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Monarch clears the way for a 23-story hotel and spa

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"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

-Maya Angelou

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Santa's elves (a/k/a Black Hawk employees) delivered food, cash, and gift donations to Santa's Workshop (a/k/a Gilpin County Human Services) for the annual Gilpin County Gift & Food Drive.

FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Nothing like ending the year with a big bang!! The old Monarch garage is gone. In about 12 seconds the five story parking garage was reduced to a pile of rubble making way for the new 23 story, 507 room luxury hotel and spa. The plan is for the garage rubble to be hauled off in the next six weeks.

Then, around the first of February the foundation work starts on the new structure. 26 or so months from then, Black Hawk will have its second major 500 room facility. Congratulations to the Monarch team for a well-executed implosion, the start to the new complex, and for moving Black Hawk one step closer to the goal of becoming a true destination resort.

In addition to the Monarch team, the City of Black Hawk team performed very well on the implosion project as well. It took a great deal of planning and preparation by a number of departments to execute a flawless event like this. Members of the Community Planning & Development Department, the Fire Department, the Police Department, and Public Works all played key roles. I thank all the individuals who played a role – no matter how small – in this truly historic day.

The Gregory Street project continues to progress. I am sure most of you have driven on the new road alignment from down by Crooks up to Church Street. The flume is more than half replaced and all in all the work seems to be moving along well. Though it will still take a good deal of time to complete, it is another necessary step to achieving the destination resort goal.

2016 was a good year for the City. Revenue was up a bit and expenses were as expected with no big surprises. 2017 is shaping up to be even better. I hope that your New Year will be prosperous and fulfill all your expectations.

Happy Trails and Happy Holidays,

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Internet Gremlins (Why smart IoT devices can be a pain)

by Tarik Muhammad

The Internet of Things (IoT) is a term for devices that are not traditionally viewed as computers yet they have some type of advanced processing capability and internet connectivity. The most popular example of this would be a "Smart" TV where the basic function is playing video from stream providers, but TV's are using the Internet more and more to provide greater functions to the user. Other examples of IoT "Smart" items include thermostats, refrigerators, light bulbs, security systems and usually a smart hub to tie it all together.

Due to the ease of use and the advanced functionality they provide, internet connected "Smart" devices are gaining popularity. In the past it would take a hybrid of an electrician crossed with a PC tech to wire up a house for automation just based on the complexity of the components being used. Devices can be setup nowadays by simply plugging in a power source and connecting them to the Internet, from there the manufacture provides an App or other service to manage the equipment. No previous experience necessary to get going – the PC tech/Electrician has been magically moved into the "Cloud" (or insert fancy term for the Internet here).

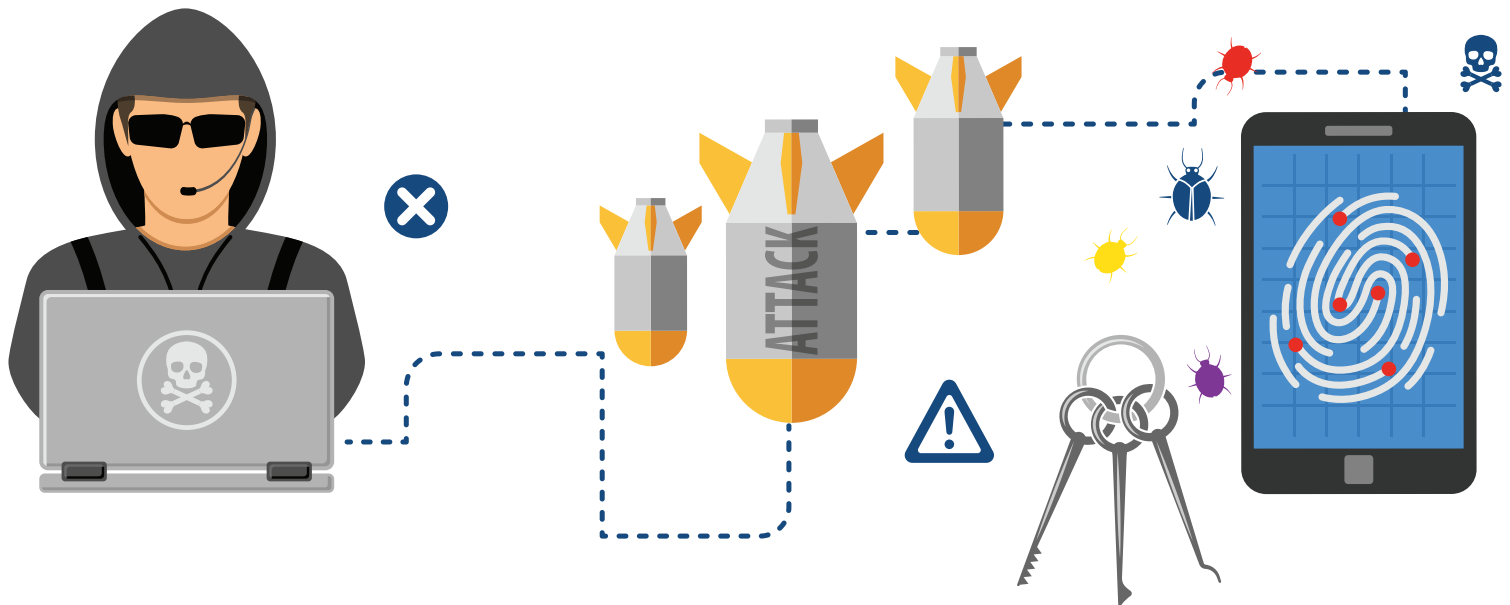
Powerful devices mixed with ease of use sounds great but as the old saying goes, "With great power comes great responsibility." The person setting them up may not understand the ramifications of what is going on behind the scenes, along with that the manufacturer is striving to

make the setup hassle free and this may unintentionally create areas that can be used for nefarious purposes. Just as recent as September a hacker used a well-crafted script to scour the Internet looking for "Smart" devices that had not had their default settings changed, this means the password to administer the device was simply "password" or whatever manufacture default was set. Once the device was under the hacker's control they could do whatever they wanted with it and in this case it was to use the several thousands of hacked devices to slam networks with enough traffic to bring operations to a halt.

How do you protect yourself?

The first step one is to change the default password of the any smart device you may have, consult the product manual of the device(s) in question, and if you run into problems, get some help. The manufacturer will usually provide support to you at no cost. Or, consult your local certified geek who will at the very minimum will able to change the factory settings. As devices get more advanced, the attacks will get worse. Instead of using them to break the Internet they may turn inward and start affecting your home. The last thing you want is to end up in a real life version of the movie "Maximum Overdrive."

Resource: Hackers gain control over IoT devices en masse. <http://bit.ly/2dLMYev>



POLICE DEPARTMENT

9-1-1 Dispatcher is also Accomplished Writer



Alicia Marotti has worked for the City of Black Hawk as a Communications Officer (9-1-1 Dispatcher) for the last 5½ years. She previously worked for the Nashville 9-1-1 Center for five years before moving to Florida to attend college and earn a Bachelor's degree. Throughout her life, Alicia has always had a passion for the creative arts such as reading, writing, design, and arts and crafts. For the last year, Alicia started following

age science fiction, fantasy, and horror. Alicia currently writes short stories in the speculative fiction genre under the nom de plume (pen name) Alicia Cay. As she studies and practices her craft, Alicia has entered her stories into several writing competitions, and "placed" in nearly all of them. She has earned a Silver Award and a number of honorable mentions.

Just recently, Alicia celebrated her first publication. She was selected to have a story included in a charity anthology that was released at the end of October. A local literary convention hosted a book launch for the anthology, which allowed all the authors an opportunity to mingle and interact with each other. The contributing authors also held a book reading and excerpts from each short story were read aloud to the attendees. Alicia's story is available on Amazon in print and soon to be released in e-book format. The title of the anthology is "Adventures in Zookeeping."

her life-long passion for writing. She is most influenced by her Dad's hand-me-down books; the classics and golden

Police Commanders Embrace New Opportunities

Commander Ken Lloyd and Commander Tory Jantz switched positions within the Black Hawk Police Department in October 2016. Commander Lloyd is now commanding the Patrol Division and Commander Jantz has assumed command of the Administrative Division. Commander Lloyd spent the past three years commanding the Administrative Division (Records and Dispatch Center) while Commander Jantz commanded the Patrol Division, including Detectives. Each Division has unique goals and missions, so changing positions will provide the commanders an opportunity for professional growth and development. It's also healthy for the organization because the commanders bring a fresh perspective to their new assignments, which can make the department more effective and efficient.



CAMCA Training Held in Black Hawk

In October the Black Hawk Police Department hosted the Colorado Association of Municipal Court Administration (CAMCA) Court Basics I Class at the Isle Casino. Black Hawk Municipal

Court Clerk Sally Cannady and Angela Vanschoyk from Breckenridge Municipal Court were the primary instructors for the course. The Isle Casino hosted the event, which included 25 students, mostly new municipal court clerks, from all parts of the State. The training class focused on court rules, court procedures and customer service. The training also discussed municipal court cases as they relate to other courts such as County Court, District Court, Court of Appeals, and the Colorado Supreme Court. Municipal courts vary in size and they tend to use software specific to their municipality. In addition, job duties may be different from one city to another. Black Hawk Police Chief Steve Cole welcomed the attendees with a brief history of Black Hawk, which included information on current projects. The court class is always well attended in Black Hawk.

Police Officers Learn Crisis Intervention Skills

It's clear police officers respond to emergencies and criminal activities every day, but a police officer's role has expanded over the years to include increased contact with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. A reduction in mental health resources across the country means officers have an increased likelihood of interacting with people during a mental health emergency. As a result, the Black Hawk Police Department sends two to three police officers each year to a specialized 40-hour training course to ensure officers can recognize and successfully handle mental health related situations.

The Crisis Intervention Team training (CIT) is more than your typical training course, it's an intense training course which brings mental health clinicians, consumer and family advocates and police officers together to better understand how to handle mental health issues. The training material includes information on signs and symptoms of mental illnesses, mental health treatment, co-occurring disorders, legal issues, and de-escalation techniques.

The CIT curriculum also includes training on developmental disabilities, older adult issues, trauma and excited delirium, as well as verbal de-escalation skills needed to resolve sometimes very intense situations. Officers practice their newly acquired skills during scenario-based training situations involving professional actors who play the part of distressed individuals. Officers receive immediate feedback from instructors and classmates about their performance and their ability to resolve the simulated crisis situation.

The training week usually includes panels of mental health providers, family members of individuals experiencing mental health issues, and persons who have been diagnosed with mental illnesses.

The Black Hawk Police Department recognizes the importance of crisis intervention training and has a goal of training all police officers within the agency. So far, approximately about half of the police officers working in the Patrol Division have received the training. Officers who have received the training normally wear a CIT pin on their uniform.



Get Ready for Winter Driving

Black Hawk residents already know good tires are a critical part of safely driving on snow packed roads. Now is a good time to double check tire tread depth to ensure your car can handle the snow and a good time to conduct a full check of your vehicles safety equipment. Car owners also know keeping fluids topped off and the fuel tank over half full is important when traveling mountain roads, but many drivers overlook other equipment helpful during weather related emergencies. You'll be ready for almost anything if you maintain your vehicle and load up on the following items:

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

Black Hawk Police Commander on Aspen Leaf Task Force

Since March of 2016 the Black Hawk Police Department has participated in the Aspen Leaf Task Force designed to address homelessness in the region. Although Black Hawk doesn't have a problem with homeless experienced by most other jurisdictions, we periodically interact with homeless people traveling through Black Hawk. Black Hawk Police Commander Tory Jantz is a member of the Aspen Leaf Task Force, which is made up of representatives from Clear Creek County, Gilpin County, National Forest, Colorado Division of Wildlife and Human Resources, just to name a few. The group focuses on issues surrounding the influx of homeless people in the mountains who are "indigent" or considered "wanderers" living in the forest. These people are moving into Colorado forests at alarming rates creating temporary homes in forested areas. Living outdoors for a significant length of time can create serious health issues and sanitary

concerns for these temporary users. These "wanderers" can adversely impact the forest and the public who are trying to enjoy our beautiful mountains. When the forest dwellers leave an area, they leave a significant amount of trash and debris, which someone has to clean up. The homeless population consists of adults and sometimes entire families including small children. The Aspen Leaf Task Force has been working with private property owners, exploring new laws and contacting agencies who have experience dealing with similar problems. The "wanderers" seem to create more questions than answers as to how to approach each situation. The task force meets every three to four months to discuss strategies and share new information. Residents are encouraged to call police if homeless people are discovered living in the Black Hawk area. It is our goal to link them with appropriate resources and reduce the risks associated with living in the forest.

Monarch Casino Black Hawk parking garage implosion was a success!

Thank you to the City of Black Hawk staff, emergency response teams, and Monarch Casino contractors for your efforts to keep the public and our nearby buildings safe.



Video footage of the implosion can be seen on the City's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BlackHawkColorado.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire and Water Departments Receive New Safety Equipment



While many may think that the Fire and Water Departments have little in common, except for the obvious: water, they do share common hazards and equipment. Like the Fire Department, Water Department personnel may also have to enter hazardous atmospheric conditions. While it is easy to imagine a firefighter entering a smoke-filled building, many of us do not realize that should there be a chlorine leak at one of our water treatment facilities our Water Department personnel are called into action to stop the leak.

This year, the Fire Department received the budgetary funds to replace our older Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) as part of our capital budget. As part of our research we discovered that not only were the SCBA at the Water Department older models, but in fact not even the same brand as the Fire Department.

The two Departments formed a committee and worked diligently to find new equipment that would meet the needs of both departments and a joint RFP was issued. After the equipment was received and staff was trained in November, 11 months of hard work paid off and the Fire Department and both Water Treatment Facilities placed new MSA G-1 SCBAs into service.

With both Departments ordering equipment, the purchase still came in under budget and now both are better equipped for responding to emergencies with the latest SCBA equipment and technology. All maintenance, repair, and training can be accomplished jointly which will save the City money in the long term.

While the equipment being replaced is older, it is still serviceable. As always, City Council has been supportive and generous in donating usable equipment to Fire Departments who are in need. The used SCBA equipment from the Fire Department is being donated to two small departments on the eastern plains. The Water Department equipment has been donated to a small department in Oklahoma. My thanks to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their support of our program.



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-4pm. 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-4pm.
- 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.

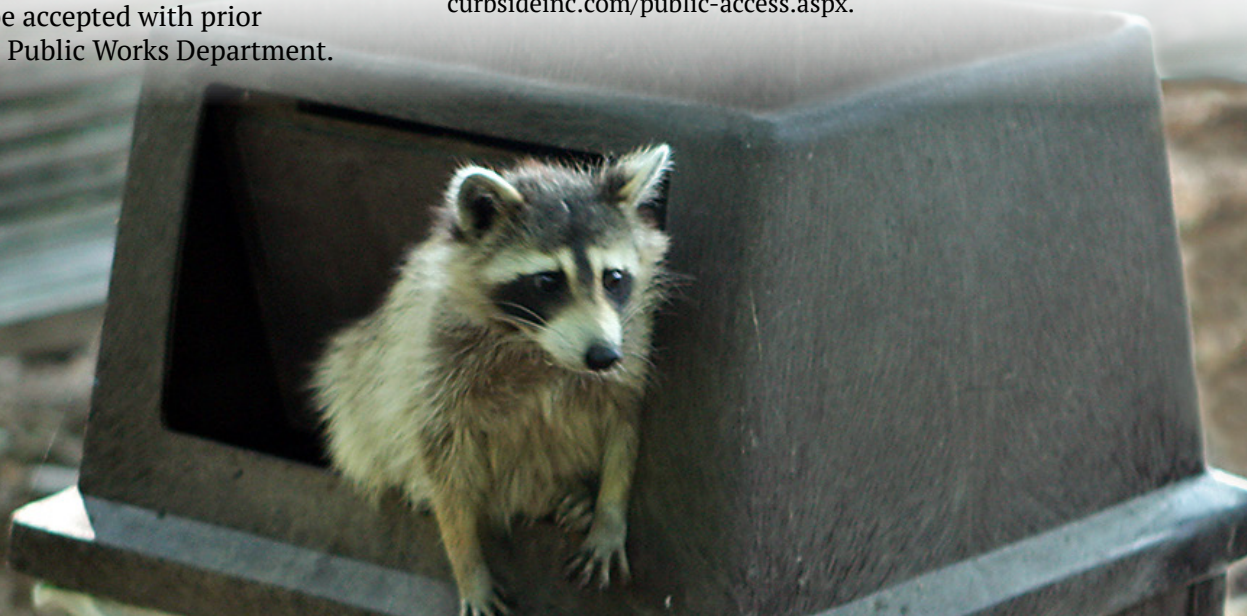
The following items are restricted from curbside residential service:

- 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>.



The City has a new public parking lot!

This 71 space lot located in the HARD District® along upper Gregory Street opened to the public on November 18, 2016. With the help of PLM Asphalt and the Public Works team, the City transformed this vacant lot into a much needed parking lot.

City staff cleaned up the site in preparation of the installation of new curbs and gutters. Landscaping was complete this fall and included installing boulders and numerous flower boxes that will be beautiful next summer.

The lights that were installed were selected for the ability to blend in well with the historic nature of the area and a style of the lamp allowing light to shine downward without disrupting residents in the surrounding area.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

November 8, 2016, General Election Results

The City of Black Hawk participated in a coordinated election with Gilpin County on the November 8, 2016, General Election and had two items on the ballot. Both passed.

Black Hawk Issue 1A **Sales Tax for Marketing**

SHALL THE CITY OF BLACK HAWK TAXES BE INCREASED THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$325,000) ANNUALLY IN 2017, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE COLLECTED ANNUALLY IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, BY A NEW ONE-HALF (1/2) PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED ON THE PURCHASE OF TAXABLE GOODS AND SERVICES, THE PROCEEDS TO BE USED TO MARKET AND PROMOTE THE CITY THROUGH FIREWORKS DISPLAYS, HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAYS, PUBLIC FLOWER BOXES, AND FOR OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES, AND SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND SPEND THE FULL PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX WITHOUT LIMITATION AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE EXPENDITURE OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES 49
NO 17
Total Votes 66

Black Hawk Question 1B **Authorization to Provide Internet Services**

WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES AND WITHOUT LIMITING ITS HOME RULE AUTHORITY, SHALL THE CITY OF BLACK HAWK BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET (ADVANCED SERVICES), TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, AND/OR CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES TO RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, NONPROFIT ENTITIES AND OTHER USERS OF SUCH SERVICES, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY WITH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS, AS EXPRESSLY PERMITTED BY §§ 29-27-101 TO 304, "COMPETITION IN UTILITY AND ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES", OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

YES 64
NO 2
Total Votes 66

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Michael Korsvold

I started with the Black Hawk Water Department back in May of 2009. Now as a Water Utility Operator IV my main duties include operating and maintaining the Hidden Valley and Dory Hill Water Treatment Plants and the City's distribution system to provide the City with safe, clean, drinking water. I have over 11 years of experience in the water field and an Associate's Degree in Water Quality Management. All of my co-workers are great to work with and the city provides a unique experience in the water operations field.

Both of my parents come from Colorado farming families. Mom's parents came from Kansas and settled on a large ranch outside of Hugo where my cousins still farm today. My great grandparents on my dad's side came over from Norway in 1882 and ended up homesteading on land in the Limon area where we still farm and run cattle to this day. I was born in Denver and raised in Castle Rock.

My friends would describe me as easy going, a comical relief, and someone who is there when needed. I have a 10-month old, very hyper and active puppy named Gunner who is too smart for his own good, but he keeps me active and entertained. Crazy Dog!

In my free time, some of my favorite things to do are spend time with family and friends, take Gunner out to the farm where he can chase the cows, go to country concerts and breweries, work on my house, photography, and spend a lot of time outside. During the fall and winter I am out hunting and processing wild game into jerky and sausage. In the spring and summer months, I am out fishing in my favorite spots or hiking. My favorite kind of food is "food" in general. My uncle calls me "the human garbage disposal" because I'll eat just about anything as long as I don't think it will kill me. Texas Road House is definitely one of my favorite places to eat. I enjoy watching the Rockies and Broncos, participating in shooting sports and training, and playing golf.

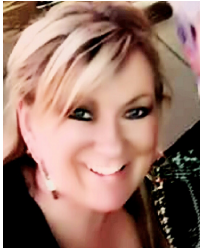
I love to take road trips with my family whether it's a short trip to Montrose or Glenwood Springs or a long trip to Canada or Minnesota to go fishing with my aunt and uncle. Finding a good back road on a trip is always a plus. Hopefully within the next 10 years I could travel to Germany, Norway, and Ireland.

One thing that needs to be taught in schools again is trade work, such as woodworking, automotive, metal shop, jewelry, and anything hands on. Technology can be a great thing with computers, tablets, and smart phones. I see how these items benefit us every day, especially in my line of work, but sometimes the best technology is a wrench and a good ol' cutting torch to get the job done.



NEW FACES 2016

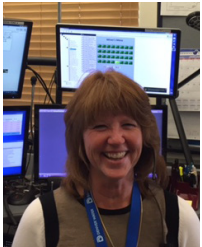
Amy Gresham



I was born in Nebraska and raised in Canada until I was seven years old. We moved here and I have lived in the Arvada/Westminster area

ever since. My passion lies within the law enforcement environment and I have fortunately had opportunity to work within this field for the last 18 years. I have always hoped to work in a mountain town within the law enforcement field and this new position as a Communications Officer is going to bring together those two passions of mine. I am looking forward to working for the City and becoming a valued employee within this community.

Janet Dennehy



I began my career as a Communications Officer with the Black Hawk Police Department on November 7, 2016. I have lived in Granby for 20 years and am

in the process of moving to the metro area. My previous career was in the medical industry as well as owning a tow company. I have a daughter and a son – one living in Granby and one in the Denver area. I love to horseback ride, ski, and snowmobile. I am a great fan of the Avalanche and Notre Dame. My most enjoyable time is spending time with my family. I chose Black Hawk for a fresh career and challenge. Growing up, I spent a lot of time in the Black Hawk area because some of my family lived here.

Taylor Davis



I am a proud Colorado native. I graduated from Thunder Ridge High School in 2006 and then attended the University of Wyoming graduating

in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. From 2010 through 2013 I worked for the Walt Disney Company in Orlando, Florida. I was hired in 2013 by the San Diego Sheriff's Department and during the three years in San Diego I worked in the jails, courts, and patrol. I moved back to Colorado to be near my family and I am very excited to have an opportunity with the City of Black Hawk Police Department. My dogs keep me busy on my time off and I enjoy spending time with family and supporting our Broncos. I was interested in working for the City of Black Hawk because of the sense of community and welcoming atmosphere.

Bradley Reed



I am extremely grateful for being chosen as one of the newest member of the Black Hawk Police Department! Working for the City has been a blast!

I'm learning so much and the people in the City have been so supportive. I am eagerly waiting to learn so more about what opportunities and ideas the City of Black Hawk has in store for the future.

My parents live down in the Colorado Springs area. I grew up an Air Force



Chase Street

Black Hawk

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NEW FACES 2016 CONTINUED

brat and got to live all over the world but Colorado is my home. It is the longest place I have ever lived, and I couldn't think of anywhere else I would want to live.

My family would describe me as a happy guy that always has a smile on my face, fiercely loyal, and would do everything I can to help someone out.

I was born in Japan, lived all over the US and Germany. I attended Doane University in Nebraska on football and academic scholarships. I have a B.A. in Political Science. I worked different jobs after college, but they all involved one thing – customer service. I enjoy problem solving and helping people. Prior to being hired by the City, I worked as an EMT at the Isle of Capri Casino where I got to learn both the casino business and emergency medicine. I am currently certified with the State of Colorado as a Peace Officer, EMT and Firefighter I.

I enjoy playing sports when I have free time. Pick-up games of football, basketball, softball, etc.... anything that gets me outside in the beautiful Denver sun and gets me running a bit. I do enjoy relaxing at home- watching movies and cooking as well.

Tony Roybal



I am one of the newest Firefighters to be employed by the City of Black Hawk. I have had nothing an exceptional experience up to

this point not only with my crew on "A" shift but in every interaction with each City employee up to this point in time. I am originally from Laramie, Wyoming. I have spent more than half my life in the Denver and Lakewood area. I have a home in Lakewood and

in February will mark ten years in my home. I have two children, a boy, Diego, who is nine and a girl, Dakota, who is 7. I also have a Chocolate Lab, Hunter. I believe my friends would describe me as having an outgoing personality with a contagious smile. I was employed by Pueblo Fire for the last six and a half years. I also was a volunteer with Pleasant View Fire and am currently enrolled at Metropolitan State University of Denver pursuing my Bachelors in Fire Administration. I love my Denver Broncos and have been fortunate enough to watch them play in two Super Bowls. I enjoy playing soccer and try to play as often as possible. I love spending time with my children, whether it's at the movies, game night, or just enjoying conversation over dinner. I'm also looking to get back to one of my favorite hobbies and that is fishing and my drive home from Black Hawk would offer me many opportunities to do just that.

Happy Holidays!

Black Hawk City Council showed their appreciation for the City employees at the annual employee holiday party held at Crook's Palace today. A traditional dinner was catered by JKQ BBQ and door prizes included gift cards to some of the employee's favorite places – REI, Cabela's, and Amazon, just to name a few! Mayor David Spellman reiterated the message to employees that also hung on the wall, "In this room gather great people and the best employees!" Several employees were also recognized for their tenure with the City, celebrating 5, 10, and 15 year anniversaries in 2016. We wish you all a very happy holiday season.



FINANCE

New Year, New Budget

With the New Year fast approaching, that means it is time to adopt the City of Black Hawk 2017 Annual Budget. On November 9, 2016 the Black Hawk City Council approved the 2017 Budget.

The 2017 Budget maintains City services at current levels. Operating expenditures will be consistent with the prior year, with minor increases in personnel, utilities, and other services. Capital Projects for 2017 include the completion of Phase 2 of the Gregory Street Realignment, construction of the Gregory Street (St. Charles) Parking Structure, and Maryland Mountain Improvements and adjacent amenities.

With the continued decline in the number of gaming devices available for play in Black Hawk, City Council approved an increase in the Gaming Device Fee effective January 1, 2017. Additionally, the Transportation Device Fee was increased in 2017 to cover the cost of providing bus service to the Black Hawk casinos.

And finally, on November 8, 2016, the electors of the City of Black Hawk approved an increase to the City Sales tax by one-half of one percent. Effective January 1, 2017, the City of Black Hawk Sales Tax rate increases from 5.50% to 6.00%.

CP&D

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

City of Black Hawk a Platinum Sponsor of the 2017 CPI Saving Places Conference

The City of Black Hawk is a platinum sponsor of the 20th Anniversary of Colorado Preservation Inc.'s "Saving Places Conference" to be held

February 1-4, 2017, at the Denver Convention Center.

As a platinum sponsor, the City of Black Hawk will be given the highest level of visibility and marketing opportunities during the event. Black Hawk will have an information table during conference registration on Wednesday, a prime spot for an exhibit table during the Preservation Marketplace mixer on Thursday evening, and a Black Hawk

representative will be given the opportunity to speak at the Western Heritage Luncheon during the day on Friday. This venue will allow representatives from the City to tell the story of how 25 years of gaming in Black Hawk has brought in nearly 85% of the gaming tax revenue from among the three gaming towns in Colorado. These funds have been used throughout the state toward historic preservation, education, and travel and tourism.





Historic Home Maintenance

Most of the residential homes within the City of Black Hawk date back to the late 1800s and early 1900s. They are a quintessential part of this historic mining town and are very much worth preserving for the future. Unlike modern homes, historic homes require some special TLC. Understanding the unique challenges of the environment the home exists in, as well as the specific features of the home that may cause issues, is a first step. What follows is a list of some maintenance suggestions for ensuring your historic home withstands the test of time, from top to bottom!

Roofs, Chimneys, Gutters, and Downspouts:

- Clean away any debris.
- Inspect for leaks and damage.
- Ensure water is draining away from the structure.

Exterior Walls:

- Inspect painted surfaces periodically for cracks, holes, moisture damage to determine whether scraping, caulking and/or repainting is necessary.
- Many historic homes contain lead-based paint. Extra precaution should be taken when removing old paint suspected of containing lead.
- Power-washing and abrasive chemicals should be avoided.

Instead it is best to hand-scrape and hand-sand affected areas.

- Ensure there is proper drainage and prevent water from settling on horizontal and decorative surfaces.
- If siding, trim or accent features cannot be repaired, replace in-kind (i.e. using the same materials, techniques, dimensions and configuration as was used in the original building element) in order to maintain the overall historic character of the building.

Openings:

- Check windows and doors for unwanted water penetration, insect infiltration, or animal entry.
- Replace broken glass as soon as possible in order to keep the elements out. When possible, restore rather than replace.
- Inspect hardware to confirm it is working properly -- clean and service as needed.
- Windows and doors can be made more thermally efficient by using caulk and weather stripping, as needed.

Projections:

- On historic homes, there may be any number of projections, including: porches, dormers, skylights, balconies, exterior stairs, railings, etc. These features should be well-cared for in order

to maintain the historic character of the building.

- Check for deterioration, wear, and damage. When possible, repair rather than replace any worn out parts.

Foundations/Perimeter Grades:

- The best way to protect and maintain masonry, such as brick or stone, is to provide proper drainage and ensure water does not stand on horizontal surfaces or accumulate in areas.
- Do not clean historic masonry by sandblasting, using wire brushes, grinders, sanding discs, harsh chemicals, or other abrasive methods as this will weaken the masonry.
- Periodically check masonry and mortar for cracks and loose pieces. If discovered, enlist the help of an experienced mason familiar with historic masonry who can help re-point the damaged areas.

Keeping up with routine maintenance is the best way to help preserve old homes. It is advisable to develop a thorough maintenance schedule and keep records and photographs of all work that was done on a historic property.

THE CITY OF BLACK HAWK

COLORADO'S SECOND OLDEST MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



FOUNDED 1859.

INCORPORATED 1864

Where would Historic Preservation be without Black Hawk?

BLACK HAWK CASINO'S STATE-WIDE CONTRIBUTIONS



The Gaming Amendment states that a portion of the gaming tax money be used for historic preservation throughout the State of Colorado.

To date, the State Historical Fund has received nearly \$523 million from gaming revenues.

The State Historical Fund has funded rehabilitation projects in all 64 counties in Colorado, including the rehabilitation of the State Capitol dome and the construction of the new History Colorado Museum.

Casinos in the City of Black Hawk contribute an average of:

- » \$91 million annually in gaming taxes to the State of Colorado. This represents nearly 85% of all gaming taxes paid to the State every year.
- » \$14 million per year to the Colorado Travel and Tourism promotion fund.
- » \$24 million per year to the Colorado Historical Society to fund preservation and restoration throughout the State.
- » \$7 million per year to Colorado community colleges, junior colleges, and local district colleges.
- » \$7 million per year to the Innovated Higher Education Research and Bioscience Discovery Evaluation Cash Funds.

Figures above based on a 5-year average.

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