life's Changes" is respectfully declined.

June 1, 1864 - Yesterday we had rain in copious showers – To-day, the atmospheric programme is changed and we are blessed with a more delicate and finer quality, in the shape of dense fogs and drizzle. Oh! Sour krout! What a country.

June 18, 1864 - There is trouble with the telegraph line at Kearney, where it crosses the Platte. It cannot be made to stand but a few minutes at once.

January 18, 1865 - WILL someone open a beef shop in Black Hawk? UP to present writing, there's no beef in Black Hawk. We know of parties who went to Central this morning to procure the necessary supply for breakfast.

May 3, 1887: A complaint was made to City Council regarding an unruly heifer belonging to a certain Mr. Oats. The heifer was running at large and was considered dangerous. Black Hawk Marshal, William Backus was instructed by Council to notify Mr. Oats to have the heifer "taken care of."

May 9, 1892: City Council contracted with Mr. Charles H. Conner to replace the roof on City Hall. The contract in the amount of \$55.00 was for all labor and materials.

May 5, 1891: The City of Black Hawk's electric bill for all lights in the city was \$155.75.

February 14, 1914: A Black Hawk city pound was established near Blake Brothers Livery to house stray cows and burros that were becoming a nuisance on city streets.

July 3, 1917: City Council paid Mr. John Webster a fee of \$6.00 "for removing dead horse."

June 3, 1919: City Council directs Marshal Jacob Krell to "take up all cows, horses, and burros running at large in the City and confine them in the City Pound."

December 2, 1919: Bills presented to City Council include a payment of \$4 to Mr. Archie Grey for "powder and fuse."

July 7, 1925: City Council instructs Marshal Charles Klais to arrest anyone shooting firearms, air guns, or slingshots within city limits.

February 7, 1964 - Nowadays a husband and wife must have minds that run in the same channel – or have two televisions sets.

February 14, 1964 – There's gold in that Silver Dollar. The so-called "precious" metal – silver is now in fact precious...and scarce.

March 6, 1964 - "Darling", a mother asked her small son, "why are you making faces at the bulldog?" "Well," the child defended himself, "he started it".



# MUNICIPAL CODE MOMENT

## Did you know...

### Article II – Nuisances

#### Sec.7-22 Littering public or private property

(a) It shall be unlawful and deemed a nuisance for any person to deposit, throw or place any litter upon any street, alley, sidewalk, or public property or place in the City except in public receptacles or authorized private receptacles.

(b) It shall be unlawful and deemed a nuisance for any person, while an operator or passenger in any vehicle, to deposit, throw or place any litter in or upon any street, alley, sidewalk or public property or place in the City except in public receptacles and authorized private receptacles.

(c) It shall be unlawful and deemed a nuisance to operate any truck, trailer or vehicle in such a manner that the load or any portion of the content of such vehicle is blown or deposited in or upon any street, alley, sidewalk or public property or place in the City.

(d) It shall be unlawful and deemed a nuisance for any person to deposit, throw or place any papers, newspapers, handbills, letters, samples or political literature in or upon any public street, alley, sidewalk or public property or place in the City.

(e) It shall be unlawful and deemed a nuisance for any person, except an authorized public employee or officer, or a person who has previously obtained a permit:

(1) To post, place, glue, staple, nail, affix or attach any handbill, poster, placard, sign, announcement or other painted or printed material upon or to any street, alley, sidewalk, lawful sign, telephone pole, power pole or any public or private dwelling, store or other building or fence within the City without the permission of the owner or occupant of such property; or

(2) To post, place, glue, affix or attach any handbill, poster, placard, announcement or other painted or printed material in or upon any passenger automobile within the City without permission of the owner of such automobile.

(f) It shall be unlawful and deemed a nuisance for any person to deposit, throw or place any litter on any public or private property or in any water in the City unless:

(1) Such property is in an area designated by law, ordinance or regulation for the disposal of such material and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to so use such property;

(2) The litter is placed in a receptacle or container installed on such property for such purpose; or

(3) Such person is the owner or occupant in lawful possession of such property, or has first obtained written consent of the owner or tenant in lawful possession, or unless the act is done under the personal direction of said owner or occupant and does not create a public nuisance as that term is defined in Paragraph 7-2(7).

(Ord. 92-7 §1)







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