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# City Council Election This Fall

November 3, 2015 City of Brush Election

Are you interested in being a City Council member? Each of the three wards will have openings. Councilor Mark Smith from Ward 1, Vicky Quinlin from Ward 2 and Heath Becker from Ward 3 terms expire, however they are all eligible for a second term.

If you have general candidate questions, contact City Clerk Andrea Strand for information on how to circulate the nomination petition in August 2015. Watch for further information, on our website or in the Brush News Tribune.

### Ward Boundaries

Mayor: Entire City limits

Ward 1: Running north and south - west side of Hospital Road to west City limits

Ward 2: Running north and south - east side of Hospital Road to west side of Carson Street

Ward 3: Running north and south - east side of Carson Street to east City limits



## Newsletter Door Hangers Now Annual



Change has come knocking on the door. The City has been delivering quarterly newsletters to your doorstep for 21 years. However, with the advancement and use of technology and the cost involved of producing and delivering the packets each quarter of the year, the City has decided to make a change and to pull back to just one delivery each year. Going forward, the annual door to door packets will be our April edition. We do still plan on producing quarterly newsletters, which will be available on our City website; and we will print some to be made available at City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, East Morgan County Library and East Morgan County Hospital. Thanks to all the volunteers and community members who have helped us through the years in making the newsletter a great communication tool in Brush! If you have any

further questions, please give us a call here at City Hall.

# Washington DC 2015 community trip

July 21 - 31  
(11 days 10 nights)  
cost is \$990\*

price includes:

- Motorcoach transportation
- 10 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the Washington, DC area
- 18 meals: 10 breakfasts and 8 dinners
- Two full-day Guided Tours of Washington, DC
- Our Tours feature the WWII Memorial, Capitol Hill, Embassy Row, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Smithsonian, the Lincoln Memorial, and more!
- Admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Garden
- Evening Guided Memorial and Monuments Tour
- and *much* more



For more pictures, video and information visit:  
[www.grouptrips.com/cityofbrush](http://www.grouptrips.com/cityofbrush)

for more info, contact the Brush Rec office:  
842-5280  
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\*Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$330 for single occupancy



## Downtown Phase 4

The final phase of our downtown project is about to break ground! The project has been contracted out to tie in new stormwater lines into the system that was installed downtown 2010-2012 and last left off at Eaton and Clayton Street. The new lines will go out to the property that the City purchased for a storm water pond at the east end of Eaton Street. The pond will be dug during this phase of the project as well.

Previously, the storm water lines were much smaller and drained north of town causing the system to quickly back up leaving the rain no where to go but to overflow the system and flood while things slowly drained. With the new pipes having a much larger capacity and a storm water pond in closer proximity, this final phase is the final piece of alleviating the downtown flooding that we have had through the years during significant rainfall.



There will be street closures and detours in place during the project, which we will keep the community notified about. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during the span of the project.



## SPRING TRAINING

*Commit to Get Fit*

### 5 Tips To Help You Achieve Your Goals

1. Take Advantage of the Good Weather
2. Mix It Up
3. Spring-Clean Your Diet
4. Keep a Spare Workout Bag
5. Stay Alert with Energy Boosting Snacks

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# Trash Rate Increase

To keep up with costs, there will be a rate increase on your trash bill beginning April 30th. Residential rates will increase \$2.50 per month and two and three cubic yard containers will go up \$2 per pick-up. This increase will bring funds solvent as well as maintain cash reserves for future operations and capital outlays. The resolution City Council recently passed will raise trash rates approx-imately \$0.60 on average over the next three years, to keep up with the Denver-Boulder-Greeley Consumer Price Index. You will see the first increase on your May 1st bill.



# Dogs on Leash

As things begin to turn green and warm, we know (and encourage) many will be out walking and jogging, and for many, your dog(s) will be at your side. Please remember that when away from the premises of the dog owner, it is a City ordinance to have your dog on a restraining device by a leash, cord, or similar device not exceeding 10 feet in length. We understand that many have well trained dogs who have learned to not run off, but for the well being of you, your dog(s), and those around, we remind you to maintain the local ordinance.



We do have a dog park available on S. Clayton across from the campground where you can let your dog run free. If you have not been there, take your dog and check it out.

# Building Permits

With the weather warming up again, are you making plans to do that project around the house? Maybe it's putting in those new windows, or knocking out that wall, or installing a sprinkler system? Whatever project it is, here's a reminder to come by City Hall and get a building permit before the work begins. Cosmetic improvements like repainting, hanging wallpaper, and new carpets or tile don't require a permit, but anything more than that will likely require a permit.



Permit fees largely depend on the total value of the project (labor and materials), but some smaller projects are charged just a flat fee of \$25 plus tax. You can stop in City Hall, or jump onto our website under the Community Development page to see the entire fee structure.

The time necessary to process and issue a permit will vary, depending on the project; some can be issued on a walk-in basis, while others that are more complex will require additional time. In preparation for a permit, identify the entire scope of work to be done and estimate the cost of the materials you will need. More complex projects will also need construction drawings and a site plan. While you are planning your project, feel free to call Karen at City Hall with any questions you may have; she is a great resource to provide the guidance you may need to get your project started!

# You can pay your City utility bill online



- 1) Go to brushcolo.com
- 2) Click on the Pay Utility Bill
- 3) Sign up

if you don't have internet, we can set up auto online bill pay for you at the front desk at City Hall

# Upcoming Events

- Summer Rec Program  
Registration begins in April
- Sack Lunch Program  
1st Friday each month  
Library (Oct-Apr)  
Museum (May-Sep)
  - Summer Sizzler Baseball Tournament  
June 19-21
  - 31st Annual Brush! Rush!  
June 27
  - Brad Amack Softball Tournament  
June 27-28

# Bird Watching Sites

If you are not aware, Brush has two bird watching areas. With the South Platte River and marshes in the area, Brush provides a great habitat for all kinds of waterfowl. The Brush State Wildlife Area (north of Brush on CR 28 off of Hwy 71) and the Brush Prairie Ponds State Wildlife Area (follow Clayton Street south all the way to CR P) are available for you to enjoy. Both are also used for hunting, so the time of year to go out to view is limited to March 1-August 31. These wildlife areas are made available through partnerships with the City, Ducks Unlimited and the Colorado Department of Wildlife. When you head out, be sure to bring your bug spray, sunscreen, water, and comfortable shoes.



# Spring Clean Up

It's that time of year where people get itching to clean up inside and outside. The City will make services available to help facilitate that. On Saturday, May 2nd from 8-4, in the parking lot across the street from the City garage (next to the Post Office), City employees will be there to collect tree branches for disposal. All that week (April 27-May 1), you can drop off your branches.

The following week, May 4-8, the City will be doing our Spring Clean-up where our trash department will collect those items that you can't normally put out. A few rules still do apply:

- No oil, tires, batteries, electronics, hazardous materials, or Freon appliances.
- Any sticks must be bundled together, be no more than 4 feet long and 1 inch in diameter.
- The extra trash needs to be piled neatly and orderly next to the polykarts to make it easy to collect.

The trash pickup will only be on your regularly scheduled day; if it is set out after your regular day there will be a fee charged to pick it up.



## City Council Members

Mayor Chuck Schonberger 370-1666

### Councilors Ward I

Rick Bain 842-2496

Mark Smith 768-5856

### Councilors Ward II

Kimberly Dykes 380-0593

Vicky Quinlin 380-2279

### Councilors Ward III

Heath Becker 467-0028

Jeanine Anderson 571-3986

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