



## BUENA VISTA QUARTERLY CONNECTION

2nd Quarter 2020

### CHAFFEE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

Colorado's ongoing business closures have left hundreds of local individuals and families in financial straits. If you need cash to pay your rent or utilities, to buy groceries or medicine, or to meet other needs, we urge you to apply for assistance.

The first step is to call the Chaffee County Department of Human Services at 719-530-2500. If there is no answer, **leave a voice message**, as staff check their inbox every 30 minutes. You can also send an email to [chaffeebenefits@state.co.us](mailto:chaffeebenefits@state.co.us).



DHS will let you know if you qualify for emergency cash assistance from their resources. If you don't have kids at home, you probably won't qualify—but you still **must contact DHS first**. Then DHS will forward your application to CCCF. One of their volunteer board members will review it, may call you to ask a few questions, and will then make a decision. A few key facts:

- To be eligible, you must be a full-time resident of Chaffee County facing economic hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Cash grants are \$500 per household member or \$1,000 per household per month.
- You can receive more than one grant, but for now the limit is \$2,000 per year.
- Self-employed people and independent contractors can qualify.
- We are focusing on those with the greatest need. If you earned more than 120% of area median income before you lost income, you won't qualify right now.

If you are not suffering economically during this crisis, we urge you to consider making a donation to the Emergency Response Fund. Go to [chaffeecommunity.org](http://chaffeecommunity.org) for more information.

**Memorial Day**  
**Monday, May 25**

**Independence Day**  
(observed)  
**Friday, July 3**

**Town Offices will be closed**

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

**Tuesday, May 12**

**Tuesday, May 26**

**Tuesday, June 9**

**Tuesday, June 23**

**Tuesday, July 7**

**Tuesday, July 28**

## IMPORTANT 2020 CENSUS INFORMATION

To meet the constitutional and legislative requirements to count the U.S. population, we urge Buena Vista residents to complete their 2020 Census at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) or by phone at (844) 330-2020.

For those who have yet to receive their census invitation or paper questionnaire, it's OK to move forward with completing the census form online or by phone. Simply use your address in lieu of your user ID.



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Results from the 2020 Census count will:

- ◇ Determine the number of seats Colorado has in the House of Representatives.
- ◇ Guide federal funding.
- ◇ Provide data that will impact our community for the next 10 years.

The current deadline to respond to the 2020 Census is August 14, 2020.

Questions? Contact Chaffee County Census Coordinator April Obholz Bergeler at [census@chaffeecounty.org](mailto:census@chaffeecounty.org) or (303) 359-4729.

Fill out the census today at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)!

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## REC UPDATE

A lot has happened since the last newsletter, and we are all experiencing many changes to our daily lives. We appreciate your patience and your continued support of Buena Vista and BV Rec. Our department is working hard to service our community daily and to keep planning for the future. Below are a few updates to keep you up to speed.

In the interest of the safety of our community, we are following County Health Department guidance and have postponed all BV Rec programs, Community Center rentals, and events. Our two largest spring programs, the Adult Coed Volleyball League and Youth Soccer League, have unfortunately been canceled. All participants will receive a full refund and we look forward to new programming opportunities this summer.

Our teams continue to disinfect the Community Center building in preparation for returning to normal operations. We are taking reservations for future events, and we encourage you to give us a call at 719-581-1029 so we can discuss how best to serve you.

As it relates to Special Events, some organizers are deciding to postpone their annual events in the interest of public safety. So far, the following events have been changed:

- BV 720 Mountain Bike and Funduro Race (April 25-26): Postponed, date TBD
- Collegiate Peaks Trail Run (May 2nd): Cancelled / will return in 2021
- CKS Paddlefest and Spirit Trail Run (May 24th): Cancelled / will return in 2021
- Bike Fest (June 6th): Cancelled / will return in 2021
- Rapids and Grass (July 4th): Cancelled / will return in 2021
- Out Living It Fest (July 17-19): Postponed, date TBD

For up-to-date announcements and more information please refer to these sites:

Website - [buenavistarec.com](https://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.

Shane, Ben, and Earl - BV Rec / Stay Happy, Stay Healthy



## CODE CORNER

BY GRANT BRYANS,  
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Happy spring! I hope that this Code Corner finds you and your family safe and healthy. I want to let you know about some changes to our Code that might affect you. As of March 26, 2020, camping on public property (parks, streets, public lots) is prohibited, unless it's in conjunction with a special event permit. Parking your RV or utility trailer in the town right-of-way (on-street parking) is allowed for no more than 72 hours per week.

Camping on your property in an RV or tent is allowed for 21 user days per calendar quarter, **as long as you get a Town-issued permit**. The permit is **free** and available online. The permits will be tracked and logged. The 'user days' limit is a point that bears attention. If you have more than one RV or campsite being used, each is counted as a day (2 RVs overnight = 2 user days). The Town is also now asking that when you store your camping vehicle that you do not keep it plugged in, the water connected, or pop outs employed—otherwise we will assume it to be occupied.

While camping is a valued form of recreation, we do not wish our neighborhoods to be overrun with campers. The Town wants people to enjoy their property while still observing rules that are fair for everyone.

Questions? Contact Grant Bryans  
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