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But the West of the old times, with its strong characters, its stern battles and its tremendous stretches of loneliness, can never be blotted from my mind.

*William F. Cody aka Buffalo Bill
(former resident of Black Hawk)*



FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Sometimes during the holiday season a true present is given. For me, this year it is the Gregory Street project being done. I truly hope the rest of Black Hawk feels the same. For the first time in a long time, I do not have to write about traffic and other inconveniences through town. And it is even better

since Central City was able to get the section from the Grand Z down to Black Hawk paved this fall. Thanks to Central City for completing the road, and making traveling through our cities a pleasure.

Thanks to all our staff who worked on the project, especially Matt Reed and Tom Isbester from our Public Works group. The product is truly something we all can be proud of. The Saint Charles parking structure is well underway and any traffic interruptions for that project should be minimal. Once that project is finished next summer, the infrastructure for the new Gregory Street will be complete.

The focus can then shift to using the property for various functions or to seek a development partner that could build out the proposed structures, thereby fulfilling the goal of City Council to provide other amenities for our

guests to experience. Goals such as the Gregory Street entertainment district take a long time to fully realize. It is one step in the journey to becoming a true resort destination.

In general 2017 was another good year for Black Hawk. We have again stayed on track with our budgeted revenues and expenditures. We have planned for another year of exciting projects for 2018. The focus will still be on Gregory Street and getting all the historic buildings along the street rehabilitated and looking like the rest of the new street.

We will also work on the other historic components of Gregory looking at the Bobtail mine, the Lace House, and other historic aspects that are contemplated along the route. All in all, another big step in finishing the vision.

I wish everyone associated with Black Hawk in any way a very happy holiday season and a prosperous 2018. Keep smiling it drives most crazy.

Happy trails and happy holidays,

Jack

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The City Clerk's Office - November 7, 2017 Special Election

The City Clerk's Office certified the final results for the November 7, 2017 Special Election. After concluding the official canvass of election results, the City Clerk's Office certified the final vote totals for the single ballot issue to increase taxes on the live table games on the November 7 ballot. The ballot issue passed with 30 votes Yes and 3 votes No.

The City of Black Hawk Employees receive training in First Aid, CPR, and AED

The City of Black Hawk's Fire Department has completed a remarkable five day training certification in First Aid, CPR, and AED for all of the City employees. Heartsaver® First Aid CPR



AED is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage an

emergency until emergency medical services arrives. Skills covered in the course included first aid; choking relief in adults, children, and infants; and what to do for sudden cardiac arrest in adults, children and infants.

Following the CPR & First Aid Training, the Black Hawk Fire Department hosted an optional Fire Extinguisher Training. This training was interactive using a Fire Extinguisher.

The employees were instructed on what are the "key steps" when entering an emergency situation.

The key steps are essential to not only assist the injured but also keeping the



Lieutenant Chris Williams teaching the "key steps" to assess the injured person. Wynter Kasch was our volunteer.

responder safe until emergency medical services could take over. Knowing what the key steps are in first aid greatly improves the injured's survival rate.



Cindy Linker, Jim Ford, Ken Lloyd, Craig Harvey, AJ Sayer, Melissa Greiner, and Chris Williams are learning to assess the injured

Universal pre-cautions were equally stressed as important to first aid as much as the how to.

PPE – Personal Protection Equipment – always use non latex gloves, eye protection, and face mask when assisting or providing First Aid/CPR.



Wash thoroughly with soap and water to avoid any contaminants, proper removal of gloves and biohazard disposal.

Assess the emergency – is the area safe? Is the injured person breathing? Are they responsive or non-responsive? Is there

any medical jewelry, tattoo or medical information on the person? Phone or paper info? When to call 9-1-1?

Our trainers covered each facet of the most common types of emergencies we as employees and local citizens are likely to assist in. After successfully completing this course, students should be able to:

- List the priorities, roles, and responsibilities of first aid rescuers
- Describe the key steps in first aid
- Remove protective gloves
- Find the problem
- Describe the assessment and first aid actions for the following life-threatening conditions: heart attack, difficulty breathing, choking, severe bleeding, shock, and stroke
- Describe when and how to help a choking adult or child
- Demonstrate how to help a choking infant
- Use an epinephrine pen
- Control bleeding and bandaging
- Recognize elements of common injuries
- Recognize elements of common illnesses
- Describe how to find information on preventing illness and injury
- Recognize the legal questions that apply to first aid rescuers
- Describe how high-quality CPR improves survival
- Explain the concepts of the Chain of Survival
- Recognize when someone needs CPR
- Perform high-quality CPR for an adult
- Describe how to perform CPR with help from others

- Give effective breaths using mouth-to-mouth or a mask for all age groups
- Demonstrate how to use an AED on an adult
- Perform high-quality CPR for a child*
- Demonstrate how to use an AED on a child*
- Perform high-quality CPR for an infant*
- Describe when and how to help a choking adult or child
- Demonstrate how to help a choking infant*

* Use fingers for gentle chest compression

Some people have violent allergic reactions to food, pollens, and air pollution. The trainers showed us the signs of an allergic reaction, how to assess the state of the patient, and how to administer help.

Here are the key steps for an allergic reaction and administering an EpiPen.

Allergic reactions:

- 1) Assess scene safety
- 2) Follow instructions for use of EpiPen
- 3) Rub injection area
- 4) Check that EpiPen solution is clear, not cloudy
- 5) Must be person's own EpiPen
- 6) Inject and count 10 secs - Must be injected thigh only
- 7) Remove heavy garments



Choking: Ask if the person needs help, affirm, and act. When assisting a choking adult or child, get behind and make a fist and clasp with the other hand. Compress above the belly button, but below the diaphragm. Proceed with chest thrusts to help expel the item.



What is CPR? Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation is the emergency procedure that combines chest compressions with artificial ventilation in an effort to manually preserve intact brain function until further measures can be taken.



Becky Hart and Wynter Kasch demonstrate how to apply CPR on an adult or teen.

Hands-Only CPR can save lives. Many people who experience cardiac arrest at home, work, or in a public location die because they don't receive immediate CPR from someone on the scene.



Trainer Williams discusses how to apply CPR, while Kip Karr demonstrates on an infant

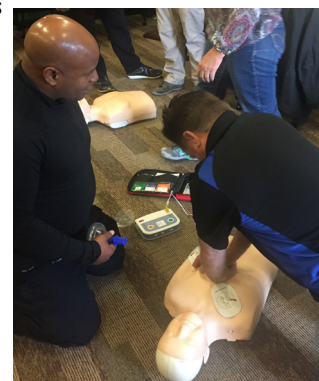
If an adult or teen suddenly collapses, call 911 and begin immediate CPR by push hard and fast in the center of the chest to the beat of any tune that is 100 to 120 beats per minute. Immediate CPR can double or even triple a person's chance of survival.

The trainers in each of the sessions provided instruction on how to respond until assistance arrives for Heart Attack, Fainting, Diabetes, Stroke, Seizures, Injury,

Eye Injuries, Broken Bones, Heat Stroke, Frost Bite, Poison,

Burns, Environmental Emergencies

and so much more! The trainers and Heartsaver® recommend a full First Aid Kit for every location or building, Fire extinguishers, AED Machine, (Automated External Defibrillator) and regular refresher courses as needed for our employees.



AJ Sayers and Mike Schaller learn how to use the AED Machine.

The time and the effort that is saved by an employee assisting as the First Responder can possibly save a life, or at minimum help the injured from getting worse until Emergency Personnel arrive.

How to use an fire extinguisher?

Too often we think we know how to use a tool without reading instructions. Using a fire extinguisher is not just rip and point! Its important to know how to effectively put out flames.



First remain calm - panicking will not help! From a distance, pull the pin, aim the nozzle at the base of the flame, not the tops. Walk slowly towards the fire and squeeze the trigger to release the agent. Sweep from side to side until the fire is put out.

We wish to thank the trainers who provided the instruction: Aaron Skeen, Chris Williams, and Kip Karr, and all of those who assisted in preparations and materials.

Seeds of Success - 7 ways to be Thankful Every Day - *SUCCESS Staff* October 10, 2017

'Learn to be thankful for what you already have, while you pursue all that you want.'

As we ponder our New Year's resolutions - the article below from *Success* offers helpful tips on being thankful.

1. Appreciate the things you have.

Coach John Wooden emphasized the importance of being thankful by quoting Lao Tse: "Freedom from desire leads to inner peace." He also added his own words of wisdom: "The great secret of life is to cultivate the ability to appreciate the thing we have, not compare them." Coach often encouraged us to not take for granted the many things we have that we did nothing to earn, such as life itself, the beauty of nature, the great country we live in, or the love of our family and friends.



2. Keep a gratitude journal.

Science has fallen over itself proving how gratitude makes you not only a warmer person but a healthier one. "Previous research has linked gratitude to improved mental health, lower levels of anxiety and improved sleep," says Blaire Morgan, Ph.D., a research fellow at the University of Birmingham in England. "Our own research has demonstrated a strong link between gratitude and three different measures of well-being: satisfaction with life, subjective happiness and positive affect."

The idea of the gratitude journal, as with most of your leading forms of mindful personal development (meditation, controlled breathing, ringing the Salvation Army bell, doing yoga in a 105-degree closet), is theoretically wonderful, a warmly resonant concept designed to blast rays of sunshine into your dull cement world of commutes and credit card APRs and Facebook.

Gratitude journals are the opposite of work-intensive, requiring only a pen, pad and a handful of quiet moments. You can keep them anywhere. They're meant to be mentally refreshing, spiritually invigorating, and free of expectation or

reciprocation—a crystal-blue example of pure instinctual human goodwill.

3. Focus on being grateful.

I believe one of the greatest lessons in life we can learn is to be thankful for what we already have. But gratitude is something we have to work at—to prepare our hearts to be reflective and thankful, to provide room for contemplation of our good fortune. And if we want to be the kind of people who are characterized by thankfulness, by gratitude, then we must make sure that we focus on it at all times during the year. Here are some words, some thoughts that are simple and practical to apply, that you can use right away in your quest for becoming more grateful.

4. Show you care.

"Thank you." It's a simple phrase. Short. Sweet. But how often does it actually come out of your mouth? It's kind of surprising how hard it really is to make saying thanks a "thing"—something that comes naturally, that you don't have to put on your to-do list. It can slip your mind. You're not sure how to say it, or show it. And sometimes it feels awkward (complimenting—giving and receiving—doesn't come easily to everyone). But none of these excuses gets ride of people's innate need to feel valued and appreciated, to be praised and recognized, for their work.

5. Get in the feeling good habit.

Every night as you're getting ready to go to bed, spend a few minutes thinking of all of the things that you were grateful for during that day. This is especially important when you've had a bad day and it seems as though there is nothing to give thanks for.

I understand this can take work, especially when negative emotions are getting the best of you, but this is important. Sometimes you just have to push yourself. Maybe you closed a deal

with a business associate or had a few laughs with a friend. Maybe you received a compliment. Or maybe you did something nice for someone or someone did something nice for you and it lifted your spirits. It can be as small as a snack you enjoyed or a parking space you snagged.

Believe me, you'll come to find that it's well worth the effort because you will be creating an attitude of gratitude, a habit that's conducive to making you feel good and enjoy your life.

6. Have an attitude of gratitude.

Are you a grateful person? Thankful for the good things, big and small, in your life? In the hustle of to-do lists and work deadlines, sometimes it's (too) easy to block out the details of the day, forgetting that each and every day holds precious gifts. From the air we breathe to the friendships we hold close, there is always something to be thankful for. With the season of thanksgiving upon us, here are 15 quotes to inspire a life of gratitude.

7. Fake thankfulness.

Philosophers have long known that as the mind goes, so go the emotions. A pithier way to say that would be, we become what we think. Along with neurological chemistry, people with depression are often caught in "negative feedback loops."

Someone feels negative, so they think—i.e., tell themselves—negative thoughts. Those negative thoughts reinforce the original negative feelings leading to more negative thoughts... and down and down we go.

Fortunately, that downward spiral also works in reverse, not by first feeling positive and then thinking positive thoughts, but instead by intentionally thinking positive thoughts that lead to genuinely positive emotions.

Black Hawk Kicked off Holiday with Lighting Ceremony

On Tuesday, November 28, 2017 — the holiday season was officially underway in Black Hawk! Mayor David D. Spellman and city officials threw the switch to light the lights and kick off the holiday celebrations that evening in Black Hawk.



When the switch was thrown, the holiday lighting lit up the night!

Here are some fun details about the City of Black Hawk's holiday displays.

The contractor that creates, maintains, and installs the holiday decor is **Alpine Artisan Studios**. There are about 75,000 Lights in 69 trees, over 150 lamp posts decorated with garlands, and 92 with red



Students from Gilpin Elementary School sang songs of the season.



While everyone enjoyed steaming cups of cocoa and wassail to usher in the holidays.

LED lit bows. There are over 110 props including signs, figures, snowflakes, wreaths, characters, and over a mile of LED rope light, a half mile of garland, and close to 500 pounds of glitter. It took the crews three weeks to clean and refurbish the décor, and it takes a 6 person crew one full week to install all of the tree lighting and another 6 person crew almost two weeks to install all of the props. Several more days are involved with the actual powering up and the removal and storage typically takes another week towards the end of January.



Everyone gathered at the Gazebo at Stroehle Square at the corner of Gregory Street and Main Street, the centerpiece of the City of Black Hawk holiday lighting display. Holiday lights will illuminate all of Gregory Street and Main Street as Black Hawk celebrates the season.



Seasons Greetings from The City of Black Hawk



“Black Hawk may be best known for gambling, but it is a beautiful resort destination for the holidays. Just a short drive west of Denver, you feel like you are a world away in the beautiful canyon which couldn’t be more festive during the holidays,” says Black Hawk Mayor David Spellman. “We invite everyone to come up, experience Colorado history, see what’s new and celebrate this special time of the year with us.”



NEW FACES 2017

Joseph Nguyen

Tell us about yourself!

I came from a very unique background, starting off studying Physics, then going to Seminary, then Aviation, finally Law Enforcement. I currently hold a Certificate in hospital counseling grieving, a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Technology, Airport Operation, a Certified Member Certificate in Aviation Security Operations and a Masters Certificate in Aviation Operation Security Operation.



I guess the best way to describe my work experience is I have always been involved in security operation and a variety of Law Enforcement field. I am first generation Vietnamese-American, where my

family came to the United States from the Southwestern part of Asia, I was born right here in Colorado.

My friends describe me as a very creative person; I love to invent new things out of paper. They would also say I love to learn and love to serve the community. I believe volunteering is my biggest achievement.

Earlier this year I have reached a personal milestone of competing and documenting 22,000 hours of community service. I guess my favorite activity is working on weddings with my sister-in-law, along with being creative in my paper hobby. Making custom greeting cards are truly my passion and I am happy when the recipient is in a moment of awe.

I love to also Bike in the summer and once again help the community through volunteering. I have held many different offices with the Knights of Columbus and continue

to love serving the community through their volunteer efforts.

Tell us about your new position with the City of Black Hawk.

I am a sworn peace officer for the Black Hawk Police Department. New Hire for the City of Black Hawk and started this journey October 16, 2017.

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

The citizens and people of the City of Black Hawk have been tremendously welcoming and I am enjoying the City and its people.

Matt Bowman

Tell us about yourself!

My name is Matt Bowman. I'm 26 years old and a new Firefighter with the City of Black Hawk. I started

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Amy Gresham



I have worked for the City of Black Hawk as a Communications Officer for almost one year. In our position, we are responsible to for answering emergency and non-emergency calls for service. We dispatch for Police, Fire and EMS.

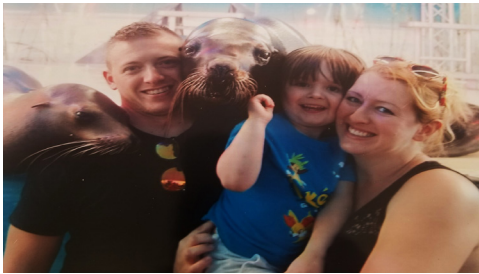
I take great pride in working for the City of Black Hawk knowing I have a hand in keeping the citizens, public and emergency personnel safe. I was born in Nebraska, raised in Canada until the age of seven and have spent the remainder of my life in the beautiful State of Colorado. I love to travel with friends and spend most of my off-time up in the mountains preferably Estes Park.

My newest found love is rescuing Italian Greyhounds and have done so over the last 10 years. My greatest accomplishment in life is maintaining a close relationship to my family and friends. This is what is held dearest in life.

in the middle of October and have nothing but good things to say. This position is truly a dream job for me and I feel extremely lucky and grateful to be here.

My stepson-elect Oliver is four and I am elated to say that my fiancée Amber and I are expecting a wonderful addition to our family, due in December! We are all very excited.

We live in Colorado Springs and we



love having fun as a family. They are my whole world. My hobbies include, hiking, spending time with my family, and shooting.

Tell us about your new position with the City of Black Hawk.

My experience with Black Hawk Fire Department so far has exceeded my expectations. I have the privilege of working with some really great people while making a living doing what I love.

I have experience in the fire service and also as an EMT on an ambulance. I volunteered with Palmer Lake Fire Department and am continuing to volunteer with Falcon Fire Protection District. I started volunteering three years ago and have worked hard to obtain the certifications for this position.

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

I am very grateful and excited to be

working for the City of Black Hawk and I can't wait to see what the future holds for me.

Cody Kalb

Tell us about yourself!

I am a Colorado native, spending a majority of my years in the Arvada area. I have one younger brother who turns 12 in February and is a star hockey player for the Hyland Hills Jags. I think my friends would describe me as a pretty level-headed individual. I do my best to keep an even-keeled perspective in situations – and on life in general.

Growing up I attended Faith Christian Academy from third grade through high school. I played competitive sports as a kid and continue to play ice hockey in an adult hockey league. After high



school I lived in New Zealand and worked with a non-profit mercy organization that provided basic healthcare and education to the surrounding islands.

I have done my fair share of traveling and would definitely still consider it to be one of my favorite activities. I am a huge fan of winter and snow and cannot wait to get back up to slopes and enjoy some powder days.

During the summer I enjoy being outside with my girlfriend and hiking or barbecuing. I am blessed and excited to have been hired by the Black Hawk Fire Department and look forward to a long and fulfilling career.

Tell us about your new position with the City of Black Hawk.

I started working for the Black Hawk Fire Department in August and I have been a volunteer firefighter/EMT for the Golden Fire Department for 5 years.

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

Since starting here, I've had the pleasure of meeting a number of incredible people both within and outside of the Fire Department.

Nickolas Steckman



Tell us about yourself!

Nicolas was hired as a Patrol Officer for the City of Black Hawk. He has been in Law Enforcement for over six years. He is not a native to the area, but had this to say "It is a pleasure and a privilege to be surrounded by a supportive community with such motivated and intelligent co-workers."

Nicolas told us that his friends would describe him as outgoing and personable. He enjoys anything with family.

We wish to welcome all our new employees to the City of Black Hawk, and look forward to getting to know each and everyone!

PUBLIC WORKS

Chase Gulch / Quartz Valley Cleanup

The Streets Department was kept busy this summer cleaning up Chase Gulch / Quartz Valley as the next step in the development of the City's Open Space. Some of the tasks accomplished included demolishing dilapidated structures which posed safety hazards to the health and welfare of visitors to the area.

Crews removed a trailer house, a dozen appliances, vehicles, campers, many strands of loose barbed wire, and almost 130 tons of trash and debris. The vehicles were taken to the Black Hawk Fire Department's burn building to be used in future training exercises. Approximately 150 cubic yards of scrap metal was able to be recycled, and the appliances were picked up by an appliance removal company. Eight 30-cubic-yard dumpsters were emptied a total of 15 times during the project. The process was extremely labor intensive because rubbish was scattered throughout the entire Gulch. The process took about 6 weeks to complete while the Streets Department continued to maintain their regular responsibilities.

Once everything had been removed from the site, staff reseeded many areas to promote healthy regrowth of the native vegetation. The site is now ready for Mother Nature to take over and restore the beauty of the Chase Gulch / Quartz Valley.

Postscript~In the midst of the project, vandal(s) broke into a locked metal shed in the Gulch, which had been earmarked for relocation and future use by the City. The vandal(s) did further damage to the shed to the point where it could not be repurposed and the shed had to be demolished. Additional damage was done to other structures in the area at the same time. The Black Hawk Police Department is actively investigating these crimes. The penalty for destruction to public property/criminal mischief is a fine up to \$2,650 and/or jail time up to one year upon conviction. **If you have information about this incident or see any suspicious activity in the area, please contact the Black Hawk Police Department.**

Before Project started





After Project was completed



CP&D

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

2017 Exterior Paint Program

Five more historic residential homes within the City of Black Hawk underwent exterior painting using the General Fund Exterior Paint Program this summer. The purpose of this Program is to provide financial assistance that will promote the exterior appearance of Black Hawk's residential properties and to provide for the continuation and enhancement of a functional, sustainable, healthy and vibrant Black Hawk residential community.

These photos show the before and after images of two of the properties whose exterior was painted this summer: 251 Church Street and 130 Chase Street. The other properties also painted in this summer's General Fund Exterior Paint Program were: 200 Chase Street, 235 Chase Street, and 185 Clear Creek Street.

All residential properties within the City of Black Hawk Historic Residential District are eligible to have their houses repainted. Applications are available in the Planning Department at 211 Church Street and are due each year by April 1st. Once a resident's house has been repainted in the General Fund Exterior Paint Program, at least eight years must pass before they may apply to have their house painted again. For more information, contact Sara Forbes at sforbes@cityofblackhawk.org or 303-582-2223.



251 Church Street – before and after



130 Chase Street – before and after



Building Colorado Workshop

The City of Black Hawk held its 3rd Annual Historic Preservation Workshop this fall. The *Building Colorado Workshop* was held on Thursday, September 28th and again on Friday, September 29th at Crook's Palace. It was presented by UC Boulder Professor Paul Chinowsky.

About 50 participants attended either the first or second day. The attendees came from throughout the state of Colorado. It was open to all Colorado historic preservation specialists/ commissioners and staff, planners, non-profit members, architects, structural engineers, inspectors, contractors, designers, carpenters, handymen, college students and the general public.

In this workshop, participants spent a day learning how Colorado's building styles were a hodgepodge of different styles, influenced by the various groups, from different parts of America and around the world, who came to the state in a short span of time. Below are some examples of style influences seen in historic homes throughout the state:

- Gothic
- Italianate
- Romanesque
- Queen Anne
- Folk Victorian
- Colonial Revival
- Greek Revival
- Hipped Box

Professor Chinowsky discussed how houses evolved from log cabins to, with the onset of sawmills, the stick-built post and beam houses we see in our historic town today.

He talked about how the European carpenters had to adapt to the softer (pine) wood found locally,

rather than the more durable hardwoods they were used to. Houses engineered with balloon framing during the mining days could be put up quickly, but were not made to last as long as platform framing, which takes longer to build but is more structurally sound.

Workshop attendees also learned to pay attention to details and old photographs which can assist them in dating a historic home to a certain period, including the look of the wood/material used, the foundation details and the insulation used, if any. Professor Chinowsky also showed examples of houses which had gained additions over time, and pointed out some tell-tale signs of growth.

The group discussed how important it is to tell the story of historic buildings as that is how you can get people to care enough to try to save them. He shared some success & failure stories of some historic buildings around the state. Then he reviewed some information he had dug up with regards to a few of the residential houses along Gregory Street.

The workshop attendees then took these nuggets of information and applied the knowledge they had gained from the morning presentation to try to piece together the story of these historic homes. They were encouraged to do the same for the historic properties back in their Colorado towns so they can share the stories and save more of our collective historic treasures.

At the end of the workshop, the participants all gave positive feedback on the presentation and everyone stated how much they are looking forward to attending the next historic workshop hosted by the City next fall.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Responders Train for Emergencies

During October, a few days after the Las Vegas mass shooting incident, all sworn members of the Black Hawk Police Department, members of the Black Hawk Fire Department, and Gilpin Ambulance Authority employees participated in an “Active Shooter” training exercise at the Robert A. Clark Emergency Operations Center in Black Hawk.

The Las Vegas mass shooting was on everyone’s mind during the exercise, which reinforced the need to be prepared. A few weeks after the local training exercise a terrorist used a rental truck to attack pedestrians in New York City followed by a shooting at a Walmart in Thornton, Colorado.

In November, a small church in Sutherland, Texas was the site of another mass shooting. Three (3) of the deadliest attacks in US history have occurred in the past 18 months. These events show attacks can occur anywhere in our country and in any community. Citizens continue to play an important role in reporting suspicious behavior, but in many cases it can be difficult to prevent these types of attacks.

As a result, first responders across the country including Black Hawk are training to rapidly respond to terrorist acts should they occur. Table top exercises and practical exercises help first responders fine-tune their response skills and identify subsequent training needs. Our ability to develop workable integrated plans can help save lives and keep our community safe.

Get Prepared for Winter Driving

Now is a good time to double check the tire tread depth of the tires on your care to ensure your car can handle the snow. Tires are expensive, but adequate tires can help ensure your safety and the safety of others. Be prepared for any weather related emergency.

- 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



CodeRED is the primary communication system used by Black Hawk and Gilpin County to notify residents about emergency conditions. Emergency Dispatchers send messages to residents by telephone and through cellular text messaging to inform residents of dangerous or life threatening conditions. Residents living in Black Hawk and Gilpin County are encouraged to sign up to receive these important emergency messages by visiting www.co.gilpin.co.us and clicking on the “Emergency Services” tab and then the “Residential Emergency Phone Notification Sign up” tab.

Police Chief Stephen Cole Answers Questions About the Police Department's Body Worn Cameras

In June 2017 the Black Hawk Police Department issued body worn cameras to 25 officers including the Chief of Police. Black Hawk became the first agency in the 1st Judicial District (Gilpin County and Jefferson County) to require all officers to wear them.

Other agencies such as the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Golden Police Department and Wheat Ridge Police Department have plans to add them in the next few months. Chief of Police Stephen Cole answered questions about the implementation of the body worn cameras in Black Hawk.

Why were the cameras implemented in Black Hawk? In some communities the body worn cameras have been implemented to reduce police officer misconduct, but that's not the case in Black Hawk where we receive very few citizen complaints.

Obviously, the cameras will be helpful in cases involving officer misconduct, but the real value to the Department is it captures the officer's daily interactions with the public. Reviewing incidents will help us improve department training, clarify department procedures and improve our communication with the public. It's a win-win opportunity for officers and the community.

Was transitioning to body worn cameras difficult?

The Department assigned body worn cameras to individual officers and worked out the technical issues over a two month period. At first, it was hard for officers to remember to activate the cameras as they responded to calls, but officers are now comfortable with the new technology.

Is storing video a problem for the Department?

The Department created a retention process to categorize video to ensure important video is retained while video having no evidentiary value is quickly deleted from the server. The process helps ensure we only retain the video we need thereby reducing the need for storage space.

Do officers like wearing the cameras?

It's another piece of equipment officers have to wear on their uniform, which can be a challenge. The cameras have to be recharged daily and officers have to manually tag each video, which takes more time.

However, officers are quickly seeing the benefit of capturing audio and video during their interactions with the community.

Did the new technology require more staff?

We added the technology without adding additional staff, but we recognized there would be an increase in workload for almost everyone in the Department. Officers, records personnel, court personnel, supervisors and the evidence technician now spend additional time handling body worn camera video. The program will be evaluated in the future to determine the actual impact on the department.

Are the cameras having an impact on policing in Black Hawk? In my opinion the cameras are having a positive impact in our community. In many cases, the body worn cameras provide better documentation of the officer's interactions with the public. If a complaint is received from a citizen we can immediately review the video to determine what actually happened.

The video can also have a direct impact on resolving criminal cases before trial. Reviewing video can help ensure we are providing professional services to the community. Ultimately, it makes policing more transparent and builds trust within the community.

Are the cameras impacting court cases? It's still too early to say if the body worn cameras are having an impact in court. As cases progress through the justice system we will have a better understanding of the cameras role in plea agreements and trials. The biggest impact has been on the District Attorney's Office who now has to watch more video in preparation of court hearings, which requires more preparation time. The hope is the cameras will ultimately reduce the time officers spend in court.

Are their conflicting studies on the benefits of the cameras? Several studies have shown body worn cameras reduced the severity and number of "use of force" incidents involving police. However, a recent 18-month study in Washington found officers equipped with cameras used force at the same rate as those officers not wearing cameras. I think both studies are right. I believe the cameras will have very little impact on police departments who are already providing

ethical professional policing services to the public.

At the same time, the body worn cameras can impact departments where there's a history of officer misconduct. In those situations, the cameras can help change the culture of the organization and increase accountability.

What's the future of this technology in law enforcement? I think the cameras will eventually be capable of providing live video feeds to supervisors who aren't on the scene of an incident. Detectives will be able to monitor field interviews by officers and even prompt officers to ask questions.

Cameras will continue to evolve and capture more information.

The video recordings could eventually serve as the best documentation of an event and may even eliminate the need for officers to write long reports thereby freeing up the officer's time. Issues regarding privacy and public access to video could impact the future of these devices.

But, I believe the cameras will be the norm for every police department in the future and everyone will rely on them to better understand police-community interactions.



Municipal Court & Police Records Now Accepting Credit Cards

In May the Black Hawk Municipal Court and Police Records Section began accepting credit card payments for fines, costs, and services. The Municipal Court will continue to accept cash and checks. The new process managed by GovPayNet makes it easier for citizens to make a payment without making a trip to the Police Department. The company charges the client a fee for processing and takes Master Card, Visa, American Express, Discover and debit cards. Cash and checks are still acceptable.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Heating Fire Safety

Follow these heating tips to help maintain a fire-safe home this winter.



Space Heater

- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.



Fireplace

- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Put the fire out **before** you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 3 feet from your home.



Wood Stove

- Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- Put the fire out **before** you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.



Furnace

- Have your furnace inspected each year.
- Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.



Kerosene Heater

- Only use kerosene heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Refuel your **cooled** heater outside.



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS)

The way the City of Black Hawk prepares for and responds to emergency incidents follows national guidelines that have been developed over the years as part of a comprehensive national approach to incident management known as the **National Incident Management System (NIMS)**.

In 2016, Black Hawk's City Council adopted the NIMS as the basis for incident management in the City. A basic premise of NIMS is that all incidents begin and end locally. NIMS does not take command away from local authorities, rather NIMS simply provides the framework to enhance the ability of responders to work together more effectively.

By integrating NIMS into the City of Black Hawk's emergency planning and incident management structure, the City as a whole is better equipped to arrive at an incident with little notice and understand the procedures and protocols governing the response.

The NIMS is based on a balance between flexibility and standardization. One of the most important best practices incorporated into the NIMS is the **Incident Command System (ICS)**, a widely applicable incident management system designed to enable effective, efficient incident management by integrating a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure.

For over 40 years, the ICS has been used by firefighters, hazardous materials teams, rescuers, and emergency medical teams to maintain critical control of each of these resources. In the event of an expanding incident, the City of Black Hawk's EOC would be activated and the NIMS and ICS management would take form in order to meet the needs of the incident.

In addition, the ICS enables the City to:

- Identify the key concerns associated with the incident—most often under urgent conditions—without sacrificing attention to any component of the command system;
- Allow personnel from a variety of agencies to meld rapidly into a common management structure;
- Provide logistical and administrative support to operational staff; and
- Be cost effective by avoiding duplication of efforts.

All City of Black Hawk employees are educated in the procedures and principals of the NIMS and ICS. City employees who play a role in the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) attend additional trainings to further build upon these basic principles.

"Above and beyond our daily operations, there is potential for an incident to expand. For that reason, it is important that City staff is trained to the national standards," said Emergency Manager and Fire Chief Don Taylor. "City leadership is to be commended for taking a proactive approach in adopting the NIMS and the staff for meeting the national training standards."



Fire Engineer Jason Christian shares with the room his group's examples of the proper response actions using the Incident Command System.



Designated Black Hawk Emergency Operations Center staff participated in FEMA course ICS-300 at the Robert A. Clark Emergency Operations Center.

Designated Black Hawk EOC staff recently attended an advanced training to further their knowledge on the application of the ICS. The course, titled ICS-300, was a two-day event that allowed attendees to participate in simulated incident actions, develop action plans as part of the system, and become better acquainted with the NIMS and ICS protocols.

The next step in the City's emergency preparedness efforts will be to begin training exercises using the Emergency Operations Center.



Emergency Management of the City of Black Hawk is under the direction of Fire Chief/Emergency Manager Don Taylor. Emergency Management plans for response to emergencies and disasters, and coordinates the activities of the City during an actual incident.

Each level of government is responsible to handle their own emergency until the emergency exceeds its capabilities or resources. The City's Emergency Operations Plan is ready to activate at a moment's notice.

FINANCE

As we move into 2018, it is a good time to visit the City of Black Hawk 2018 Annual Budget. On December 13, 2017, the Black Hawk City Council adopted the 2018 Annual Budget.

The 2018 Budget maintains City services at current levels and holds fees at 2017 levels in most cases. Operating expenditures will be consistent with the prior year, with minor increases in personnel, utilities and other services.

Capital Projects for 2018 include the completion of the St. Charles Carriage Parking Structure and improvements to other neighboring properties along Gregory Street.

With the continued decline in the total number of gaming devices available for play in Black Hawk, a ballot question was presented to residents for consideration.

On November 1, 2017 the electors of the City of Black Hawk approved an increase to the Device Fee charged on Table Games with Live Dealers.

The new fee will be four times the Device Fee, currently \$1,050, charged on slot machines.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Simple Password Security

There has been a lot of talk lately revolving around the complexity (or lack thereof) in passwords, for years the security gurus have harped about creating complicated passwords to secure your accounts.

The process for creating these secure passwords involved using non dictionary words with symbols, the goal was to get people to stop using simple to guess passwords like password123 and start using a more complex one like @rtI\$4N.

Let's look at the example password @rtI\$4N it's a 7 character password that has special symbols, upper and lowercase letters, and is not based on a dictionary word. At first glance it looks more secure than the simple option but several strategies exist to break this kind of password, here are a couple of examples:

1) Password Guessing. The oldest of the password cracking methods is simply to guess, if a shady character happens to know that you are a person who likes character substitution (and finely crafted items) they will see @rtI\$4N as artisan and include that word in their list of guesses. (@=A, \$=S, 4=A)

2) Brute Force. If guessing does not yield any success the next step is to let a computer try millions of combinations until it finds a match, a process that can take mere seconds to minutes. A list of character substitutions is also used with this method.

1. **Use a password manager.** A password manager is a program that generates and stores passwords in an encrypted format; you set one master password to secure 10's to 1000's. You don't have to try to remember long passwords which can enable you to create a different password for each account you own. If an account does get hacked you only have to deal with one account and not your entire online footprint.

2. **Enable two-factor Authentication:** Two-Factor authentication gives an added layer by using something only you possess (like your cell phone) to verify you are signing in. It works by sending an additional temporary code to your phone which you have to enter along with your regular username and password.

3. **Use passphrases.** A passphrase is simply a long password and can be as simple as a mini sentence that has been rearranged like StatementIs*ThisSecure or simple words grouped together, for example **DogPianoAnimalInstrument6**. Those are examples of really secure and easy to remember passwords where a password like %FD87,jhF(+/- is less secure and very difficult to remember.

Using the aforementioned strategies will increase your security on-line and decrease the likelihood of someone gaining unauthorized access to one of your accounts. Right now these methods are "good enough" but in the very near future it may be a different strategy in place to protect your on-line security, it's always a good idea to revisit and update any security methodologies you have in place. Stay safe.



HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Gregory Street Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

It was not that long ago that Black Hawk was just another sleepy place where most buildings and businesses were in poor condition or closed. There just was not much to get the Denverites and tourists to drive up the canyon to visit Black Hawk. In 1991, after years of economic decline and deteriorating infrastructure, a



Black Hawk Hardware Store on Gregory in 1980's

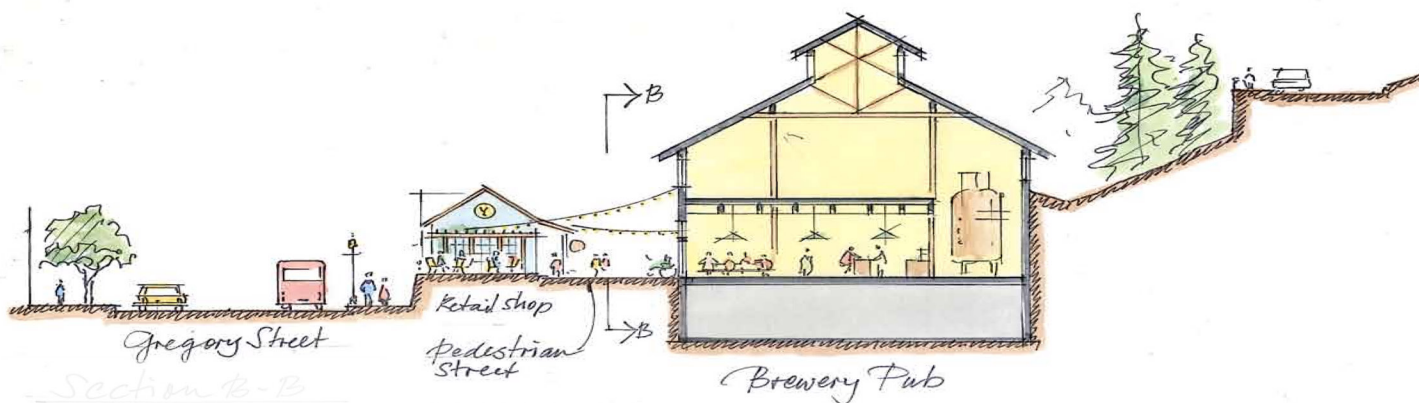
ballot measure was passed allowing limited-stakes gaming in Colorado. Two small casinos opened in historic Black Hawk structures, launching a revitalization that would allow the City to eventually become Colorado's premier gaming center.

To further the development of Black Hawk, plans were made to create Colorado's first gaming-centric resort destination. These plans included the realignment of Gregory Street to pave the way for a pedestrian friendly, retail, and hospitality plaza to broaden Black Hawk's economy and appeal.

On March 27, 2013 the History Appreciation Recreation Destination District (HARD District®) was established allowing the City of Black Hawk to provide recreation and destination activities for the residents and visitors of the City of Black Hawk. On October 23, 2013 The Gaming Outstanding Lodging and Dining District (GOLD District®) was established and represents the core of the gaming and entertainment area of the City of Black Hawk.

As adopted by the City Council on October 23, 2013 a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Chapter V: H. Gregory Street Sub-Area Plan is an effort to preserve Black Hawk's rich history. The proposed Sub-Area will utilize some old residential homes and strong 2-3 story flat-faced commercial architecture common to the 19th century mining era. To help preserve its historic character, significant alternations have been made to Gregory Street that necessitated rehabilitation, repair, restoration, additions, and new development of buildings in the Sub-Area of Gregory Street as well as the needed and associated infrastructure.

The conceptual plans envisioned a pedestrian style plaza, additional public parking, cafe, restaurants, brew pub, entertainment and a lot more! Restored and new facilities in the Sub-Area will be dedicated to serving the public and create new opportunity for Black Hawk by adding another destination resort component in the City.



Historical Highlights

Thus began the demolition of buildings that could not be salvaged or relocated for future use and bidding out the various phases of the project. Most



noticable to residents and visitors alike in the realignment of Gregory Street are the new sidewalks, retainer walls, and open spaces for new buildings. The current phase of the redevelopment on Gregory Street is the new St. Charles Carriage House parking garage. The construction phase for the new 124 parking space garage is anticipated to be completed in July 2018. There are plans in the



Gregory Street - ready for new development

future for the Lace House and others that were relocated on to Gregory Street to be viewable by the public. The Bobtail Mine as a tourist attraction is also being considered.



On October 17, 2017 the City of Black Hawk was pleased to celebrate the completion of the realignment of Gregory Street underground infrastructure. The event was attended by Mayor David D. Spellman, , City Manager Jack Lewis, State Senator Tim Neville, Board of Alderman, residents,



and staff. You'll really notice these exciting changes when you come up to Black Hawk," said Mayor Spellman. "This phase of the redevelopment plan sets the stage for the coming pedestrian-friendly retail and hospitality plaza, with distilleries, restaurants, breweries, and more."

Excerpt from Business Den on October 17, 2017

Black Hawk isn't just for blackjack anymore.

The little gambling hub completed its first phase in a redevelopment meant to increase tourism. Mayor David Spellman said the city has spent \$7.75 million for projects including the realignment of Gregory Street sewer, water and underground infrastructure. It's all part of a \$20 million redevelopment to broaden visitors' interests.

Spellman said he plans to turn the mile-long stretch into a retail and commercial center, complete with a brewery, distillery and shops selling Colorado-made products.





Mayor David D. Spellman speaking at the Gregory Street Redevelopment Ceremony

For Spellman, the project is also personal.

His family roots weave deeply into the town's history, as his great-great-grandmother moved to Black Hawk in 1861 at the height of the town's mining glory, and he has worked for the city for 30 years – 11 as its mayor. The city is funding the project from Black Hawk casino revenue, which makes up 85 percent of Colorado's \$100 million from gaming taxes.

"Everyone came because of mining," Spellman said. "We are at a point that we have the resources to really curate and celebrate the history of Black Hawk." In addition to Gregory Street retail and commercial developments, he said, the city acquired 600 acres of open space for hiking and mountain biking. Right now, trails consist mainly of the Gilpin Tramway, a path following historic mining routes. More hotel rooms are also coming online. Monarch Casino is adding a 500-room hotel. The city's goal is to triple its hotel occupancy from 1,000 rooms to 3,000, Spellman said.

"Black Hawk is the premier gaming destination in Colorado," Spellman said. "We ultimately believe that we will grow the entire market by doing this, by becoming a resort destination."

In 2018, the city will renovate six historic properties on Gregory Street, four of which are residential properties, to repurpose them for retail. The city also is creating a pedestrian plaza area and will display historic artifacts, including fire engines, Spellman said.



Residential Properties to be refurbished for future use.





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