



BUENA VISTA QUARTERLY CONNECTION

3rd Quarter 2020

VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

It's drier than usual this year and we need everyone to use water efficiently.

We ask that you abide by the following outside watering schedule:

Odd number addresses: Tuesday – Thursday – Saturday

Even number addresses: Wednesday – Friday – Sunday

Please water between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Call Public Works at 719-395-6898 if you have any questions.

MAKE EVERY DROP COUNT!!

As we enter irrigation season, here are a few key tips to make the most of this vital resource:

- ⇒ Adjust your sprinklers for max efficiency
- ⇒ Check irrigation systems for leaks
- ⇒ Add mulch around plants and trees
- ⇒ Install soil moisture and water sensors
- ⇒ Water at night when evaporation levels are low
- ⇒ Turn sprinklers off when it's raining or during high winds



A reminder that if you water during the heat of the day, you may lose approximately 50% of the water to evaporation. These measures will help reduce the likelihood that mandatory water restrictions will become necessary.

Thank you for your help!

Labor Day
Monday, September 7
Town Offices will be closed

Meetings of
Board of Trustees
7:00 p.m., Community Center

Tuesday, August 11

Tuesday, August 25

Tuesday, September 8

Tuesday, September 22

Tuesday, October 13

Tuesday, October 27



CODE CORNER

BY GRANT BRYANS,
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With summer once more upon us, we are seeing a slight uptick in bear calls. While this is no reason for concern, it does create a good moment to discuss how to keep ourselves and the local bear population safe. We all know that as summer wanes into fall, a bear's one motivation is food. It is our job as mountain neighbors to make getting food from humans as difficult as possible. In order to accomplish this, we have to think about our trash. Town code requires that your trash can have a lid, and while this is good to help combat the winds, it doesn't slow a bear down at all. The solution is keeping your trash inside until pickup day, either in a garage or a trash enclosure. The less time the container is sitting full in an easily accessible location, the better for the bears.

If you are lucky enough to have fruit trees on your property, you should get into the habit of picking up every piece that falls to the ground. This fruit is easy forage, and attracts bears to your yard like flies to sugar.

Together we can all do our part to help keep our wild neighbors safe.

Questions? Contact Grant Bryans
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Direct: 719-581-1024



A WORD ABOUT YARD SIGNS....

A yard sign in a residential zone (R1, R1OT, R2, R2OT, MU-1, MU-2) can be no larger than six (6) square feet in size, cannot be up for more than 90 days, must be located on private property (no city parks, no public rights-of-way, etc.), and can only be posted with the property owner's permission. For all other zones (MU-MS, I, and HC) all the same rules apply, except the sign can be up to sixteen (16) square feet in size. If any sign (political or otherwise) is found to be in violation, it will be pulled. If the sign is advertising a local candidate, Town staff will contact the individual and return the sign.



BV REC UPDATE

New opportunities to engage in BV Rec programs are emerging each day. To stay up to speed on our offerings, please check out www.buenavistarec.com or call 719-395-1939. If you would like to make a reservation at the Community Center, please call 719-581-1029.

The following facilities are OPEN* with posted restrictions and guidelines:

- The Buena Vista Dog Park
- Pump Track
- Tennis/Pickleball Courts
- Skate Park
- Disc Golf Course
- Town Trail Systems
- Town Fields and General Park Areas
- Play Structures - Columbine Park, Community Center Park, McPhelemy Park, Millie Crymble Park, Rocks and Ropes Park, South Main Town Square Boulders
- All Pavilions and Picnic Areas
- BV Community Center - Closed to the public but starting July 1, private reservations are available for groups under 10 people for the Aspen Room and under 20 people for the Pinon Room with social distancing restrictions.



Buena Vista's in-town open spaces and trails remain open to residents of Buena Vista and Chaffee County. When outside, remember to always practice physical distancing. Avoid congregating in groups and only recreate with your immediate family or housemates. Expect limited services and bring your own hand sanitizer. Most importantly be safe and have some FUN. As it relates to Special Events, this summer is shaping up to be a little different as many special event organizers are postponing their annual events in the interest of public safety. We are starting to see some traditional social gatherings which are following the local health agency's recommendations.

For up-to-date announcements and more information please refer to these sites.
Website: buenavistarec.com / Facebook: [@BVParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/BVParksandRec) / Instagram: [@BVRecreation](https://www.instagram.com/BVRecreation)

We look forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as possible! Thank you.