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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



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*"I am so clever that sometimes  
I don't understand a single  
word of what I am saying."*

-Oscar Wilde



Black Hawk's 1948 Mac Fire Truck  
Denver Parade of Lights  
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# FROM THE CITY MANAGER



The winter solace is here and it certainly looks like winter outside my window. I probably should not complain too much since fall was beautiful up to a couple of days ago. And as long as the roads are dry, winter can be very nice as well. With the weather being so nice, we were able

to finish projects that lingered through the summer and fall, so all and all it has worked out pretty well. 2015 was a big year for the City. The highlight of the year was the purchase of the remaining Blake Family holdings here in Black Hawk. The acquisition of the Gregory Diggings and the Bobtail Mine are two of the most historically significant properties in Colorado history. Now that those assets are in Black Hawk's control, we can begin to plan how to both preserve them and let people actually experience them.

I have been talking for some time about the Gregory Street project and the associated construction that would be disrupting things for a while. It has started! Phase one excavation on Gregory Street is underway. The undergrounding of the electrical lines on Selak Street is also underway. These two projects represent the beginning of probably close to two years of work that will

take place on the project. Selak Street will be closed off and on for the next few months. We fully understand this may cause inconveniences for a time, however we believe that it is necessary for the long term viability of the City.

One additional big accomplishment of the year that needs highlighted is the recently signed IGA between the Cities of Black Hawk and Central for bus service. Beginning January 1, Black Hawk will operate the bus service between the two cities. No longer will you have to look for the white bus if you want to go to Central City. The red one will take you there, and to all the other stops that are currently being serviced by both systems. By combining the two, both Cities benefit financially, it is less confusing to our guests, and therefore a better system for all. Both City Councils worked hard to put the agreement together and are to be commended for that effort. Now it is up to all of us to make it work.

Wishing everyone the best 2016!

Happy Trails,

*Jack Dennis*

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

## 2015 City of Black Hawk Employee Holiday Party

Thursday, December 10, 2015, the City of Black Hawk City Council showed their appreciation to 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 and bonuses were presented to employees celebrating 5, 10, 15, and 20 years of service with the City. The party ended with exciting drawings for gifts cards and other great prizes.



## NEW FACES 2015



### Lorenzo Robinson

#### Tell us about yourself

I am a Colorado native. I was born in Wheat Ridge, but raised in Nevada. I currently reside in Thornton with my fiancée, two-year-old daughter, and two crazy dogs. My friends would best describe me as being very easy going with a great sense of humor. I have always had a passion for anything that has an engine. I attended Lincoln College of Technology for automotive studies and graduated in 2008 and have been working on my career of understanding, repairing, and servicing vehicles ever since. I also love anything outdoors. My dad is a geologist in Nevada, so growing up we were always outside doing

something, hiking, camping, panning for gold, and exploring old gold mines. I take my family rock crawling in our Jeep and go camping at every chance I get.

#### Tell us about your new position with the City

I am a Fleet Technician working in the Fleet Department of Public Works. I maintain and repair the City of Black Hawk's equipment and vehicles.

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

My experience working for the City of Black Hawk has been a breath of fresh air. Everyone I've met has been very helpful and welcoming. It is also a bonus getting to drive up to the mountains every day for work.



# MAINTAIN DON'T GAIN

## Take charge of your weight this holiday season

Many Americans gain about 1 pound each year during the holidays. While that might not sound like much, it's hard to lose that weight. And over time, it adds up.

The City of Black Hawk has teamed up with Kaiser Permanente to encourage employees and Black Hawk business partners to promise to add healthy habits to their lives and avoid gaining extra holiday pounds. Participants have pledged to Maintain Don't Gain this holiday season by participating in this City-wide wellness challenge.

Black Hawk employees who participate and who maintain their weight within one pound or lose weight over the course of the 8-week Wellness Program receive a program reward. As an added challenge, we have once again invited the Black Hawk Casinos to join our team competition. The overall winner of the team challenge will win the Black Hawk Golden Sneaker Traveling Trophy.

You too can beat the odds with the following tips that can help you keep off the extra pounds this year.

### Add "healthy" to every holiday helping

It's that time of year when you and your family are inspired to cook your favorite comfort foods or sweet treats. But these high-calorie dishes can add up to holiday love handles. Thankfully, there are few simple tricks to turn any traditional recipe into a lower-calorie health food that's still delicious.

Here are some easy ways to give your homemade dishes a healthy makeover. Try these out to help you manage your weight – all season long.

**Go low.** Swap low or non-fat Greek yogurt for sour cream in dips, appetizers, and casseroles. Also, instead of full-fat cheeses, choose low-fat cheese.

**Bring a backup.** Be sure to bring your favorite healthy dish to the party. That way, if you don't see anything healthy to eat, you've got your dish to help you stay on track.

**Brighten up.** Replace one heavy starch dish with a fresh fruit, bright vegetable dish – such as mixed greens or roasted asparagus.

### Simple ways to sneak in fitness

The holiday season is one the busiest times of the year. Between parties, traveling, baking, and shopping, there's not much time for exercise. And this is the season when you need it the most. It can help you beat stress, boost energy, and burn off all those homemade cookies.

Here are some smart ways to fit in fitness. Every step counts on your mission to manage your weight!

**Move more.** Use the stairs. Take a stroll at lunch. When you run errands, walk as much as you can. Basically, anytime there's a chance to move, do it.

**Make it social.** Start a walking group at work. Keep your dog happy with a quick run. Catch up with an old friend or family member while you boost the health of your heart.

**Break it up.** If you don't have time to exercise for 30 minutes, split it up into a couple of 15-minute workouts or three 10-minute walks. You will get the same health benefits.

### Stay on track - wherever your travels take you

Travel can trip you up if you are watching your weight. But there are always ways to stay healthy and motivated – even when you are surrounded by tempting, high-fat foods.

Here are some tips to help you stick with a healthy food and fitness plan during your holiday travel.

**Snack smart.** If you are driving to your destination, be sure to pack healthy snacks with you, such as raw carrots and celery, hard-boiled eggs, or almonds.

**Put healthy in the mix.** If you're helping out with a big family dinner, bring a vegetable side dish or salad to the table.

**Know when to stop.** Still hungry? Remember, it takes 20 minutes for your stomach to signal your brain that you're full. So if you think you want second helpings, take a break for 20 minutes, then ask yourself if you really want more.



## Celebrate the season with ease

You may enjoy hosting holiday gatherings or entertaining out-of-town guests. But sometimes, stress can crash your party and ruin your weight management plan. Here are some simple ways to help you get back your balance – and handle whatever the holidays throw at you.

**Unplug.** Take a break from checking your phone and email. Instead, enjoy a long bath. Or, go for a nature walk (Exercise is a great stress reliever!) Just be present and happy in the moment.

**Bust a move.** Turn on your favorite jams and show off your best moves! Music has been shown to lower mild to moderate depression, anxiety, and even pain. Dancing releases endorphins (happy hormones) into your body.

**Laugh it off.** Laughing relaxes your body and clears your mind. Feeling anxious? Watch a comedy or spend time with a funny friend. A good belly laugh will wash your tension away.

## Arm yourself with smarter snacks

Nutritionists agree that one of the best ways to maintain your weight is by eating small meals throughout the day, with healthy snacks in between. This helps keep your metabolism up and running, and lowers your risk of overeating at mealtime.

## Tips to help you stay on track.

**Visit your supermarket.** There are plenty of healthy snack options at your neighborhood grocery store – just look around. Try edamame (soy beans), or air-popped popcorn.

**Stock up on fruits.** Fresh, seasonal picks are solid snack choices. Even canned or frozen fruits are healthy as long as they don't contain added sweetener.

**Tune in to your hunger.** Snack when you're genuinely hungry, and not because you're stressed or bored. Also, try not to snack when you're watching TV. It's too easy to lose track of how much you're eating.

## Bring your party game plan

Holiday parties are the mecca of delicious, high-calorie foods – from cocktails and wine to cookies, chips, cheese, and more.

Here are some easy tips to guide you – so you can hit the party and still stick with your health goals.

**Don't arrive hungry.** Eat a small, protein-packed snack before you head to the party. That way, you won't be starving when you get there.

**Pick and choose.** Fill up your party plate carefully. Reach for healthy, high-fiber foods, like fresh, sliced veggies, roasted turkey, whole-grain crackers, and hummus.

**Lose the booze.** Think twice before you enjoy that glass of wine or festive cocktail. Alcohol is empty calories, plus it fuels your appetite. If you're going to drink, alternate with water to help cut the amount of alcohol you drink.

## Here's to the new, healthy you!

Keep the healthy habits you've learned going, so you can maintain, not gain – plus work toward new goals – for the new year.

Here are some ways you can keep up the healthy work and keep off the extra weight.

**Curb cravings.** Reprogram your taste buds to ditch cravings for sugar, salt, and fats by eating real, fresh, whole foods. Keep tempting foods out of the house.

**Go for 30.** Aim to get at least 30 minutes of exercise every day. Try walking with a friend to stay motivated.

**Stay on the outside.** Shop the outer aisles of the grocery store. It's where you'll find most of the minimally-processed whole foods – like fruits and vegetables, fish, chicken, and low-fat dairy products.

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The Golden Sneaker Award is once again up for grabs in the City's Maintain Don't Gain team wellness competition.

To the left: Team Mardi Gras, last year's Maintain Don't Gain Golden Sneaker winners.

## How to lower your odds of becoming disabled

An ounce of prevention, the old saying goes, is worth a pound of cure. That's certainly true about disability. You can immediately reduce your odds of becoming disabled by making a few common sense improvements in the way you live.

### Embrace a healthy lifestyle

Oh, you've heard this one before? It's still true. Shedding bad habits and adopting healthier ones creates an abundance of benefits - not just for you, but for the people who love you and want you to stick around a long time.

### Quit smoking

It's no secret that nicotine use has been linked to a variety of life-threatening illnesses, from cancer to heart disease and stroke. If you're a smoker, make quitting your top priority. Need help kicking the habit? The American Cancer Society can help.

### Get regular checkups

Think of your doctor as an ally who helps keep you well, not just the person who treats you when you're sick. Regular checkups and screenings are vital, especially if you or your family are predisposed to certain medical conditions. Wondering about which screenings and immunizations you need? Ask your primary healthcare provider or visit the US Department of Health and Human Services website.

### Get regular cancer screenings

Early detection saves thousands of lives every month. Your family history and certain risk factors sometimes indicate that a person's screenings should start at a younger age. Ask your doctor, or visit the American Cancer Society website for more information.

### Watch your weight

Those extra pounds can cause big trouble. They strain your heart, raise your blood pressure and significantly increase your risk of a heart attack. Eat more high-fiber, nutrient-rich fruits and vegetables, and fewer high-fat foods. For more dietary information visit the US Department of

Agriculture's Choose My Plate website. Calculate your body mass index (BMI), to assess your personal situation, with this tool from the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute.

### Get regular exercise

A healthy life requires periodic physical activity. To prevent heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure and obesity, the American Heart Association recommends 30-60 minutes of exercise at least four times a week.

### Avoid excessive drinking

While drinking in moderation is usually fine, heavy drinking can lead to liver damage and other serious health risks. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration can answer your alcohol questions.

### Become safety-minded

Disability-causing incidents can spring up when you least expect them. Stay alert for possible dangers. Drive defensively. Wear your seatbelts. At work or play, always use the recommended safety equipment. For more information, visit the National Safety Council.

### "Watch your back"

Back injuries and arthritis are the leading causes of disability. You can reduce your chances of injury by losing weight, do gentle stretching exercises before a rigorous workout, and practice sound weightlifting techniques. The Cleveland Clinic Health Information Center is an excellent source of information.

Cultivate your mental and emotional health, too. Good relationships and a positive mental attitude really help. Maintain contacts with family and friends. Stay active and involved through work, recreation and perhaps volunteer work in your community. Yes, it's a 24/7 world but no one can work 24 hours a day. Take time for relaxation and doing things that make you happy. Reducing stress reduces the likelihood of some physical illnesses. For more information, visit Mental Health America.

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# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Meet Mark Perschbacher



I started with the Black Hawk Communications Center in November of 1999. The Black Hawk Communications Center handles

routine non-emergency calls to the very life threatening calls. I was fortunate to be working during a multi-agency operation with the FBI/Violent Crime Task Force in capturing a bank robber at one of the casinos in June 2015. This is what makes this job great and very meaningful, when you can get a bad guy off the streets it's a very good feeling.

I'm a 4th generation Colorado native. My grandfather moved to Colorado in 1899 and worked for Denver, South Park and Pacific Railroad on the narrow gauge railroad. Denver, South Park, and Pacific Railroad later became the Colorado Central Railroad that serviced Black Hawk and Central City. I have 3 kids, the youngest is a freshman at Golden High School and a dog named Koda. We all enjoy skiing and snowboarding together. During

the summer, we mountain bike and take trips to my home town, Salida, to visit family and friends. My family has an old mining cabin in the ghost town of St. Elmo; it's a great place to get away with the kids for camping and exploring. It's one of my favorite places because there is no cell phone service. I enjoy watching the Denver Broncos and Nascar racing.

Someday I would like to travel to Las Vegas or Phoenix to see a Nascar Sprint Cup race live. I miss the Pikes Peak International Raceway; saw several Busch series races there.

I don't know that I would call it one of my biggest successes but in 2012 I finished a half marathon. My one goal was to not stop or walk, but to run all the way, I made it. My time was 2:09:28 at a pace of 9:52 per mile.

## Meet Stan McInturf



I am a Water Utility Operator at the Hidden Valley water treatment plant and I have been with the City for 13 years. My job includes producing good clean drinking water and maintaining all of the equipment involved with clean drinking water. I feel, for many

reasons, that the City is a good place to work. It is evident that our City Council really cares about the employees. I very much enjoy working with each of my co-workers, and everyone is always willing to help each other out.

I have been married to my wife, Julie, for 14 years. We met when we were kids and reconnected as adults. I have 2 grown kids and 7 grandkids that all live in Oklahoma. My favorite quote is, "you can't fix stupid." I have one dog, a Shih Tzu named Mugz Malone.

I enjoy golfing, fishing, and hunting deer, quail, and dove. My favorite food is Mexican, with 3 Margarita's being my favorite restaurant. I like

to watch the Denver Broncos, the Oklahoma Sooners, the St. Louis Cardinals, and college football. I wish I could have met Stan Musial, who was the outfielder and first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals.

My favorite place to visit in Colorado is Glenwood Springs where I enjoy golfing at the Lakota Canyon Golf Course in nearby New Castle, Colorado. For the last 13 years, I've put together the City's annual employee golf tournament. A few things on my bucket list are to visit Hawaii and see the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. One thing I think should be taught in schools is anger management techniques.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## City of Black Hawk Residential Trash Services

### Miner's Mesa Dumpsters

- The dumpsters located at the Mesa are for City resident and employee use only.
- The dumpsters on Miners Mesa are for excess residential household trash that cannot be contained in the weekly pick up.
- The gate will remain locked at all times.
- Gate hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. To request access, residents will need to go into Public Works.
- Arrangements can be made in advance for Saturday access by calling 303-582-1324 Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.
- Residents are responsible for placing trash inside the dumpster.
- Hazardous materials are prohibited.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS\*

- Car batteries
- Rocks, dirt, compost materials
- Items containing Freon
- Paint
- Oil
- Tires
- Excessive remodeling material
- Household hazardous waste & liquids\*\*
- Scrap metal drop off, Water heaters, furnaces, appliances, etc. may be accepted with prior arrangement with the Public Works Department.

### Residential Trash Service

- **All trash must be contained in trash bags or trash bins.**
- Weekly collection of up to 128 gallons of household trash generated by residents.
- Collection will be curbside near the homeowner's house.

The following items are restricted from curbside residential service:

- Car batteries, paint, chemicals, tires, banned electronics, or other items restricted by the landfill.
- Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners – due to the freon inside of them.
- No bulky items like appliances or furniture.
- No construction debris, demolition debris, or other non-compactable material.

Please contact the City of Black Hawk Public Works Department at 303-582-1324 with questions regarding your residential trash service.

\* For Recycling, eWaste, Tires, and disposal of other restricted items, please contact Gilpin County Transfer Station at 303-582-5004.

\*\* For a curbside pickup of hazardous materials, the Colorado Department of Health and Environment recommends contacting Waste Management at 1-800-449-7587 or visit <http://www.curbsideinc.com/public-access.aspx>.





*Crews work to install the electronically operated weir gate at Georgetown Lake.*



*The completed water improvement project at Georgetown Lake.*

## City of Black Hawk and the Town of Georgetown Win Design Award

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado awarded the City of Black Hawk and the Town of Georgetown the 2016 Merit Award for the Georgetown Lake Outlet Improvements Project. The awards ceremony was held in Denver on November 2, 2015.

The improvement project consisted of removing twelve feet of the existing concrete spillway and installing an electrically operated weir gate. The new outlet will allow high flows to pass through the lake and alleviate potential water rights infringement.

The City purchased storage rights in Georgetown Lake in 2007. The City now owns 155 acre feet of storage of trans-basin water which is used for augmentation and exchange to bolster the City's ability to have water in times when our rights are not in priority.

# FINANCE

## Adopting a Balanced Budget

With the New Year fast approaching, that means it is time to adopt the City of Black Hawk 2016 Annual Budget. On December 9, 2015, the Black Hawk City Council approved the 2016 Budget.

The 2016 Budget maintains City services at current levels, with the exception of a slight reduction in the frequency of Monday through Thursday shuttle service. The Sales Tax Rate, Water User Fees, and General Device Fees will not change for 2016. The Transportation Device Fee has been lowered to \$44 per device with the new Black Hawk – Central City bus service. And, the Property Tax Mill Levy was reduced slightly from 0.039 to 0.036 mills.

Operating expenditures will be consistent with the prior year, with minor increases in personnel, utilities, and other services. Capital Projects for 2016 include the construction of the Police Annex/Emergency Operations Center, Phase 2 of the Gregory Street Realignment, and a parking structure on Gregory Street.

Even with relatively flat revenues, increased operational expenses, and the aggressive capital projects planned for 2016, Black Hawk officials are cautious to maintain adequate reserves to ensure the ongoing financial health of the City.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## New Fire Systems Permitting process begins

On November 1, 2015, the City of Black Hawk Fire Department assumed the responsibility of permitting fire system projects. These include plan reviews and permitting for any repairs or installation of fire alarm and suppression systems, in addition to other fire related projects. These and other building projects were previously handled through the Community Planning and Development office (CP&D). Other permits will still be handled through CP&D.

While previously plans were submitted and a permit application was filled out with the CP&D office, the requirements for review and permitting has not changed, only the location to which the application and plans are submitted. Permitting allows the Fire Department to review any system changes or repairs to ensure they are in compliance with the City adopted Fire Code and to evaluate how they may impact employee and visitor safety.

The Fire Department will now receive fire system related plans and permit applications Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8-10 am. After the plans are reviewed, the permit will be issued to the applicant within 10 working days. Any applicable fees can also be collected in the form of cash, credit card, or check when the permit is issued.

The Fire Department will continue to issue Blasting Permits and Temporary Fire Watch Permits to those who are required to have one. Blasting permits are required for any blasting within the City Limits and Temporary Fire Watch permits are required anytime a commercial business needs to work on a fire alarm or suppression



*Fire Captain Brian Cheek reviews a set of plans at the Black Hawk Fire Department.*

system and it will be taken out of service or not be able to be monitored. Remember, under the City Fire Code, only one system may be taken out of service at a time and a permit must be issued before it is taken out of service. Temporary Fire Watch permits can be issued at the fire station or submitted electronically.

This “one-stop shop” philosophy should reduce turnaround time for the applicant and greatly simplify the process. The new process, along with the new electronic Temporary Fire Watch Permit, is located on the City’s website at [www.cityofblackhawk.org/city-departments/fire-department/fire-inspections-permits](http://www.cityofblackhawk.org/city-departments/fire-department/fire-inspections-permits).





# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## Happy Hackadays!

Can you smell it in the air? The sweet smell of fresh credit card numbers being collected by the thousands. The intoxicating aroma of the massive amounts of data being passed through online stores. The nostalgia inducing scent of Black Friday flash sales. That's right, it's shopping season again, and while you're out looking for that new quad copter drone to scare off the critters in the backyard take a moment to deter the critters in your front yard... digital front yard that is. Here are helpful reminders to minimize your risk while shopping this year.

### 1. Use a credit card not a debit or bank card.

This one is simple; if your credit card info is stolen, it's easier to dispute fraudulent purchases on a credit card than with a debit or bank card. Think of it this way, a bank card is drawing money directly out of your bank account while a credit card is drawing money directly out of your financial institutions' account... you can probably guess which pool of money is more protected.

### 2. Use cash where applicable.

The big retailers are not immune from data breaches and hacks as we are seeing a large corporate chain can also be a large target for hacking. By using cash, you minimize the chance of using a card on a compromised swipe pad.

### 3. Avoid websites you don't normally do business with.

If an item is listed a few dollars cheaper on another site, but they only accept Bitcoin (The Digital equivalent to cash), you may want to pay the extra money for peace of

mind. If you find yourself wanting to make a purchase on a lesser known retailer's website, be sure to take a little time and do some research.

### 4. Slow Down.

When that amazing deal shows up via email, the one that is advertising the latest smart phone with mind reading capability for the low, low price of \$99.99, but only for the next 4 1/2 seconds... or as Peyton Manning would say, "Hurry, Hurry!" This type of sales pitch is usually a scam. When you click the link in such a hurry you missed that it's taking you to fakestore.com and you are about to hand over a nice fresh credit card and identification to a bad guy. It's really tough to miss the deals in a season that started the week of Thanksgiving, including Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Super Saturday, and Cyber Monday – which has been expanded to an entire week.

The ultimate goal of holiday shopping is survival, so treat your purchasing like a marathon race and not a sprint. Take it easy and let the deals come to you. Be a master of spotting the deals and a grand master of knowing when a deal is too good to be true. Have fun, and happy hackadays!



Season's Greetings  
From  
Black Hawk

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CodeRed Emergency Notification System Update



On October 26, 2015, the Black Hawk Police Department Communications Center went live with its updated CodeRed network. CodeRed is an emergency notification system used by the Black Hawk Police Department to rapidly notify residents of an emergency. The Code Red system sends messages to residents using phone calls, emails, text messages, tweets (Twitter Account), and TDD. Although residents won't likely notice the difference in the software upgrade, the updated system now has more accurate mapping capabilities and a "Dispatcher-friendly" webpage, making rapid launches even faster. The easier a dispatcher can launch a message, the faster residents will receive it. We encourage all residents to register for the CodeRed service if you haven't done so already. You can't receive important messages if you're not signed up.

Go to <http://www.gilpincountysheriff.com/> and click on "CodeRed Emergency Notification Sign Up" to register your cell and home phone numbers. Registering a cell phone with the CodeRed system that has an active GPS will enable that phone to receive CodeRed notifications even if they are in a different county outside of where they reside, such as the metro area.



## Black Hawk Municipal Court Clerk Selected as Treasurer of CAMCA Board

The Colorado Association of Municipal Court Administrators (CAMCA) met on November 10, 2015, and elected Black Hawk Municipal Court Clerk Sally Cannady as their treasurer serving a two year term. The CAMCA Board creates training courses and establishes training requirements for Municipal Court Clerks across the State of Colorado. Sally Cannady also serves as the lead instructor for two basic court classes taught in Colorado. The courses provide municipal court clerks information on court procedure, defendant rights, victim rights, payments, fines, fees, and legal requirements set forth by the State Courts and United States Supreme Court.

Congratulations to Sally on being elected as Treasurer and for being recognized as one of the leaders among Municipal Court Clerks in the State of Colorado.



## A Unique Way to Grow Cancer Awareness

You might have noticed something a little hairy happening in Black Hawk last month! Several Black Hawk Police Officers observed No-Shave November by growing mustaches. No-Shave November is a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to evoke conversation and raise cancer awareness. No-Shave November, a web-based non-profit organization, is devoted to growing cancer awareness and raising funds to support cancer prevention, research, and education. Participants are encouraged to donate the money typically spent on shaving and grooming.



*As seen in this photo, the women of the Police Department showed their support by donning their own mustaches.*



## Black Hawk Aldermen Tour New First Responders Command Vehicle

In 2013, the City of Black Hawk was awarded a Department of Homeland Security Grant to purchase a new Command Vehicle which would support emergency responders in Gilpin and Clear Creek County. All first responder agencies in Gilpin County collaborated on the vehicle's design to ensure it would meet each agency's needs during an emergency. The vehicle arrived in September 2015 and is equipped with four multi-band radios to effectively communicate with any first responder agency during an emergency. It also has two dispatching stations, a bathroom, meeting area, generator, kitchenette, air filtering system, heat, air-conditioning, and an additional work station – all designed to support first responders during an emergency. The vehicle will provide critical support during a fire, major crime scene, or on any serious incident requiring multi-agency coordination and collaboration. Periodically, the vehicle will be set up by participating agencies at community events to test the vehicle's operation in non-emergency conditions to help

responders become proficient in its operation. The Black Hawk Police and Fire Departments, Central City Police and Fire Departments, Gilpin County Sheriff's Office, Clear Creek Sheriff's Office, and the Timberline Fire Protection District entered into an agreement this year to collectively operate and maintain the vehicle in future years, thereby reducing the operational cost to any single jurisdiction. Different from other jurisdictions, where the host agency maintains control over the vehicle and charges a fee to agencies when it's used for an extensive period of time, this grant-funded vehicle is unique in the region because the agreement provides participating agencies direct access to the vehicle during emergencies. Our agreement is truly a collaborative effort between local governments to provide critical support for responders during an emergency at a low cost to participating entities. It is anticipated the vehicle will support first responders for the next 20 years.





## Newly formed City of Black Hawk Honor Guard

The Black Hawk Police Department began developing an Honor Guard Team in 2012 and it has taken years to complete. Honor Guards are normally used by the military, law enforcement agencies, and fire departments, but can also include Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups and others.

A “Color Guard” or “Honor Guard” normally includes two individuals who present the American and State flags, accompanied by two individuals acting as guards. However, some teams may consist of 20 or more members when used for funerals and special events where a 21 gun salute is desired.

The Black Hawk Police Department has a four person team specifically trained to present flags during events. Each member attended an intensive Honor Guard training course where they learned Honor Guard etiquette to include how to wear the uniform, march, and present the flag. It may sound easy, but marching in step while making turns as a team and carrying a flag or rifle can be a challenge.

After attending training, the Department developed policies governing the use of the team and began equipping the team with uniforms. Their first opportunity to perform as an Honor Guard occurred in September of 2015 when the team presented flags at the opening ceremonies for the National Association of Field Training Officers conference held at the Ameristar Casino. This



*Black Hawk Honor Guard presents flags at the recent NAFTO Conference in Black Hawk.*

event posed a unique challenge because there was limited room to post the flags.

Requests for the City of Black Hawk Honor Guard can be made by contacting Lieutenant Jantz at 303-582-0503 or by email to [TJantz@Cityofblackhawk.org](mailto:TJantz@Cityofblackhawk.org). The current members of the Honor Guard Team consist of Sergeant Aaron Sheedy, Officer Amie Hodge, Sergeant Jeremiah Carrigan, and Sergeant Jozette Encinias.



## Abandoned Boat

The Black Hawk Police Department is attempting to identify the owner of a boat parked in the City of Black Hawk Storage area on Miner's Mesa.

If you own the boat, or know who owns this boat, please contact Lieutenant Lloyd at 303-582-0503.



## **If you see something, say something**

### **Report Suspicious Activity to Police**

The recent tragedy in Paris, and others around the world, reminds us we are all vulnerable to crime and terrorism and we must be vigilant in reporting suspicious activity to the police. In 2010, the Department of Homeland Security began the “If You See Something, Say Something” media campaign to increase public awareness and encourage citizens to report suspicious activity to law enforcement officials. Notifying the police about suspicious activity is critical to establishing a safe community and nation. We all have experiences that shape our opinion about what is suspicious and what’s not. We may think something is strange or suspicious, but don’t call the police because we are concerned it will be a false alarm. In other situations, we are hesitant to call the police because we don’t easily

recognize the behavior as being criminal or we rationalize the behavior as being okay. Many terrorists reside in the very communities they ultimately attack and may work with unsuspecting people who may have seen or observed suspicious behavior, but didn’t associate the behavior with terrorism.

Black Hawk is a very safe community and this is just a reminder to be alert and observant in your personal and professional lives. Please call the Black Hawk Police Department if you see suspicious activity, any time, day or night. Trust your intuition, and when in doubt, call 9-1-1. Your call may save a life or prevent someone from being a victim of a crime.

## **Civil Process Training held at the Gilpin Casino**

The Association of Law Enforcement Records Technicians/Supervisors and Managers (ALERT/SAM) and the Colorado Certified Records Network (CCRN) presented a training program on Civil Process at the Gilpin Casino on November 18, 2015. The Gilpin County Sheriff’s Office and the Black Hawk Police Department co-hosted the training session, which drew 45 participants from across the State. The training provided information to records personnel serving in law enforcement agencies across the state, which will help reduce liability and improve service. Black Hawk tends to be one of the group’s favorite places to attend classes.

# MUNICIPAL CODE MOMENT

## **Did you know? Storing a Recreational Vehicle in a residential area may be illegal**

It is unlawful for any person to store or park a recreational vehicle in any residential area of the City of Black Hawk unless the vehicle is stored within an enclosed structure or a fence which fully screens the vehicle from public view or the view of adjacent homes. The City of Black Hawk provides space for residents to store recreational vehicles and equipment in a fenced storage area located on Miner’s Mesa. Residents may obtain a permit to use the Miner’s Mesa storage area by contacting the Community Planning and Development Department for approval at 303-582-2223.

Space is available on a first come, first served basis, and use is subject to regulations governing the storage area. Recreational equipment includes boats, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-road motorcycles, dune buggies, jet skis, trailers necessary to transport recreational equipment, travel trailers, pickup campers, tent trailers, and motorized homes. Any vehicle stored in the storage area without approval will be removed at the owner’s expense. Residents may also obtain a permit to temporarily store the recreational vehicle at their residence for up to 72 hours. This can be helpful for residents who are cleaning or preparing a vehicle for vacation. The vehicle must be parked in a manner that does not impede traffic or create a traffic hazard.

*For complete information on Abandoned Motor Vehicles and Recreational Vehicles, please refer to Chapter 8 of the City of Black Hawk Municipal Code, available on our website at [www.cityofblackhawk.org/city-departments/administrative-services/city-clerks-office/municipal-code/](http://www.cityofblackhawk.org/city-departments/administrative-services/city-clerks-office/municipal-code/).*

# CP&D

## COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

### Black Hawk hosts Historic Wood Workshop

On September 25, 2015, the City of Black Hawk hosted a Historic Wood Workshop at Crook's Palace. The workshop was presented by Ron Anthony of Anthony & Associates.

The workshop began with a slide presentation in which issues relating to dealing with old wood were discussed. Workshop participants enjoyed the hands-on experience of handling and interpreting a variety of pieces of wood and learned to decipher their type, age, and condition. Ron noted some clues for determining approximate age of historic wood, discussed the pros and cons of various types of wood treatments, and reiterated the importance of regular maintenance in order to preserve wood over time. Participants were also able to share their personal or professional experiences of working with historic structures and discuss possible solutions to challenging situations.

Following a delicious BBQ lunch catered by JKQ Catering, the group walked up to the Historic Presbyterian Church (which is now the site of the City of Black Hawk's Planning & Development Department, the Finance Department and the IT Department). Community Planning & Development

Administrator Cindy Linker gave a tour of the church building and pointed out character defining historical wood features which were carefully restored, both on the interior and exterior of the church. The 1859 Black Hawk Presbyterian Church was recently restored by the City, and the project was documented and can be viewed on the City YouTube channel.

The group then walked up to 251 High Street, the historic home of Black Hawk residents Tom Gish and Greg Moates, to apply their newly gained knowledge in the field. Ron showed each participant how to use a moisture meter to assess the moisture level of the exterior wood. They also identified likely causes of problem areas and possible solutions.

The goal of this workshop was to increase awareness of the value of historic resources, as well as how to salvage the wood, when feasible, in order to preserve the character of historic properties. Based on verbal feedback, as well as the post-workshop evaluation results, the workshop was a great success.



*Workshop participants learned valuable information about saving and caring for historic wood.*



## A Smart Solution for Vertical Transportation



The City of Black Hawk recently made an important change to their Conveyance Program with the hiring of conveyance inspection company A Smart Elevator Solution (ASES). The owner, Russell Holt, and his business partner, Anthony Miller, have been hard at work getting the conveyance program up-to-date. They have been performing periodic inspections, 5-year witness tests on elevators, and

yearly escalator inspections in an effort to bring all of the conveyances within the City into compliance. In addition, they have touched on every conveyance in the City of Black Hawk and provided an in-depth report on the conditions and issues that need to be addressed. We welcome the addition of ASES to the City of Black Hawk team and look forward to working with them for many years to come.

## Introducing, SAFEbuilt Colorado, LLC

We are very pleased to introduce the SAFEbuilt Colorado team which has been contracted to provide building department and building official services to the City of Black Hawk. They will be working closely with the City's Community Planning and Development Department in the building permitting process, including comprehensive building code compliant plan reviews and inspections, and will also provide the City Municipal Code guidance.

SAFEbuilt Colorado, LLC was established in 1992, operates in 9 states, and has over 375 employees. In addition to the City of Black Hawk, SAFEbuilt Colorado provides building department services to

the mountain communities of Idaho Springs, Georgetown, and Nederland. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome when you see them around the City!



**The SAFEbuilt Colorado team (left to right):** Buck Kelly: Combination Inspector; Russ Young: Combination Inspector; Chad Johnson: Building Official, Plan Examiner, Inspector; Kyley Flynn: Permit Technician; Heidi Flynn: Permit Technician; Herb Taylor: Combination Inspector; (not pictured, Sarah Roane: Plan Examiner).





# THE MAYOR'S HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

## The Symbolic Streets of Black Hawk

Prepared by David D. Spellman

For this issue of the Lantern we will look at two streets and the individuals for whom they are named, including the tragic and life changing events that they endured.

### Cooper Street

Cooper Street lies nestled in between the Gregory Monument and the historic buildings we refer to as Mountain City. Prior to 1864, when this area was incorporated into the City of Black Hawk and the street was designated as Cooper Street, it was known as “Little Gregory Gulch,” located in Mountain City.

In September of 1860, Henry Cooper acquired the Gregory House, a boarding house named after John H. Gregory, which was located at the south east intersection of Gregory Gulch and Little Gregory Gulch (now known as Gregory and Cooper Streets). The Gregory House appears to have first opened for business in the spring of 1860, owned by Peter and Elizabeth Greenish, and operated by Peter Greenish, A.T. Randadl, and L.C. Blood.

By July of 1860, according to the *Rocky Mountain News*, Greenish had leased the “popular Hotel” to Messrs Sayre, Dodd, and Bowne. The newspaper went on to state: *These gentlemen, who by the way are gentlemen, each and every one of them—have had large experience in catering to the wants and creature comforts of guests in hotels formerly conducted by them in Chicago, Fulton City, Ill. and in Iowa.* Regardless of their experience elsewhere, these “gentlemen” were not successful in Mountain City, and by September 11, 1860, the *Rocky Mountain News* reported the following: *Mr. Cooper, from Mountain City left per this morning's coach, to bring out a stock of provisions and groceries. He lately bought out the Gregory House and the lot on which it is situated, for two thousand dollars.* The coach the newspaper referred to was leaving from Denver headed back to the States as Denver was part of the Jefferson Territory in 1860.

One month later, Henry was back from the States and open for business, for the *Rocky Mountain News* reported: *There was a large and interesting ball given at the Gregory Hotel last Wednesday evening, at which the mountain maidens and “honest miners”, as well as considerable who were not maidens or miners, succeeded in enjoying themselves on the elegant and the eatable, for many happy hours. To particularize the occasion, would be like counting stars and criticizing mountain flowers.*

Again in November, Henry made the social column of the *Rocky Mountain News*: *A ball was given at the Gregory House last night. We are told that the beauty and fashion of the place were present, tripped to good music, and what is more enjoyed a good supper.* And in December the newspaper lauded the fine style of the newly supplied bar.

By all accounts, Henry was conducting a popular and profitable business and by September of 1862, the *Tri-Weekly Miner's Register* included this news item in its September 5th edition:

#### Tri-Weekly Miner's Register, September 1862

*Mr. Henry Cooper is overhauling the Gregory House, at Gregory Point, from stem to stern from cellar to garret, refitting it for a hotel or larger boarding house. He will open in about a week. We understand he has about fifty boarders already engaged.*





View of Gregory Street circa 1879. "The Gregory House" is seen on the left near the original location of John Gregory's gold lode discovery. Photographer William Henry Jackson.

From the David D. Spellman Collection.

Successes meet with more success and by January of 1864, the *Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal* paid this flattering compliment: *The Gregory House still waves. Cooper must be overrun with boarders about now. His House has become an institution of the mountains as much as the Gregory Lode.*

Owning and operating a hotel and boarding house named after the most famous miner and adjacent to the most famous gold lode in the Pikes Peak region certainly had untold advantages. With the number of guests and boarders that came and went through the Gregory House, Henry had an opportunity to hear first hand what mining claims and mill sites were up for sale or who needed to sell because they were overextended. At one point he owned mining claims on the Fisk and Ground Hog Lodes, both located on Bobtail Hill, which had quickly become a highly coveted and celebrated gold-rich hillside. He also acquired a mill on North Clear Creek. For the most part, as quickly as Henry purchased these properties, he sold them.

On February 1, 1864, the third session of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Colorado began. February 17, House Bill number 22, entitled "An act to incorporate the City of Black Hawk" was introduced, as was House Bill number 27, "An act to incorporate the City of Central." The following day, a remonstrance (strongly worded protest) was received by the House members from the citizens of Mountain City and Gregory Point against being included in the incorporation of Central City.



### THE MAYOR'S HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

Henry Cooper's Gregory House would have been property which was to be included in Central City's incorporation boundaries. By February 26, the aggrieved citizens of Mountain City and Gregory Point had prevailed in the fight to have their property excluded from the city limits of Central City and included in the city limits of the City of Black Hawk. The amended bills passed and were signed by Territorial Governor John Evans on March 11, 1864; making Black Hawk the second incorporated City in the Colorado Territory, with Denver being the first.

The remonstrance signed by the citizens of Mountain City and Gregory Point no longer exists, but I would certainly think Henry Cooper was one of the signers.

All appeared to be going quite well for Henry, after all he was now a Black Hawk citizen, when the unthinkable and unimaginable happened. On March 25, 1864, Henry's daughter passed away. The *Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal* ran this notice:

#### **Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal, March 25, 1864**

*Died at 3 o'clock this morning, the youngest daughter of Henry M. and Isabella Cooper, aged two years and eight months. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock, to-morrow—Saturday morning, at the Gregory House: friends are invited to attend.*

Although Henry had buried his youngest daughter little more than a month earlier, with indomitable spirit he carried on with his daily obligations, as reported in the *Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal*:

#### **Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal, April 1864**

*The Gregory House is the regular stand-by of the miners who swarm around the Point. Under the management of Mr. Cooper, it has generally furnished as good a table and at a low a price as any in the mines. Owing to night-work, the house has always to be kept open, and six tables are set every twenty-four hours. The price of board has been held at seven dollars through the hard times of the winter, but as it ran behind \$100 in the last week, the proprietor has advanced the price one dollar per week to take effect next Monday. It is to be hoped that provisions will soon come in from the States and that something green will grow to enable the cost of living to settle to its old figure.*

The citizens of the City of Black Hawk, along with the citizens of the Colorado Territory, were staunch Union supporters so at the end of the Civil War there was cause for great celebration. One day prior to General Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Virginia on April 9, 1865, the *Black Hawk Mining Journal* ran this: *Illumination.* – *We do not look for candles to share the universal reduction in prices, so long as Grant and Sheridan keep winning victories at their usual gait. There must have been several boxes burnt last evening in exultation over the more than glorious news of the crushing of Lee's army. Almost every window of every house was illuminated by from six to a dozen candles, from the North Clear Creek and along it for a mile, to the utmost bounds of Nevada village. The houses on the hills looked gay. The Gregory House alone sported over 100 in its two front windows.*

Henry's support for the preservation of the Union in the Civil War carried over to his support for the Colorado Territory to be admitted into the Union. The election of 1865 saw Gilpin County and Black Hawk play a significant role in the Territorial elections. Henry was out to make sure the City of Black Hawk elected and sent representatives to the Territorial Legislature that supported Statehood. Here is where we realize what a character Henry must have been, for two stories ran in the *Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal* on September 13, 1865 as part of their election wrap up: *A laughable incident occurred in front of our office, which is worth relating.*

*A certain wood-hauler apparently a stranger here had used his utmost endeavors through the day to dispose of his load for cash but not finding a purchaser whipped up his team and drove down street, evidently intending to stick-up the commodity and go home. But Henry Cooper of Gregory – who by the way is one of the most indefatigable workers at an election we ever knew – spied a vote mounted on that wood pile, and "went for it". His opponents for the other ticket, followed. Wood-hauler*



## THE MAYOR'S HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

*said he would vote for the man who bought his wood. Bidding commenced and ran on spiritedly for some time, resulting finally in the untimely rushing to the polls of the victim by Mr. Cooper followed by the shouts of the bystanders.*

*During the voting of yesterday a party of Aborigines of the Ute persuasion came galloping through our streets. The indefatigable Henry Cooper sailed for them, as for every other outfit that hadn't voted, telling them they were entitled to the elective franchise as much as any other free Native Americans and he was bound to elect his man. The judges remarked quietly that the Indians were ineligible on account of not being residents of this precinct.*

Henry continued to operate the Gregory House until April of 1868, when he sold the establishment to Elma C. Beach and James Hutchinson for \$2,250. What year the Gregory House was razed is not known.

### DuBois Street

It was one week prior to Christmas of 1863, when Helen A. DuBois paid \$15.00 for the lot she and her husband Frederick N. DuBois would build their humble home on. It was a mere three days before Christmas when the bottom fell out of their world, their young son passed away. "Died" was the headline of the notice that ran in the December 23, 1863 *Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal*: *At Black Hawk Point, Dec. 22nd, of congestion of the lungs, James Fredrick DuBois, only son of F.N. and Helen A. DuBois; aged 11 years and 20 days.*

With the indomitable spirit that built the City of Black Hawk, they built their home the following year. We now know this house as 211 Dubois Street. Fredrick was involved in a great many mining and milling concerns, it was not uncommon for the family home to be titled in the wife's name, which is perhaps why the family home remained in Helen's name.

Born in 1829, the youngest of seven children, and raised in Catskill, New York where his family had long been established and quite well to do, Frederick was an inquisitive young boy who demonstrated an inventive skill early on in his childhood. At age 15 he was sent to Buffalo, New York, where he was an apprentice to his elder brother Philo, learning the silver smith trade. It was at this time Frederick had access to a large library, he was an avid reader on chemistry, geology, engineering, mechanics, and metallurgy, all subjects which would serve him well for the rest of his life. In 1854, he relocated to Chicago, Illinois, and established a silverware manufacturing company, the first in that city, which was successful until the start of the Civil War. Frederick along with his wife and their two children, James and Alice, left Chicago on June 18, 1862, headed for Black Hawk Point, Colorado.

Frederick brought with him four wagons loaded with eight tons of machinery, a half ton of powder, and a half ton of mercury, the latter being used in the process of extracting gold from ore. Upon arriving, he lost no time acquiring mining claims and investing in quartz stamp mills. It was in the milling process that Frederick would summon all the insight and knowledge he had gained in that library so many years earlier to make a name for himself at Black Hawk Point.

The mills that were employed when Frederick first arrived at Black Hawk Point were stamp mills that would crush the ore and then use a mercury amalgamation process to retain the fine gold particles. For the ore deposits that were near the surface, which had been sufficiently decomposed by weather for countless years, this process recovered significant amounts of gold. As the rich ore deposits in the mines were followed to ever greater depths below the surface, they were tightly ensconced in complex sulfides. These ore bearing sulfides would not so easily yield their pay load of gold to the old stamp milling process. New milling techniques were being tested and developed as early as 1861.

In January of 1866, Frederick went by stage coach to New York, where, along with his brothers Lewis and James, his sister Addison, Peter Schutt, and Nathaniel Niles, incorporated the Colorado Ore Reducing Works. James, who was named president of the company, had joined his younger brother at Black Hawk Point in 1863 where he held mining interests of his own. \$15,000.00 worth of bonds in the new company were purchased by a New York attorney named Frederick Hess. If the reducing works were successful, he had the option to convert the bonds to stock. Frederick returned to Black Hawk and in early April broke ground on an ambitious plan to build what was called a Keith's desulphurizing mill; a process invented and patented by Dr. Nathaniel S. Keith at Black Hawk Point in 1862 (another story that needs to be told). Securing the right to use the process cost \$5,000.00, but Frederick also had his own ideas on how to improve the milling operations.



### THE MAYOR'S HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED



View of Chase and DuBois Streets circa 1879. 211 DuBois Street seen on the hillside owned by Mr. and Mrs. DuBois. Photographer Charles Weitfle.

From the David D. Spellman Collection.

The DuBois mill, as it came to be known, was located on mill site #9, just north of the current Black Hawk Fire Station on the east side of Highway 119. It was built at a cost of \$60,000.00. Frederick had purchased the property for \$5,000.00 and then sold it for \$20,000.00 to the Colorado Ore Reducing Works, which is more than likely where his contribution for the capital investment to build the mill came from. The structure was 60 by 90 feet, with a furnace that was 9 by 18 by 26 feet high, the stack of stone and brick rising 60 feet. First commissioned in late September of 1866, it was not until December after Frederick was confident it was in "good working order" that he opened the mill to the public. It was reported in the *Daily Miners' Register*, that on working ore from the Gregory Lode, the mill "obtained seventy five percent of the precious metals, shown by fire assay to be contained in them". This was certainly considered to be a success, as the old stamp mills with the mercury amalgamation process retained as little as five percent, depending on the complexity and orneriness of the sulfide ore.

Then, on the evening September 23, 1867, a great tragedy befell the whole community and indeed the Colorado Territory. Frederick was at his home on DuBois Street where he had just finished supper when his attention was called to a light in the direction of his mill; he soon realized that his mill was ablaze.

Citizens from Black Hawk, Central City, and even Nevadaville came to render what assistance they could. Realizing his livelihood was literally going

up in smoke, Frederick crawled in and drew out the large driving belt and two tanks of quicksilver (mercury), all else was lost. The fire threatened nearby structures, but by the intense exertions of the citizens, forming bucket lines and covering the buildings with wet blankets, they were saved. Frederick watched as the mill he had planned, supervised the construction of, and worked day and night to make a success, collapsed in on its self. It was thought that an ember from the blacksmith's forge was the culprit in starting the fire, although Frederick just hours before had personally made sure the fire was out and the floor wet down surrounding the forge.

So great was the loss of the DuBois mill to the mining industry that the calamity made the front page of the *Rocky Mountain News*, not once, but twice. The second story ran under the headline "Rebuild It" and lamented that the loss of the mill was so serious to the mining industry and Colorado, it was a civic duty to rebuild it. This same sentiment was echoed in Golden's newspaper the *Colorado Transcript*, under the headline "Public Misfortune."

The financial loss was calculated to be as much as \$30,000.00, half the original cost to build the mill. It was thought, or at least hoped, that much of the machinery could be repaired and there was reliance that the structural integrity of the 60 foot tall stone and brick furnace stack remained intact. The early success of the DuBois mill instilled such confidence within the Black Hawk community that two businesses were willing to put up lumber and labor on credit if the mill were



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**Later by Telegraph****Morning Report.****Great Fire at Black Hawk.****Destruction of Dubois' Mill**

**Loss from \$25,000 to \$30,000.**

**Fire at Black Hawk.**

CENTRAL, September 24.—F. N. DuBois' mill at Black Hawk was destroyed by fire last night. The Register says the fire is supposed to have originated in the blacksmith shop, connected with the mill. The loss sustained is about \$25,000 or \$30,000, of which Mr. DuBois sustains about one-third. The balance falls mostly on parties in New York. The mill cost about \$60,000, but the stack to the furnace is still in good condition, and it is probable the engine is not seriously injured.

*Daily Rocky Mountain News*

• September 24, 1867 •

**Daily Register.**

FRIDAY, ..... SEPTEMBER 13

THE COLORADO ORE REDUCING WORKS offer the mining public the following prices for ore delivered at their works at Black Hawk.

Assay in gold per ton.	Will pay in currency per ton.
\$300	\$287
280	268
250	235
230	217
200	188
180	167
150	136
130	115
100	84
80	63
60	42
50	32
40	21
30	14
25	11

The above prices will hold good with the premium or gold ranging between 35 and 45 per cent. For price of intermediate grades, and for other particulars

Apply to F. N. DuBois.  
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*Daily Register*

• September 13, 1867 •

rebuilt; trusting only in the future success of the mill for their pay.

Frederick went back to New York to see what financial arrangements could be worked out to rebuild the mill. On November 19, 1867, he returned to Black Hawk and announced to his fellow Black Hawk residents that the affairs of the Colorado Ore Reducing Works were to be "wound up"; they would not rebuild the mill. For a time, Frederick and Prof. Adolph Behr (Prof. Behr co-patented the Keith milling process) leased another mill just north of the old DuBois mill and attempted to carry on the success enjoyed by the Colorado Ore Reducing Works, but a lack of capital proved insurmountable.

In June of 1868, the Colorado Ore Reducing Works property was foreclosed on for \$11,145.00 by Frederick Hess, the New York attorney who held the bonds, which were backed by a mortgage on the property. The property sold at public auction in New York for \$2,000.00, less than 20% of the amount that was foreclosed. Two Black Hawk residents, Benjamin Woodbury and James Norton, who were represented by James DuBois in New York, were the purchasers. The property was eventually acquired by the Western Smelting Works in 1871.

On August 10, 1868, Frederick, his wife Helen, and daughter Alice moved back to his home state of New York. Perhaps he thought he would return to Black Hawk one day to the family home on the street that was named after him. The home remained in their ownership until July of 1880 when Helen sold it for \$400.00. The successful manipulator of Gilpin County ores did not return to Black Hawk.

Upon returning to New York, Frederick opened a plumbing supply house which was quite successful. Perhaps Black Hawk and the mining industry's loss was modern civilization's gain, for he also went on to invent and patent the lead seamless plumbing trap; which was widely used in the United States and throughout Europe. Frederick Nelson DuBois had secured his place in history and became extremely wealthy in so doing.

In the next issue of *The Lantern*, I will be featuring the history behind Kinney Street and Black Hawk Street. I wish you and yours a merry Christmas and the happiest of holidays!

~ Mayor Spellman



**Mayor David D. Spellman**, a deep-rooted fifth generation Black Hawkite, is a descendant of Edward S. and Katie Blake, his great great grandparents. Katie Carr and her family arrived in Black Hawk in 1861. Edward S. Blake came to Black Hawk in 1866. They were married in 1872.

Mayor Spellman offers the community his wealth of knowledge of both the history and heritage of the City of Black Hawk in his quarterly feature, *The Mayor's Heritage Highlights*.





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# MUNICIPAL CODE MOMENT

## Residential Parking

Due to limited parking within the City's residential areas, residents are reminded that they need to obtain a parking permit in order to park vehicles in the block on which the owner of the vehicle resides. The permit needs to be hung from the rear view mirror of the vehicle. Any vehicle which does not have a parking permit on display runs the risk of being ticketed and towed by the Police Department.

Resident parking permits can be obtained from the Police Department at 221 Church Street by providing proof of residence and current motor vehicle registration of the vehicle(s).

Guest parking permits may be obtained at the same time that a resident parking pass is issued. Each residence may be issued two guest permits. If guest parking permits are lost, there is a \$50 replacement fee.

Day guest parking permits are also available for temporary visitors and special events.

*For complete information on Residential Parking, please refer to Section 16-265 the City of Black Hawk Municipal Code, available on our website at [www.cityofblackhawk.org/city-departments/administrative-services/city-clerks-office/municipal-code/](http://www.cityofblackhawk.org/city-departments/administrative-services/city-clerks-office/municipal-code/) or by contacting the Police Department at 303-582-0503.*

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