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“PERSERVERANDO”
To Persevere



FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Spring and early summer is always a great time of the year. Everything is coming out of its winter condition.

When it does snow it doesn't last very long. It is warm enough to really get outside and enjoy the mountains we all love. Just a wonderful time to be in Black Hawk. It is also a good time to

get a lot of outdoor work done.

The Gregory Street project is moving along very well. The weather I spoke about earlier has also been very favorable in terms of working on the project. While there have been traffic delays, all in all it has been pretty tolerable. The delays and detours are not over.

I am sure the Public Works Department will do their best to keep the inconveniences to a minimum. The project is currently scheduled to be completed in September.

The same weather that has been favorable to the Gregory Street project has been equally favorable to the Monarch Hotel construction. Once the new parking garage opened and the old one demolished, the construction on the new hotel has really picked up.

The Monarch management has been very diligent in keeping the new contractor PCL on task and on time.

One additional project on Gregory Street should start before summer ends. That project is a new 124 car parking garage to support the proposed development on Gregory. Once that is completed the major infrastructure will be mainly complete and the focus can be centered on the commercial development of the new entertainment district.

Spring and summer are fabulous times in Black Hawk. I hope you all can get out and enjoy it. If you are out hiking be aware the ticks are definably out! Be safe.

Happy Trails, Jack

BLACK HAWK, CO

153rd Anniversary of the City of Black Hawk Seal

The City of Black Hawk celebrated its 153rd Anniversary of the Black Hawk Seal during the April 19th, City Council meeting. On April 19, 1864, the vignette the Black Hawk Point lithograph was ordained the official corporate seal.

During the meeting, our Mayor, David D. Spellman, presented the history of Black Hawk which was a journey of discovery, enlightenment, and clarity about the symbolism of the Black Hawk Seal.

The City Seal features an American Indian, an eagle and a tiger. Although Mayor Spellman thought he knew the Indian represented Chief Black Hawk and the eagle represented patriotism. but he had no idea on the tiger.

His investigation of the symbols turned out to take a path than what was originally thought. They

represent the Black Hawk Mill, the Eagle Mill and the Tiger Mill which were owned by William L. Lee, Dr. Fredrick H Judd, and Mylo Lee and were located in Black Hawk at the time of the City's founding.

History tells us how the name for our City was debated by two parties that wanted totally different names, Black Hawk Point and Enterprise.

Lee, Judd, and Lee, being the owners of the largest, best equipped, and most impressive quartz stamp mills in the gold regions of the Colorado Territory, were in the group to name the mining camp Black Hawk Point.

They became the benefactors of artist John E. Dillingham, and commissioned Dillingham to have a lithograph produced of his crayon sketch which would be entitled "View of Black Hawk Point."

These gentlemen utilized their ingenuity and knowledge of business savvy to advance their desired name for the City by ensuring that the lithograph would be marketed to the public.

To further their cause, they included a Latin phrase "Noli Me Tangere," which translates into "do not meddle, or do not interfere, or don't tread on me" to be included on the lithograph.

Mayor Spellman introduced Resolution 34-2017, that a resolution affirming the history of the lithograph and ordaining the Latin phrase "Noli Me Tangere" as the city's official motto.

The Black Hawk City Council unanimously approved Resolution 34-2017 with a resounding "Yes."



Mayor David D. Spellman and Dolores Spellman unveil the City of Black Hawk Seal

Resolution prepared by
Mayor David D. Spellman

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF GILPIN
CITY OF BLACK HAWK

Resolution No. 34-2017

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE HISTORY OF THE JOHN E. DILLINGHAM LITHOGRAPH ENTITLED “VIEW OF BLACK HAWK POINT”; THE HISTORY OF THE OFFICIAL CORPORATE SEAL OF THE CITY OF BLACK HAWK; AND, ORDAINING THE LATIN PHRASE “NOLI ME TANGERE” AS THE CITY’S OFFICIAL MOTTO

WHEREAS, in 1862, John J. Pratt and Bela S. Buell produced a lithographed map entitled Map of the Gold Regions in the Vicinity of Central City, Gilpin County, Colorado Territory and upon said map egregiously and affrontingly identified the nascent community of Black Hawk Point as Enterprise; and,

WHEREAS, John E. Dillingham was the accomplished young artist who sketched the Colorado Territorial scenes which adorn the border of the Pratt and Buell map. Dillingham, during this same time period, also created a crayon sketch of Black Hawk Point; and,

WHEREAS, William L. Lee, Dr. Fredrick H. Judd, and Mylo Lee were the owners of the largest, best equipped, and most impressive quartz stamp mill in the gold regions of the Colorado Territory, known as the Black Hawk Mill, said mill being located in the heart of Black Hawk Point; and,

WHEREAS, because Lee, Judd, and Lee were determined and committed to ensuring the community surrounding their mill would be known as Black Hawk Point and not Enterprise, they became the subscribers or benefactors for Dillingham to have a lithograph produced of his crayon sketch which would be entitled “View of Black Hawk Point”. Being astute and sagacious businessmen Lee, Judd, and Lee realized the significant marketing value and influence just such a lithograph would have in advancing future investment and community growth within Black Hawk Point; and,

WHEREAS, Lee, Judd, and Lee instructed Dillingham to fashion a symbolic vignette at the bottom of the Black Hawk Point lithograph which although cryptic, would upon keen observation definitively reveal whom the artist subscribers were. Whereupon, Dillingham very cleverly and wittily designed a vignette which included an American Indian, an eagle, and a tiger, which devices symbolized the three mills owned by Lee, Judd, and Lee; the Black Hawk, the Eagle, and the Tiger, all located within Black Hawk Point. Dillingham inscribed his work “Respectfully dedicated to the subscribers by the artist”; and,

WHEREAS, Lee, Judd, and Lee aptly instructed Dillingham to surmount the vignette with the Latin word “PERSEVERANDO” to establish certitude and make prominent to the general public that Black Hawk Point would persevere, push forward, and be

WHEREAS, Lee, Judd, and Lee wanted to admonish Pratt and Buell and their supports from hindering and impeding the future of Black Hawk Point, therefore they instructed Dillingham to include within the vignette the Latin phrase "NOLI ME TANGERE", which translates into do not meddle, or do not interfere, or don't tread on me; and,

WHEREAS, the admonishment from Lee, Judd, and Lee was heeded, for other than the egregious and affronting Pratt and Buell map, all forthcoming maps would signify Black Hawk Point or Black Hawk; and,

WHEREAS, John E. Dillingham's lithograph of Black Hawk Point met with rave reviews, becoming a focal marketing piece for Lee, Judd, and Lee as well as other business leaders in Black Hawk Point, bolstering growth, investment, and civic pride in the nascent community; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 1864, Black Hawk Point was incorporated as The City of Black Hawk, making Black Hawk the second oldest incorporated city in the State of Colorado. 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; and,

WHEREAS, ordaining the vignette as the City seal was the second ordinance passed by the inaugural city council thereby acknowledging the gratitude, respect, and admiration the citizens of Black Hawk held for William L. Lee, Dr. Frederick H. Judd, and Mylo Lee; and,

WHEREAS, from time to time since 1862, extraneous forces have sought to hinder and impede or criticize and condemn, what is in the best interest of The City of Black Hawk; and,

WHEREAS, the indomitable spirit and unwavering pride and commitment that existed in Black Hawk from its establishment as a mining camp is as prevalent today as it was at that time; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Black Hawk now desires to admonish, in true historical and traditional Black Hawk character, any future extraneous forces from attempting to hinder or impede what is in the best interest of The City of Black Hawk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BLACK HAWK, THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen hnd cause and determine for the aforementioned accounting that the Latin phrase “NOLI ME TANGERE” be ordained as The City of Black Hawk’s official motto; and,

Section 2. That the City Clerk shall cause to be affixed in the Black Hawk Council Chambers appropriate bronze castings, in “rocker” configuration the motto and the Latin word “PERSEVERANDO”. The Latin word “PERSEVERANDO” shall surmount and the motto placed beneath the bronze casting of the City’s corporate seal; and,

Section 3. That the City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be delivered to the Ofhce of the Gilpin County Clerk and Recorder for recordation and also cause to be published in the City’s newspaper of record; and,

Section 4. That the City Clerk shall cause the content of this Resolution to be inscribed on a plaque and said plaque to be affixed in the Black Hawk Council Chambers as a notice that The City of Black Hawk shall not abrogate nor abdicate any authority or ability to self-govern and as a demonstration of civic pride in The City of Black Hawk’s past, present and future.

Further the Mayor and Board of Aldermen sayeth naught.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this 19th day of April,2017

David D. Spellman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa A. Greiner, City Clerk



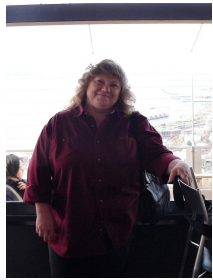
Celebration - Council Members, Residents and Employees



NEW FACES 2017

Julie Seitzinger

I moved here in January 2002 with my husband Stan McInturf. I am originally from Salt Lake City, Utah, but have always enjoyed Colorado.



My favorite place in Colorado is the South Western corner. The area has wonderful

camping, trains, wineries and beautiful scenery. Friends would describe me as friendly, always a helping hand and ready with a smile!

My hobbies are golfing, quilting and photography. But my passion is to travel. I have traveled in all the states west of Missouri, but only limited spots on the East Coast.

We plan to travel all of the United

States and Canada via travel trailer or Motor Coach when we retire. If luck holds out we will travel to Great Britain and nearby countries.

One of my goals this year is to finish renovating our home in preparation to sell it. We would like to move closer to Black Hawk now that we both are employees of the City.

I look forward to exploring Black Hawk, the surrounding areas and most of all, meeting our City Employees and Residents!

My favorite author is Anne McCaffrey, who wrote my favorite series about people who used their talents to expand our ability to travel to distant worlds.

I became an employee of the City of Black Hawk on April 19, the 153rd Anniversary of Black Hawk's Seal.

On my first day I attended the Council

Meeting, met the Alderman, the Mayor, residents, took pictures and ate some very good cakes. It was a great first day and one I will always remember.

My position is Administrative Assistant at City Hall and as you may have guessed the coordinator for the Black Hawk Lantern Newsletter.

I am excited about being apart of the City and participating in ways that give me a chance to make a difference in the place I work and hopefully live!

Success is always difficult to describe, but I can say that I meet each day as a new opportunity and a smile on my face.

The person I liked to have met in History would have been Carl Sagan.

I believe that teaching financial planning would be a great asset to our children (and a few of us adults too!)

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Meet Zach Meyer

I started with the City Streets Department 3 years ago, my job duties vary day to day and can include operating the sweeper, plowing the roads and park maintenance. I enjoy the crew that I work with and the great benefits the City offers.

My wife, Krystal and I have a 2 year old son named Kolby, and a baby due in September. I grew up in northern Illinois and moved out here in 2013 after 5 years in the Marine Corps. My friends would describe me as easy going and ambitious. I enjoy hunting, fishing,

snowboarding, playing all sports, reading and being a volunteer firefighter for Central City.

One of my goals this year is to purchase 5 head of cattle to start a herd. We currently have one dog and two horses.

My favorite memory is fishing at my family's cabin in Wisconsin with my grandpa. My favorite color is blue and my favorite author is Louis L'amour.

My greatest success and accomplishments are bringing my entire squad back from Afghanistan, being selected for the Presidential Security detail and being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps.

Internationally I've been to Afghanistan, South Korea, Singapore, Okinawa, the Philippines, China and Kyrgyzstan.

I've also traveled all over the United States; Ireland is at the top of my list of places that I want to visit someday.

I admire my grandpa as he taught me a lot about life. If I could meet one person from history, it would be Crazy Horse because he fought for his people's way of life even though it eventually led to his demise.

I think that how to prepare your own taxes and managing a bank account should be taught in high school.

Fond Farewells and Best Wishes



Brian Cheek - Fire Captain

Brian Cheek hired on at the Fire Department on April 29, 1997. Brian really loved being a fireman and is a devoted husband, father and great friend to us all.

Brian enjoyed many activities especially Golf! Brian retired from the Black Hawk Fire Department on April 29, 2017.

We wish Brian well on his next endeavors.

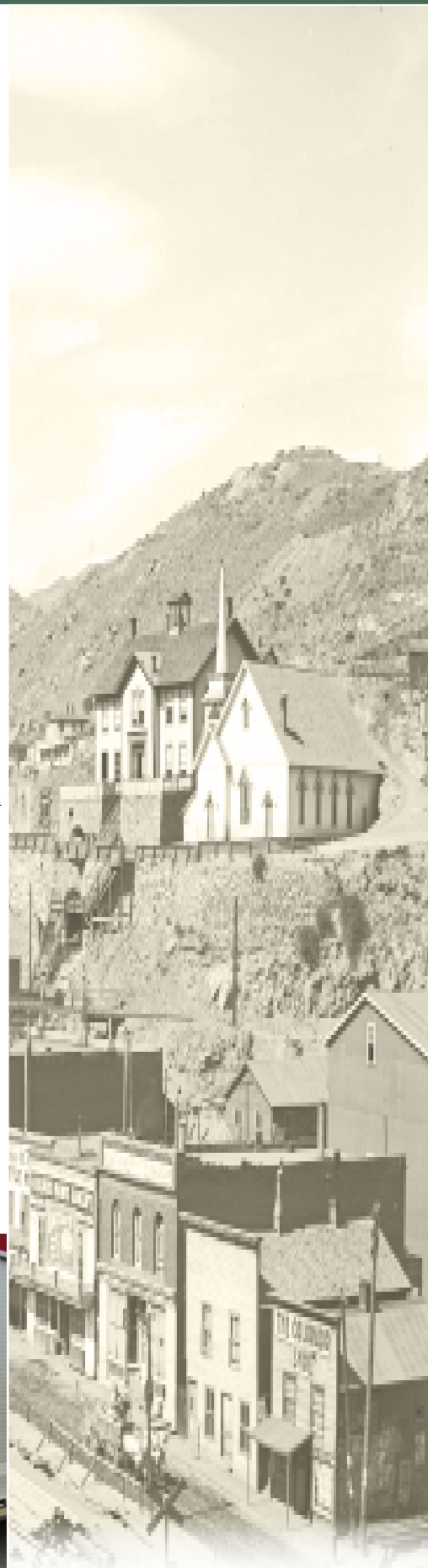
Kevin Martschinske hired on at the Fire Department on February 24, 2000.

The City of Black Hawk and the Fire Department had a fabulous retirement party for Kevin (see the pictures on Black Hawk Facebook page).

Kevin retired on April 7, 2017 and we wish Kevin well on his next adventure.



Kevin Martschinske - Fire Captain



PUBLIC WORKS

Streets Crew Goes Above and Beyond

On March 27th, City resident John Boyer had his friend, Tom Tyslan helping him clean out his storage trailer by throwing away tubs of what they thought contained old decorations, clothing and useless household items.

Later in the day when the streets crew was preparing to compact the dumpsters, they saw something in the dumpsters that didn't look like it belonged. The guys climbed into the dumpster and ended up retrieving a box of service medals and a set of silver service ware.

After doing a little research the owner of the items, John Boyer was contacted and it was confirmed that these were items he definitely did not want thrown away.

A few weeks later when Mr. Boyer was back in town, they came to pick up the items, personally thank and shake the hands of the crew that saved the priceless items.

Mr. Tyslan wrote a very thoughtful letter thanking the crew for going above and beyond: "Our heartfelt thanks go to Steve Martinez who first noticed that something had been thrown out that did not belong in the trash.

Also our thanks to his fellow supervisor, Everett Nielsen and employees Zach Meyer, Rick Orton and Edgar Espinosa for salvaging the items from the dumpster and taking the time and effort to identify the rightful owner.

These honest, caring men deserve to be recognized for going beyond the call of duty to do what they knew was right. They have my gratitude and I will forever be in their debt for the service they performed. I can't thank them enough."

We in Public Works are also grateful to have such an outstanding crew that is willing to take the time to investigate when something doesn't look right!



Top left to bottom right:
Everett Nielsen, Rick Orton,
Steve Martinez, Zach Meyer
and Edgar Espinosa

Noxious Weeds in the City of Black Hawk

Now that the weather is warming up and the hours of daylight are increasing, many residents are excited to get out and work in their yards or enjoy the outdoors in beautiful Colorado. But along with the warmer weather comes the issue of noxious weeds. Most people really don't know what a noxious weed is, or how they came to Colorado. People also don't think of noxious weeds being in their yard. But whether you have a manicured yard with beautiful flowers or more of a natural yard, there is a possibility of having them in your yard or on your property.



Canadian/Musk Thistle (Noxious)

Noxious weeds have been brought to Colorado from as far away as Asia and Africa and they've been here for many years. A huge question is how they got here.

Noxious weeds came to Colorado in the form of seeds in planting mixes, nursery stock or some have hitch hiked on the frames of vehicles. In many cases it's easy for the seeds to be transported unknowingly.

For example: mountain biking is popular in the US and it's common to travel to different locations. A bike that has mud on it from one location can easily carry hundreds if not thousands of noxious weed seeds with it to a new location.



Elk Thistle, also known as Meadow Thistle (Native)

So what is a noxious weed? A noxious weed is a non-native plant that disrupts our native vegetation and ecosystems. Noxious weeds threaten our pastures, native habitats, agricultural crops and can even affect our drinking water supply.



As you can see from the photos of some of the common noxious weeds in this area, they are vibrant and colorful flowers.

That's why many were purposely planted in the past. It's hard to believe with today's knowledge that some versions of noxious weeds are still being sold at nurseries for landscaping.

If you plan to plant wildflower seeds it's best to read the list of seeds carefully.

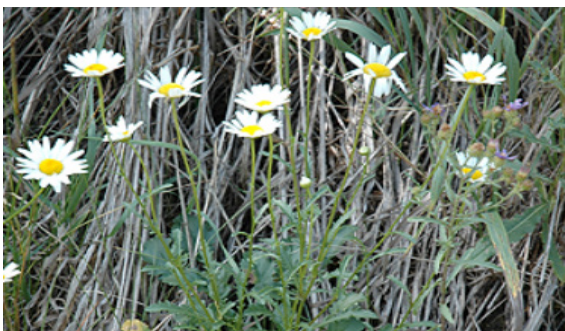
Common Nettle (Noxious)

Each season Public Works staff completes weed mitigation on City properties in an effort to eradicate and control noxious weeds. Residents should be aware that it's their responsibility to mitigate weeds on their property. Some of the management tools used to control the growth of the weeds are mechanical (hand pulling or cutting), chemical (spraying) and cultural (over seeding with native plants). The best time to mitigate noxious weeds is in the spring or early summer before they begin to seed. Identification can be much harder at this stage, but it's generally the best time.

Yellow Toadflax (Noxious)



Common Teasel (Noxious)



Oxeye Daisy (Noxious)



Shasta Daisy (Native)

A word of note that some noxious weeds can look similar to native plant species that we don't want eradicated. Thistle is a good example; Colorado has 15 native species, while the Canadian Thistle is not native and is noxious. If you would like more information or want to learn more about noxious weeds, please contact your local CSU extension office.

CP&D

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

2017 Colorado Preservation Inc. Saving Places Conference

This year was the 20th anniversary of Colorado Preservation Inc.'s Saving Places Conference, which was once again held at the Denver Convention Center in downtown Denver, February 1st through 4th.

The theme for this year's conference was "Preservation for a Changing Colorado" and an updated report by the same name focusing on the economic benefits of historic preservation in Colorado was unveiled at the event. For more information about this report, go to PreservationBenefitsColorado.com.

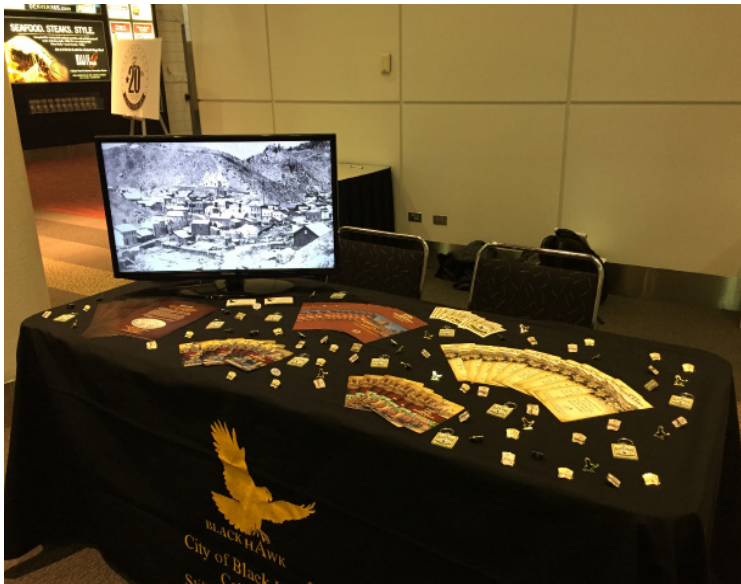
The City of Black Hawk increased their sponsorship level to "Platinum" for the 2017 Saving Places Conference which provided the City with increased sponsor benefits and marketing opportunities, including an invitation for Jack Lewis, City of Black Hawk's City Manager, to speak at the Western Heritage Luncheon on Friday. His speech highlighted Black Hawk's contributions to historic preservation throughout our great state.

The conference was kicked off with a keynote address by Joe Nickol and Kevin Wright, authors of The Neighborhood Playbook. They discussed how preservationists and developers can work together to activate spaces in ways that help preserve neighborhood history.

The Saving Places Conference offered a variety of educational sessions, including: the Science and Art of Preservation, Best Practices: Façade & Exterior Condition Assessment, Two Approaches to Attracting Investment in a Historic Downtown and Studying and Preserving Colorado's Mining Frontier.

During the luncheon on Thursday, three new diverse sites for Colorado's Most Endangered Places Program were unveiled for 2017 by Channel 4's Tom Mustin. The three endangered places are: 1) World's Wonder View Tower in Genoa (Lincoln County), 2) Centre Avenue in New Raymer (Weld County), and 3) Temple Aaron in Trinidad (Las Animas County). A portion of the gaming taxes from Black Hawk's casinos provide \$20 million annually to the Colorado Historical Society to fund preservation and restoration projects such as these in all 64 counties in the state of Colorado.

Thursday evening, conference participants were invited to mix and mingle at the Preservation Marketplace and Reception. Attendees visiting the City of Black Hawk booth were happy to enter their names in the raffle drawing for some exciting prizes graciously donated this year by the Saratoga Casino, the Lodge Casino, the Monarch Casino and Ameristar Casino. A silent auction was also held as a fundraiser for the Endangered Places Program.



Colorado's Historic Preservation Tax Credits

Federal and Colorado state tax laws offer Historic Preservation Tax Credits for historic preservation projects that follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties. A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the amount of tax owed to the government. The tax credits lower your tax bill, which can increase your tax refund. These funds can then be used to offset the cost of rehabilitating and restoring historic buildings. From July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019, Colorado will offer taxpayers two different programs (residential and commercial) that offer income tax credit for the rehabilitation of qualified historic properties

For more information, go to <http://www.historycolorado.org/grants/preservation-tax-credits>.



Residential

In order to qualify for the Residential Historic Preservation Tax Credits, the residential home must be at least 50 years old and be locally landmarked or listed in the State Register of Historic Properties or be landmarked by a Certified Local Government. The project costs must range from \$5,000 - \$50,000 over a ten-year period, unless the building is sold to a new owner. To download a brochure with more details on the Historic Preservation Tax Credit for Residential Properties,

go to: http://www.historycolorado.org/sites/default/files/files/OAHP/Programs/ITC_Residential.pdf



Commercial

In order to qualify for the Commercial Historic Preservation Tax Credits, the property must be listed on the State Register of Historic Properties or landmarked by a Certified Local Government. The extent of tax savings equals either 25% of Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures (QREs) for projects less than \$2 million or 20% of QREs for projects over \$2 million. Costs must exceed adjusted basis (25% of the purchase price minus current value of the land). The maximum amount of tax credit available to any commercial property is \$1 million/year. The credit can be used for up to 10 years.

For more details on the Historic Preservation Tax Credit for Commercial Properties, download: http://www.historycolorado.org/sites/default/files/files/OAHP/Programs/ITC_Commercial.pdf

2017 City-Wide Clean-Up Day

Mark your calendars! In honor of Historic Preservation Month, the annual City-wide Clean-Up Day is planned for Thursday, May 18th this year (with a rain date of May 25th).

Each year, City of Black Hawk residents, local businesses, casino employees, City Council members, Historic Preservation Commission members and City employees converge on 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 the City up on the offer to pick up large items (such as old appliances) for disposal.

On the morning of Clean-Up Day, volunteers will be served a delicious breakfast, graciously provided by our local casinos, in order to give them energy for the work ahead.

After the clean-up is completed, the crews will be rewarded with a sumptuous lunch catered by local catering company, JKQ caterers.

Each registrant will receive a gift for participating in the event, in addition to the chance to win additional prizes.

As always, we encourage you not to limit your volunteer clean up efforts to just one day a year, but to do your part throughout the year to keep our City looking grand!



2016 Clean-Up Crew

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Top Tech Terms for 2016

Open Source Software:

Open source software is publicly sharable code. This code can be modified or used by anyone without copyright infringement which makes it a very attractive option for developers. Some of the more popular examples of open source software include Firefox web browser, WordPress, GIMP (Gnu Image Manipulation Program) And Ubuntu.

The Cloud:

The Cloud is becoming a widely used term for Internet services where the majority of the resources are hosted and processed externally. The most used cloud provider is Amazon Web Services where you can use the power of Amazon's many data centers to run your own website, apps, etc. The origin of the term is not known but in science it means: "a large agglomeration of objects that visually appear from a distance as a cloud and describes any set of things whose details are not further inspected in a given context."

SEO:

SEO Stands for Search Engine Optimization. SEO is the act of manipulating content on a website to improve its ranking on search engines. Simply put if you type "refried beans" into Google the first site that appears has the most points and SEO is a method of increasing those points. It's how sites are ranked on search engines and can directly affect how many hits a web site will receive. The top search spot (That is not a Google Advertisement) was also linked to the formally used "I'm Feeling Lucky" button which took you directly to the top web page.

The Internet of Things:

The Internet of things is when an everyday object such as a toaster gets outfitted with Internet access and can now inform you when there are too many crumbs in the bottom. That is a poor example of an IoT device but it is a reality that people are looking for new ways to connect as many things as possible to the net for a multitude of reasons. Soon street lights, traffic lights, and nearly all vehicles will feature some type of IoT device on board.

3D Printer:

3D Printing has been around since the 80's mainly in a manufacturing capacity but over the recent years it has become accessible to the masses. The 3D printing process starts with a 3D design which can be created from scratch or an existing item can be scanned. Once you have a design the printing is usually performed based on layering extruded plastic but other material can be used. 3D printer producers are continuously simplifying the equipment and process which allows more users to bring their designs and inventions to life.

Drones:

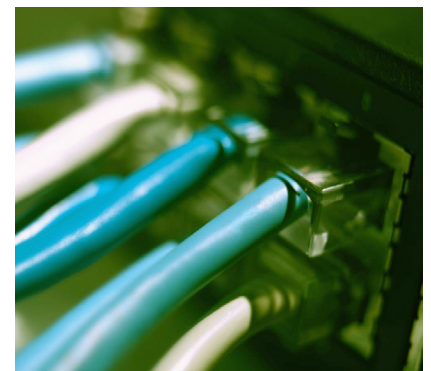
Drone is not a term for an aerial vehicle or quad copter, in fact, the term itself does not describe any type of vehicle rather it describes how that vehicle functions. The term can refer to a vehicle or robot that can function autonomously meaning it can function independent of user control. An example is if you are controlling a wireless drone and lose connection to that drone it can return home or automatically land on its own, that's what makes a drone... drone.

Wearables:

In the dawn of the Internet of things wearables fit right in, wearables are small Internet enabled computing devices worn on the body. The most popular wearable right now is the fitness tracker which can measure vitals, track activity, monitor sleep patterns, etc. Other kinds of wearables exist including watches, sunglasses and jewelry usually fitted with a custom LED array for visual styling.

Big Data:

Big Data is the term for the large amounts of data that is collected and aggregated by apps and in turn used by companies for research. You may think big data is used mainly to solve complex problems but it is primarily applied to target goods or services to people, your data is actually worth something which is why most free apps come with a terms of service agreement that states they can use data they collect for profit.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

New Black Hawk Police Vehicle

The Black Hawk Police Department's new police car has a new updated design. The Department primarily uses the traditional black and white Chevrolet Tahoe for patrol functions and a change in the Tahoe body style has led to the purchase of a different model vehicle.

This year the Department placed a 2018 Ford SUV Interceptor into service, which has new graphics. The staff will evaluate the Ford Interceptor over the next few months and make recommendations on adding additional Fords to the fleet as the older model Tahoes are retired from service.



Effort to Address Homelessness Broadens

The 2016 Black Hawk Lantern (Winter Edition) included information regarding Police Commander Tory Jantz' participation in the Aspen Leaf Task Force, which was formed in Clear Creek and Gilpin County to address homelessness in mountain communities.

In January 2017, Commander Jantz and members of the Aspen Leaf Task Force met with members of N.I.C.H.E (Nederland Interagency Council for Homelessness and Encampments) to discuss regional efforts to address homelessness.

This is a new group comprised of law enforcement, county employees, Forest service members, Division of Wildlife agents and elected representatives from the City of Boulder and the State of Colorado.

The Aspen Leaf Task Force Members also learned about another group called the "Peak to Peak Forest Watch" which was formed by volunteers to raise awareness about forest fires and the importance of extinguishing camp fires. The group encourages personal responsibility for protecting the forest.

A common goal of all the groups is to reduce the adverse impact of homelessness in our respective communities. Homelessness is a nationwide problem, which seems to be growing in mountain communities in Colorado.

The influx of forest dwellers is creating health concerns, trash, forest fire threats and impacting the quality of life of mountain residents.

The Black Hawk Police Department is collaborating with regional groups to fully understand the nature of the problem and to implement local strategies to keep homelessness from adversely impacting our community.

Black Hawk Officers Participate in St. Baldrick's Fundraiser

Gilpin County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Kevin Armstrong organized a St. Baldrick's charity fund raiser in March seeking donations for the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

The Foundation raises money to fund promising cancer research impacting children with cancer and coincides with St. Patrick's Day activities. Several agencies participated in this year's event to include Timberline Fire, Black Hawk Fire, Black Hawk Police, Central City Fire, Gilpin Ambulance and Gilpin County Sheriff's Department.

Participants agreed to raise money for the Foundation and then get their hair cut to a state of near "baldness." On March 16, 2017 Commander Lloyd and Officer Bridge sat down with the other participants at the Gilpin High School for their hair cut. This is the first time the event was held in Gilpin County and participants raised approximately \$6,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation charity.

Radio Communications Interoperability

Over the past 10 years Black Hawk has taken steps to improve radio communications in Black Hawk, Gilpin County and Clear Creek County. The goal was to improve the old radio system and create a system allowing first responders to communicate seamlessly with each other during emergencies even when they normally operate on different radio systems.

A recent radio improvement has now made it easier for officers and 911 Dispatchers to communicate between systems. The old process of linking channels involved several steps taken by the dispatcher to link frequencies together. The new equipment permanently combines two channels together; one from the State's 800 MHz DTR system and the other from the regional VHF system. The dispatcher can now select a button on the console, which seamlessly links two radio channels; Northwest Red (Fire/Ambulance) and Northwest Blue (Law Enforcement) together.

What does this mean in plain language? The Black Hawk Police Department, who operates on VHF and the Colorado State Patrol who operates on the DTR system, can communicate quickly during an emergency. Dispatchers could activate a link on their dispatch console and the Troopers can speak directly with Black Hawk Officers on Northwest Blue. Once the incident is resolved, the patch is removed from both channels and the individual channels resume normal use. This upgrade not only benefits the police department, but the Fire Department and Gilpin Ambulance as well.

Black Hawk Police Department Looking to Add New Patches

Approximately 20 years ago the Black Hawk Police Department eliminated the traditional shoulder patch used by many other police departments and relied on the officer's badge and vehicle to identify them as Black Hawk Police Officers.

Recently Officers expressed a desire to add patches back to the uniform to clearly identify themselves as Black Hawk Officers.

Officer Randall and other officers have been working on the new design for the patches and working with vendors to refine the appearance of the patch.

The draft of the new patch centers the "Hawk" on the State of Colorado flag background.



Tips to Avoid Identity Theft

Identity theft is fastest growing crime in the country. As we rely more and more on the internet to conduct business the greater the likelihood of being victimized. Here are some tips to help keep us safe from being a target and to quickly identify fraud.

Mail

- Don't put outgoing mail in curbside mailboxes. Use the United States Post Office.
- Use a locked mailbox with a slot at home, if at all possible.
- Don't write your account number on the outside of envelopes containing bill payments.
- When you're out of town have the post office hold your mail.

Internet

- Use a secure web site. In your browser bar, look for https and the lock icon.
- Make sure nobody is standing right behind you when you're using an ATM machine.
- Pay your bills online using a secure site if that service is available.
- Don't give out your credit card number on the Internet unless it is encrypted on a secure site.
- Don't give out your financial or personal information on Internet unless you have initiated the contact or know for certain whom you are dealing with.
- Don't exchange personal information for "prizes." Ask to have the offer put in writing and mailed to you so you can consider it more carefully.

Credit and Security

- Examine your credit reports from the major national credit reporting firms at least once a year.
- Shred all financial statements, billing statements, and "preapproved" credit card offers before throwing them in the trash or recycling.
- Examine all of your bank and credit card statements each month for mistakes or unfamiliar charges that might be the sign of an identity thief at work.
- Make sure you know when your bills and bank statements normally arrive. If one is late, call to find out why. It may have fallen into the wrong hands.
- Use direct deposit, whenever possible, instead of a paper paycheck that could be stolen from your mailbox.
- Don't have new checks mailed to you at home; pick them up at the bank.

Phishing

- Be alert if you get a call from someone purporting to be from your bank who asks for personal data to update your "records." This is almost always a scam. If you're in doubt, hang up and call the bank yourself at a number you trust.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Black Hawk opens Robert A. Clark Emergency Operations Center

After three years of planning and construction, the City opened its new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on February 22, 2017.

The EOC is housed within the Robert A. Clark Police Annex and Emergency Operations Center located at 911 Miners Mesa Road near the Public Works Administration building.

The EOC was designed to provide support to the City in the event of a large scale emergency or disaster. When activated, the EOC will be manned by City Staff and provide the hub for coordinating resources and assisting in recovery should a large scale incident occur.

All City staff has been working on completing the basic Emergency Management classes and those who will be staffing the EOC are also working on the specialty classes required to successfully operate the EOC.

With the funding support of the Black Hawk City Council and through an Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG), the City was able to provide state-of-the-art technology to better assist staff as they assist the community.

When not in use, the room is available for large meetings and training classes using the equipment. So, we not only have a state-of-the-art EOC, we also have a new training and meeting facility with the latest technology available for use on a daily basis.



Robert A. Clark Emergency Operations Center Training Room Arrangement.



Robert A. Clark Emergency Operations Center staged as activated EOC.



The Black Hawk Fire Department recently hosted a Facilities Maintenance Safety Information Session for Black Hawk Casinos at the Robert A. Clark Emergency Operations Center.

The new training space provides the perfect accommodations for the City to host such events.



ISO Evaluation for the City of Black Hawk

Last fall, the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) met with staff of the City of Black Hawk to perform a reassessment of the City's ISO rating. Insurance companies utilize the ISO rating of your community to assist in determining your ability to get business or homeowner's insurance and the premium you will pay if you are insurable.

The rating is based upon the Fire Department's equipment, staffing, training and response capabilities, the water system infrastructure, and the dispatch center who answers your 9-1-1 calls. The scoring is divided as 50% (Fire Department score), 40% (Water Department score) and 10% (Police Department Communications Center score) where a score of 1 is the best achievable score and 10 is uninsurable.

There are very few ISO 1 communities in the United States. These scores are usually found in very large departments like Los Angeles and Phoenix.

The last time the City of Black Hawk was evaluated was in 2009 and we received a score of 5/9. The 5 was for areas that have fire hydrants available for use and the 9 would potentially be for areas with no fire hydrant.

After the 2016 ISO evaluation, the City received its new rating in December and we achieved an upgrade in our rating to a 3/3A. The 3A is a new ranking for areas without fire hydrants. For a small community like Black Hawk, this score change of 2 in a positive direction is a great accomplishment and demonstrates the commitment of the City Leadership and staff to provide the safest possible destination city to live in and to visit.

Home owners in the City of Black Hawk are encouraged to contact their home owner's insurance companies to inform them of this upgraded ISO rating.

FINANCE

Before we move too far into 2017, it may be a good idea to take a look at how the City's finances concluded in 2016. The City of Black Hawk's general government is funded primarily by three revenue sources.

This is made up of the City's 4.00% 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 86.50% of all General Fund revenue for 2016.

Sales Tax for 2016 was down by roughly 2.00% as compared to 2015. The City's share of the State Gaming Tax for 2016 was up 6.68% from the previous year. And finally, the Gaming Device Fees for 2016 decreased by 3.63% as compared to the prior year.

The decrease is a result of an ongoing reduction in the number of devices available for play on the casino floor. The monthly average number of devices in 2016 was 7,922 compared to 8,213 in 2015.

When looking at the three revenue sources combined, the total for 2016 was up about 1.00% from 2015. 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.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS



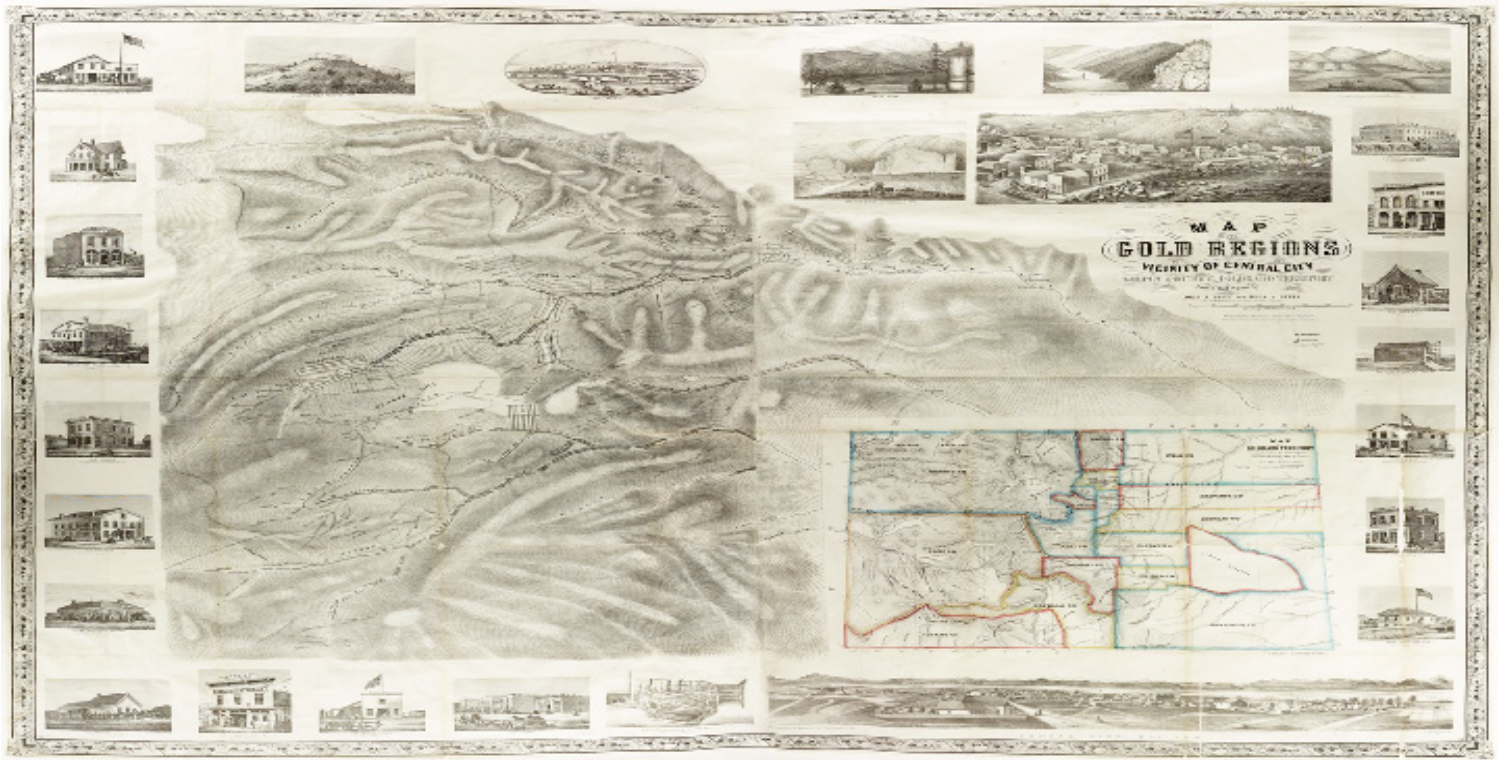
John E. Dillingham lithograph entitled View of Black Hawk Point

This lithograph and many more pictures and articles from the history of Black Hawk, CO are on display in the Council Chambers of the Annex Building on Church Street. All are welcomed to view.



These two lithographs began the fierce battle regarding what would be the name of our City - Enterprise or Black Hawk Point. With a ingenious strategy by the mill owners and a young artist, they made history and their "point" of view!

John J. Pratt and Bela S. Buell lithographed map entitled Map of the Gold Regions in the Vicinity of Central City, Gilpin County, Colorado Territory.



This lithograph is on display at the Denver Public Library in the Western History Department. The picture below is an extraction from the above map depicting the nascent community of Black Hawk as Enterprise.



Since this lithograph was made, extraneous forces have sought to hinder and impede, criticize and condemn, but the indomitable spirit of Black Hawk has unwavering pride and commitment that is still prevalent to this day.



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