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# City of Brush Election News

Are you registered to vote in the upcoming November 4, 2014, Election?

The City of Brush will be participating with a ballot question pertaining to the support of fire equipment for the Brush Voluntary Firefighters to the registered voters as follows:

SHALL BRUSH'S SALES AND USE TAX REVENUES BE INCREASED BY \$200,000 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2015) AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER IN SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RECEIVED EACH YEAR, BY INCREASING SALES AND USE TAX RATES BY FORTY ONE-HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.40%), EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015, WITH SUCH TAXES TO BE INCREASED FOR THE PURPOSES OF CREATING A FINANCING MECHANISM, INDEPENDENT OF THE ESTABLISHED ITEMS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET, FOR THE PURCHASE, REPLACEMENT, AND IMPROVEMENT OF FIREFIGHTING VEHICLES, SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND GEAR, FIRE STATION BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS, TRAINING FACILITIES, AND OTHER FIRE RELATED ITEMS; AND SHALL SUCH TAX REVENUES AND EARNINGS ON SUCH REVENUES BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR ANY OTHER LAW, INCLUDING PART 3 OF ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 29, C.R.S.?

This Election will be conducted by mail-in ballot.

If not already a registered voter, you may register at the following locations:

- ? Morgan County Clerk and Records Office, 231 Ensign Street, Fort Morgan, CO
- ? Office of the City Clerk, 600 Edison, Brush, CO
- ? The web site to vote online is [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com)

The Mail-In and Online Voter Registration Application deadline is October 28. You may register in person through Election Day, however it is suggested you register prior to October 28.

Ballots will be mailed to you beginning October 14. You can return your ballot by mail or in person at the Morgan County Clerk's Office, located at 231 Ensign in Fort Morgan, from October 14-November 4.

Voter Service Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 4th to receive ballots. These Voting Centers will be located at the Morgan County Admin Building, 231 Ensign, Fort Morgan, the Morgan County Fairgrounds, 750 Ellsworth, Brush and Wiggins Fire Hall, 701 Central Ave., Wiggins.

If you have any questions about the election process or the ballot, call or come by City Hall and talk to our City Clerk Andrea Strand.

# A Smooth Ride Around

The Pioneer Skate park is finally done! After a couple years of patiently waiting, you can grab your skateboard and ride around and do tricks (or watch others do it) on the newest skate park around. The initial plans for the skate park began about three years ago when a handful of meetings were held to decide if we wanted a skate park, and where in Brush! it would be located. Once that was determined, a meeting with local youth was held to actually design what it would like. A grant request was then submitted to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), but wasn't accepted until the third time around. Once received, the project was put out to bid, constructed, and voila! there is Pioneer Skate Park!

Thanks to GOCO and our local donors, the Brush Grocery Kart and the Joslin/Needham Foundation; as well as all the citizens who supported and helped make it happen. We hope to see it used for years by our community members, young and old, who like to go big or go home. Just do it as safely as you can!



The City is on  
**facebook**

In case you didn't know, the City of Brush! has three different facebook pages you can follow:

The City of Brush!  
Recreation  
Police Department

You can also follow the City  
on twitter as well.



Find those links on our website: [brushcolo.com](http://brushcolo.com)

Be sure to often check out the City's employment page at [brushcolo.com](http://brushcolo.com). A variety of opportunities do occasionally open up, and the City is a wonderful entity to work for.



## Phase 4 Project Postponed

Our final phase to complete the downtown stormwater project has been postponed. The project was opened up for bids in August, but none were submitted. The reason is ultimately unknown, but there are many projects around the state that have had the same issue lately. Some think that there are simply so many street projects happening and not enough companies available to do them. Whether that is true or not, we don't know, but we will open up the project for bid again next year.

The Phase 4 project consists of putting in larger stormwater lines that connect to the work done on Clayton Street in the previous phase. Those lines will head east on Eaton Street to a property purchased by the City for a storm water retention pond. This final phase should alleviate the majority of flooding in the downtown. Currently when we get a lot of rain, with the smaller water lines still in place and no where for the water to quickly go, the capacity to hold the water in the stormwater fills up and backs up. We look forward to Phase 4 be completed in 2015.

## Branches Disposal

Need to get rid of all those branches from trimming the trees and bushes? On Saturday, October 19th, the City will help make it happen. From 8-4 in the parking lot across from the garage at City Hall (next to the Post Office), City employees will be there all day to collect and dispose of all those branches. If you haven't already, now is also a great time to do trimming and pruning on your trees and shrubs; and this is a great opportunity to get rid of what is left on the ground when you're done!



# It's Oktoberfest Time



On Saturday, September 27th, is our annual Oktoberfest put on by the Chamber of Commerce. There is much to be a part of in addition to the extensive downtown street fair. We have our Volksmarch starting things off at 9 AM, a Car/Motorcycle Show, craft

and food booths, live stage entertainment, games and activities for kids, a dog show, sidewalk art and live polka band 5-9 PM, beer garden from 10am-8pm, German band and dancers performing 1-2pm in the entertainment tent and 5-7pm in the beer garden, and a Burgermeister Tisch (Mayor's Table) in the beer garden at 6pm. A Friday Night Casual Cruise-In will also be happening at 6:30 PM at the Brush Grocery Kart where you can enjoy music, conversation and cool cars & motorcycles!



In preparation for Oktoberfest, here is some German expressions to keep tucked away in case you need to use them:

## German

Ich liebe Oktoberfest!  
Guten morgen.  
Guten nacht.  
Ich suche die toilette.  
  
Ich habe hunger.  
Ich müde von fuß.  
Toll auto!

## English

I love Oktoberfest!  
Good morning.  
Good night.  
I'm looking for the restroom.  
  
I'm hungry.  
I'm tired of walking.  
Great car!

# I-76 Project Finale

The end is near. For the past year and a half, we have gotten pretty used to seeing construction workers, construction vehicles, people directing us around the entrances and exits from the Interstate, road closures, and a whole lot of cones. All that will be wrapping up soon, and to show for it, we will have 6 miles of new interstate road, 13 new bridges, a new box culvert, and easier redesigned on and off ramps. The project is slated to be wrapping up throughout the month of October.



In addition to the \$39.6 million project, The City of Brush, Morgan County, and Castle Rock Construction (who has been the contractor for the I-76 Reconstruction Project) have an agreement for rebuilding Hospital Road from Mill Street north to I-76. The project will coincide with the I-76 project since concrete needed for the street is conveniently located adjacent to Hospital Road, where Castle Rock Construction has had their cement batch plant for the Interstate. The road will be closed until approximately mid-October; and when finished, will be in conjunction with that whole corner of Hospital Road being ready for



## Where Not To Leave Your Leaves



We are in for another annual treat as all the leaves turn their beautiful autumn colors before they make their descent where they demand to be raked up and be disposed of.

When you are done raking up the leaves, please remember that the gutter is no place to put them. That will only cause trouble in the storm water system meant to collect water, not leaves, sticks, or any other objects.

# Police Department Recruits

We have recently hired three new employees within the Brush Police Department to help provide service for the good of our community.



Lisa Lebsock, Community Service Officer, started in July.  
Susanna Quintana, Police Officer, started in August.  
Shauna Ponce, Investigator, started in September.  
We are excited to have them here working for our community!

# New Brush! Businesses!

We are excited to see 3 new businesses in Brush! opening up over the last couple months.

Computer Shack, 220 Clayton Street  
Open Season Restaurant, 207 Clayton Street  
JD's Quik Stop 1115 Edison Street

Get promos  
and discounts  
from your local  
Brush! businesses



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to 95577



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Loranda Packard	Human Resources
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