

Garden City Gab

Commercial and Residential Revitalization Grants, Pavement Grants, Fence Grants, Water Rebates, Landscape Vouchers.....Check inside this newsletter for details!

8th AVENUE AND BEYOND!

Downtown Colorado Inc. spent two days in Garden City in January. They met with residents, business owners, elected officials, town staff and contractors. They listened to everyone's hopes, dreams and ideas. They returned to their offices and have been working on a future plan for 8th Avenue and Garden City for the past few months. One of the visions that DCI had was for the Town to purchase the old Lisa's Bar property to make way for green space, parking, cross walks and low intensity office and retail space. That property has been purchased and plans are in progress for the demolition. DCI has lots of great ideas. Their final report is on the town's web site. townofgardencity.com We will be scheduling another public meeting in the near future as we move forward with implementing the plan. You will begin to see changes popping up around town and hopefully you will want to be part of them! Please contact Town Hall or a Board Member to discuss any revitalization ideas that you may have. Everyone's input is important!



Garden City's 3rd Annual Bootleggin' celebration will be held on August 21 & 22, 2015. GCBA has been finalizing plans for the event! New this year is a free bbq on Friday night! In addition, there will be live music, vendors, a larger children's area and also new is the regional brewers competition! More details will be announced as they develop. Mark your calendar for what promises to be a great weekend in Garden City. If you would like to volunteer to work at the event, please contact the Clerk's Office at Town Hall 970-351-0041 to sign up today!

MAY

1st, 2nd, 3rd

2015

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS

It's time for Spring Clean-Up Days again on May 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Dumpsters will be located at four locations around town at 27th St Rd across from Town Hall and on 7th Avenue next to the park. On 6th Ave and 26th St at Knights of Columbus and on 9th Ave and 27th St at the Kendrick's. The Board of Trustees is pleased to offer this free service to all residents and business owners in Garden City. Please be sure to get all of your debris into the dumpsters and do not leave anything on the ground or in the surrounding area. No toxic chemicals, appliances containing Freon or batteries are allowed to be placed into the dumpsters. Please contact the Town Hall at 351-0041 for information about the County's Hazardous Materials collection site.

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RESIDENTIAL REVITALIZATION GRANT

SPRINGTIME IS THE BEST TIME TO GET SOME OF THOSE PROJECTS CROSSED OFF THE LIST! YARD CLEAN UP, FENCES, LANDSCAPING, HOME IMPROVEMENTS! GARDEN CITY HAS LOTS OF PROGRAMS TO HELP YOU GET THE JOB DONE!

On January 21, 2014, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 01-2014 creating the Single Family Residential Revitalization Grant Program. Residents may submit an application for a grant in the Clerk's Office Monday through Friday between 9AM and 4PM. Grants will be awarded to reimburse property owners for 50% of their improvement project up to a maximum grant amount of \$3000.00. To be considered for the grant you must complete an application, a grant agreement, include before and after pictures of the project and at least two contractors' estimates. Projects that may be considered for a grant include painting, siding, windows, doors and other restoration or renovation projects. Projects that are not eligible for a grant include roofing, mechanical, interior or exterior rear only projects. Please call for more information. 351-0041.

The staff in the Clerk's Office can assist you with the application process for any of the grant programs that we offer.
970-351-0041

Elm and Ash Tree Spraying

American Turf and Tree Care will be spraying Elm and Ash trees again in 2015. Each resident or business owner will be contacted to sign a consent form and discuss the project. There will be no charge to the homeowner or business owner. Ash Trees will be sprayed April 21st. Elm trees will be sprayed in mid May and a second application will be done in mid July. We are still working on a new tree planting program for this year! The Board is gathering information about the best trees to plant in town, then interested property owners can consent to have a tree planted on their property.

GARDEN CITY LANDSCAPE VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Town has again partnered with Happy Life Gardens at 2000 W. 37th Street Evans, CO to offer a voucher program to residents and businesses in Garden City. The voucher may be used like a gift certificate to purchase up to \$100.00 worth of landscaping materials such as plants, bushes, mulch, soil or other landscaping supplies for your property. To qualify, you must come into Town Hall to apply for

your voucher by May 29, 2015. You may also be required to apply for the Beautify Garden City Water Rebate Program discussed on page 3 at the same time. You will be given a return date to come back to Town Hall to claim your voucher. The staff at Happy Life can answer questions and make suggestions for your particular yard or garden, so be sure to ask when you're there! If you wish to purchase landscaping materials above the \$100.00 provided by the voucher, Happy Life Gardens will give you a 10% discount on whatever you spend. Another great program for our residents and businesses!



HAPPY PLANTING!

REVITALIZATION AND PAVEMENT GRANTS 2015

Again in 2015 there are two additional types of grants available to assist Garden City Businesses. The Revitalization Grant and the Pavement Grant. In January 2015, the Board voted to increase the matching funds for a third year. In 2014, \$55,042.92 in Revitalization and Pavement Grants was awarded. For the Revitalization Grant, the Town will match 50% of facade improvements up to a maximum grant of \$8000.00. For the Pavement Grant, the Town will match up to 50% of parking lot improvements up to a maximum grant of \$8000.00. By Resolution, the increase in matching funds and the increase in total grants awarded is approved for 2015 only. Business owners may also apply for a fence grant. See details regarding fence grants on the following page. Now is the time to make those improvements to your building! Multi-family properties are included in the Commercial Revitalization Grant Program. For an application or more information-call 351-0041.

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GARDEN CITY FENCE GRANT PROGRAM

In January 2015, The Board of Trustees renewed the Fence Grant Program for another year for Garden City property owners. A fence grant is matching funds for the renovation or construction of an approved fencing project in Garden City. The maximum grant amount is \$3000.00. The grant will provide 50% of the cost of the project (\$3000 max) for projects in which a contractor is hired to complete the project. The grant

provides 75% of the cost of the project (\$3000 max) for projects in which a contractor is not hired and the property owner is providing the labor. Resolution No. 03-2015 states that there are 13 mini grants available for 2015. To qualify, the applicant must submit an application before November 1, 2015. The project must be completed within 2 months after submission and no later than December 31, 2015. The application shall include the proposed project,

the proposed fencing materials, the cost of the project and 'before pictures'. The Board of Trustees will serve as the grant committee. No grants will be paid until all work has been completed and 'after pictures' have been submitted to Town Hall. Grantees will also be required to sign a grant agreement which states that the fence will be kept in good repair for 5 years from the date that the grant is issued. Please call Town Hall for more information. 351-0041.

BEAUTIFY GARDEN CITY LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT AND WATER REBATE PROGRAM

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The Board of Trustees has approved the Landscape Improvement and Water Rebate Program for 2015. This program is intended to offset some of the costs of the water to assist residents who want to plant grass or a garden or do some other improvement project in your yard. The application must be submitted by May 29, 2015. You must attach pictures of your yard before the improvements and a copy of a recent water bill from the City of Greeley. September 15, 2015 will be the end of the program and at that

time you will submit pictures of your improvements and a copy of your May, June, July and August water bills. If your project is approved, the Town will reimburse you 50% of your water bills up to a maximum \$400.00 rebate per household per year. The Board understands the high cost of water and the burden that can put on your household and provides this program to help ease some of the costs. Please take advantage of this program this summer and help make Garden City a more beautiful place to live.

OUTREACH CENTER!

GARDEN CITY OUTREACH CENTER is located in the basement of Town Hall. The Center offers assistance to residents on Wednesdays from 10-Noon. Assistance is available at other times by appointment. Some of the items that are available are gently-used clothing, toiletries, non-perishable food and blankets just to name a few. Center volunteers will also be able to give residents information about other County and State programs that may be available. Please call the Town Hall for more information!

NATIONAL NIGHT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD POTLUCK WHERE RESIDENTS CAN MEET AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. STAFF WILL REGISTER TOWN KIDS AND GRANDKIDS FOR BACKPACKS. SEE YOU ON TUESDAY AUGUST 4, 2015 AT 5 PM. INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED IN JULY!

From The Mayor:

- * Hello Everyone! Spring has sprung! I'm very excited and there is so much work to be done!
- * I would like to welcome Taqueria Rancho Alegre to Garden City. If you haven't tried their food...you should! It is very delicious!
- * I want to remind everyone to take advantage of all of the Grant Programs that Garden City has to offer to our residents and all of our businesses. We have a water rebate, fence grant, residential and commercial facade grants and pavement improvement grants. We also have Happy Life Landscape Vouchers for those who love to garden. Don't forget to take pictures of your projects before you begin them and after you finish. Applications will not be accepted without 'before' pictures or paid without 'after' pictures. Pictures are the responsibility of the applicant, not the Clerk's Office. Please contact Cheryl or Juli at the office for more information. 970-351-0041.
- * The Town has purchased the property where Lisa's Bar was located and we are all very excited to get busy with our Main Street and Beyond Improvements. We will be installing sidewalks, grass, trees, plants and other items along 8th Avenue. Everyone's input is very important to us so if you have any ideas to share, we would love to hear them. Please come to a meeting on the first or third Tuesday of the month to share your ideas. I can't wait to see some of our ideas put into action!
- * I would also like to thank the Garden City Business Association for all of their time and hard work. They continue to focus on making Garden City a better place to live and do business. They will be a big part of our 8th Avenue and Beyond projects. They are also forming a 'Facade Squad' of volunteers to work on facade improvement projects. Please contact President Brian Seifried at gardencityba.com or call the Town Hall at 351-0041 for more information.
- * We will have Spring Clean Up Days on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. If you have any questions, call 351-0041.
- * If there is anything that I can help you with, please call me at 970-313-7532 or send me an email at mayor@townofgardencity.com I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer!

Lonelle

GARDEN CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT

Weed season is upon us again...with a vengeance. Officer Joe Bain has been very successful in bringing non-compliant properties into compliance and educating business and residents regarding Garden City codes. Code Enforcement is necessary as our Town grows and all of our buildings become occupied. It is important for everyone to uphold the codes in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community as a whole and also to preserve your property values. If you receive a Notice of Violation from the Town, you will have 10 days to correct the issue for re-inspection. If the issue is not resolved within the 10 days, you will receive a summons to Municipal Court and will appear before the Municipal Judge regarding your violation. Following is a list of code issues that will generate a violation when not adhered to:

Vehicles must be licensed and operable. No dirt or other debris piles are allowed. All weeds must be kept cut close to the ground. Noxious plants and undesirable growths and brush must be controlled or destroyed. No encroachment or obstruction on any street, sidewalk, curb or other public place may exist. Premises must be kept clean and orderly, no trash accumulation. This is a partial list and does not represent the Garden City Code in its entirety. The most important thing to remember is that if you get a Notice of Code Violation from the Code Enforcement Officer, take care of the violation immediately so that the issue does not become a matter for the Courts. If we all work together, our Town will be a desirable and safe little community. Thank you in advance for your diligence regarding the condition of your property.

WEEDS MUST BE KEPT CUT CLOSE TO THE GROUND

OWNERS OF UNLICENSED DOGS OR DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE WILL BE ISSUED A SUMMONS

A DOG THAT IS OFF OF ITS OWNERS PROPERTY AND NOT ON A LEASH IS CONSIDERED RUNNING AT LARGE

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING CODE ENFORCEMENT IN GARDEN CITY PLEASE CALL OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JOE BAIN AT 590-8376