

For Months April 2014 – May 2014

## NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

**INFORMATION – Town Hall Closed:** The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day Holiday, and will be re-open for business on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**INFORMATION – Annual Pet Clinic:** The annual pet clinic will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Location will be the Town Garage, behind the Town Hall at 504 San Juan Avenue. Dr. Annie Schultz will administer vaccines for dogs and cats. Town Ordinances require dogs to have current rabies shots on record and current dog licenses. Clerks will be present to license your dogs for the new season. The 2013 dog tags expire on June 30, 2014. Look for posters and notices that will be placed throughout town in May.

**REMINDER - Burning Yard Waste:** Residents are allowed to burn yard waste only (leaves and twigs). Household waste MAY NOT be burned. You must call the Town Hall at 655-2232 prior to burning, and the staff will notify the Sheriff's Office. If you are going to burn on a weekend, please call the Town Hall on the Friday before. Please be aware of the dryness in the area. Practice safety, do not burn if it is windy, and always be sure to have a source of water nearby. Never leave a fire unsupervised. If you burn off the overgrowth in a Town ditch, remove the ashes and dispose of them in your regular waste. The ashes cannot be left in the ditch. Thank you.

**REMINDER – Alley ways and Town Right-of-way cleanup:** Residence of properties that border a town alley are responsible to maintain ½ the width of the alley way itself. Check for branches that are hanging over into the alley. Property owners are also responsible for maintaining their property and any Town property that adjoins their property, up to the curb line of the street. Helping to maintain the alleys and portion of the right-of-ways residents are responsible for makes a difference and is appreciated.

**REMINDER: Keep ditches clean from debris:** Property owners with ditches adjacent to their properties are asked to keep ditches clean of debris. When you cut your grass at the ditches, please rake area and discard the vegetation either to your mulch pile or in your trash bin. Keeping our ditches clean will keep them clean for water flow through Town to benefit our trees and avoid backup overflows.

**REMINDER Dogs Running at Large:** Please remember that dogs in Saguache must be under their owner's control at all times. Dogs are not to run loose in Town. Dogs that are running loose may be picked up and taken to the shelter, which means owners will incur fees for retrieval. In addition, the owner may be cited into municipal court. For the safety and comfort of all residents, and to avoid necessary expense and difficulty, please keep your dog leashed or fenced at all times.

**REMINDER – CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR DOG:** Please remember while you are taking your dog (s) for walks throughout town, to please clean up after them. Also please avoid letting them urinate on town property (i.e. benches, light poles, etc...), especially on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The town has also placed “mutt mitt” collection bags at Otto Mears Park for your use. Thank you.

**REMINDER - Responsibilities for Sewer Mains/Lines:** Per Resolution 2007-C, the Town will be responsible for all necessary repairs and/or replacement of the sewer service line from the main to the private property line. Auguring the line will be the responsibility of the private property owner from his/her property to the town's sewer main wherever that is located. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Hall at 655-2232.

**REMINDER – Watering of Yards or Trees:** At this time there are no water restrictions. However, please conserve water. Usually watering 30-45 minutes in one area is sufficient for grass, shrubs, and trees. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE WATER RUNNING OVERNIGHT. Ice build-up on grass, shrubs, and trees will stunt the growth. Water is a precious resource; use it wisely.

**REMINDER – Water and Sewer Late Fees:** The Town wants to remind water and sewer customers that Town Staff and trustees will not waive late fees for any reason. If you are having trouble paying your bill, please call Town Hall (655-2232) for a list of agencies and groups that may be able to help. Please remember late fees are added to accounts that have not paid by the end of the business day on the 16<sup>th</sup>. If the 16<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday, late fees are added at the end of the next business day.