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NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF BRUSH! COLORADO

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New Year Means More Opportunities

The beginning of a new year – time to reflect and say thanks. Especially thanks to all those who helped accomplish what we have to reflect upon. The City staff has worked very hard all year to accomplish so much. Their work is often behind the scenes; much of it goes unrecognized. So I want to take this

opportunity to tell them thank you. I see what you do and appreciate it all.

Here is a partial recap of what has been happening over the past 12 months:

- At the beginning of the year, the Board of Directors of Bunker Hill Country Club approached the City asking if we could acquire the golf course so that it could remain open. Because the course is a tremendous asset to the city, we worked to find a way to make this happen. With tremendous support from the Joslin-Needham and Petteys Foundations, the City went forward with the purchase. We completely replaced and upgraded the kitchen, and continue to work on a long list of planned improvements. The restaurant is now open to the public, and is going great.
- The infrastructure and other necessary steps to implement the railroad quiet zone on Clayton Street were recently completed. Soon the railroad will approve it, and quiet will ensue.
- After delays due to engineering problems, we will finally complete the last phase of the Downtown storm water project this coming spring. It has been a complex, multi-stage project, but well worth it as it has resulted in growth for our downtown. The occupancy of downtown buildings are at their highest rate in many years.
- We formed a Water Advisory Board. Their mission is to ensure that our water continues to be the best tasting anywhere (isn't it great!), and that we have enough for future growth.
- We completed a revision and update of our sign code to better suit our business and resident community, and received recognition for the work done by the consultants we partnered with by the Colorado City and County Management Association as well as the Colorado Municipal League.
- As you recall, in 2014 the City won the highly competitive All America City Award. This year, we continued to receive honors. Brush! was awarded the Small Community of the Year Award from the Economic Development Council of Colorado, and we were given a National Excellence in Concrete Pavement Award by the ACPA for the reconstruction of Hospital Road.



2016 goals:

*English Feedlot Master Plan
Recreation Master Plan
Public Safety Building
Golf Course Development
Community Aesthetics
Quiet Zone Phase 2*

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For all that's been done, we owe a big thank you to all the city staff and workers. And also to YOU, the citizens of Brush! for your vision, your cooperation, and your patience.

A happy and healthy 2016 to you all. There is much to continue doing, and I'm sure we will be busy.

- Mayor Chuck Schonberger

MAINE

2016 Community Trip

Sept 30-Oct 10, 2016

(11 days 10 nights)

Cost is \$1070

price includes:

- Motorcoach transportation
- 10 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in Maine
- 18 meals: 10 breakfasts and 8 dinners
- Guided Tour of Portland, Maine's largest city-by-the-sea
- Guided Tour of quaint Kennebunkport
- Tour of historic Victoria Mansion
- Guided Tour of Pineland Farms, a picturesque working farm
- Visit the Seashore Trolley Museum & countryside trolley ride
- and *much* more



For more info, contact the Rec office at 842-5280

Don't Freeze The Pipes!

As you probably know, water pipes and winter don't play nice sometimes. When temperatures drop too low, many simply run the water to prevent frozen pipes. This may usually work, but remember the problem is cold air reaching the pipes, so the best thing you can do is insulate the pipes. The second best thing is to make sure the basement and crawl spaces have any drafts/cracks sealed. If you are going to be gone for an extended time (vacation), set thermostat to 55 degrees and open cabinet doors to expose water pipes. Do not run water while you're away for that extended time. If at any time your water pipes freeze, never use a flame torch or space heater to thaw out the pipe.



Snow Removal

Remember it is the property owner's/tenant's responsibility to remove snow on sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall.

Once snowplows have gone through your street, place your shoveled snow on your property, not into the street. Keeping snow off



of the street will help reduce ice buildup on the streets, gutters, and drain system.

If you ever find yourself wondering where the City snow removal trucks are after a snow storm, check out the City website, brushcolo.com for a map of the order of snow removal. The major roads are cleared out first, then secondary, and so forth. Once those roads are clear, each Ward is rotated as to who is served first with each storm.

City Employees

We have some fantastic workers here at the City who have been true benefits to our community, and we would like to recognize those who have hit a milestone in their time here with the City of Brush!

- Ernesto Rico-Hernandez (Streets) 10 years
- Monty Torres (City Administrator) 10 years
- Karen Schminke (Community Dev) 15 years
- Tom Smith (Sanitation) 25 years
- Dale Colerick (Public Works) 25 years
- Dan Strand (Water Dept) 35 years

Don't Forget Our Website



Can't get through to City Hall on the phone? Go to brushcolo.com to find the information you're looking for. We post information, updates, and news there as well.

Brush Municipal Golf Course at Petteys Park



The City of Brush officially took over the golf course on May 1, 2015. The City realized the recreational and social benefits that a golf course brings to a community and did not want to see the course shut down. Through several meetings with the Bunker Hill Country Club Board and City staff an agreement was reached and the golf course was saved. Much of the credit for saving the golf course

can be attributed to the financial donations from the Joslin Needham and Petteys Foundations. Bob Gunnon, Chairman of the Board of both Foundations, said "That if the Foundations were going to be involved that it must be done right. I expect the course to be the finest 9-hole golf facility in Northeast Colorado." Since May, the Foundations have donated \$262,100 towards improvements at the course. These improvements include kitchen reconstruction, replacement of nine golf carts, upgraded mowing equipment, and engineering for a new irrigation system.

The City is already planning for the 2016 Golf season. There will be several improvements being made for the next year. These



improvements include an additional three golf carts, a maintenance tractor with front loader, a final engineered master irrigation plan, upgrades to the banquet and bar area (including the deck), reopening of the pro shop, and installing a token operated range ball machine. All the equipment and improvements are being

made possible from a donation from the Joslin Needham and Petteys Foundations.

The restaurant is now open at "The Course at Petteys Park". Lunch is being served from 11am – 3pm, Monday through Sunday. Plans are to serve dinners starting in January and eventually breakfast as the 2016 golf season nears. Bill Wentworth has been hired as chef and brings over 30 years of experience in the culinary business. To the right is part of the new menu. Come on down and welcome the new chef and have a great meal!



New Council Member

Marlene Baker was recently elected Councilor in Ward 1. She has been a resident of the Brush area for 57 years and feels blessed to have raised her children in a rural community. She hopes to maintain the standard of living that we enjoy in Brush! and will bring energy and commitment to City Council!

She will be replacing Councilor Mark Smith, who has served on Council since 2012. Thank you Councilor Smith for your time served and work in the successes we've had in Brush! through the past 4 years.

Open daily from 11am-3pm

Appetizer

Spinach & Artichoke Dip <i>Served with Tortilla Chips</i> \$8.00	Hummus <i>Served with Pita Chips</i> \$7.00
Soup du Jour <i>(Ask your Server for Today's Soup)</i> <i>Served with Crackers</i> Bowl \$8.00 Cup \$4.00	Chicken Wings <i>Choice of Sauce - Hot or Barbecue</i> <i>Served with Carrot-Celery</i> 6 wings \$8.00 8 wings \$11.00

Lunch

***Hamburger**
All Hamburgers are Garnished with Fresh Pickles, Onions, Tomatoes and Lettuce
Served with French Fries

*** 1/2 lb. Burger on Ciabatta Bread**
\$10.00
Any Add-On Listed Below will Cost Extra:

Hacon **\$1.50** Green Chile **\$1.50** Fried Egg **\$1.50** Mushrooms **\$1.50** Sautéed Onions **\$1.50**

Please Choose of Cheese for an Extra \$1 Charge per

American Swiss Blue Cheese Provolone Cheddar

Sandwiches

Turkey and Avocado Sandwich <i>Thinly Sliced Turkey, Avocado, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Chipotle Mayo on 9 Grain Bread</i> <i>Served with French Fries</i> \$10.00	Pulled Pork Sandwich <i>Healthy Serving of Pulled Pork with Housemade Barbecue Sauce and Cole Slaw on a Fresh Baked Bun</i> <i>Served with French Fries</i> \$10.00
Philly Cheesesteak <i>Served Prime Rib (or Chicken) on a Roll with Provolone Cheese, Sautéed Peppers and Onions</i> <i>Served with French Fries</i> \$12.00	Southwest Cheesesteak <i>Served Prime Rib (or Chicken) on a Roll with Provolone Cheese Sautéed Peppers, Onions, Mushrooms, and Green Chile</i> <i>Served with French Fries</i> \$13.00
Grilled Chicken Sandwich <i>Boneless, Skinless, Chicken Breast, with Lettuce, Tomatoes and Avocado</i> <i>Served with French Fries</i> \$10.00	Chef Salad <i>Mixed Greens, Turkey, Ham, Grated Cheese, Tomatoes, Red Onions, Black Olives, Hand-Sliced Egg, and Croutons</i> \$12.00


*Burgers and steaks are cooked to order
*Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase the risk of blood-borne illness

Capital Projects for 2016

We at the City make it a priority to see that your tax dollars are invested well into the success of our community. Below is a list of some of the projects our City staff brought to City Council and was approved for the new year:

- **Phase 4 Downtown Project**
Final storm water improvements on Edmunds to a newly constructed storm water pond.
\$1,142,500
- **Mill Street**
Full depth reconstruction of Mill Street between Colorado and Custer.
\$540,000
- **Fire Department Apparatus Bays**
Removing the bays from the building and replacing with a steel structure including two extra bays.
\$425,000
- **Edmunds St Water Service Replace**
Replacement old 4" water mains with the 10" on Edmunds St from Hospital Rd to Custer St.
\$200,000
- **English Property Redev. Master Plan**
Develop a master plan for future redevelopment of the English property.
\$50,000
- **Park and Cemetery Mower**
A new mower to eliminate some maintenance costs we have endured over the past couple years.
\$22,000
- **City Hall Drainage Improvements**
Design and construct for east and west entrances drainage improvements.
\$12,000
- **Council Chamber Improvements**
Upgrade the appearance and technology of council chambers.
\$9,000
- **Airport Hangar Restroom Remodel**
Reinstall two restrooms and a kitchenette that were considerably damaged last winter by a water leak.
\$7,500

There are plenty of other projects on the calendar for 2016 that you will see around town. For a complete look at the 2016 budget, go to our website, brushcolo.com and go to our finance page.



City Council Members

Mayor Chuck Schonberger 370-1666

Councilors Ward I

Rick Bain 842-2496

Mark Smith 768-5856

Marlene Baker (beginning Jan 11) 842-2186

Councilors Ward II

Kimberly Dykes 380-0593

Vicky Quinlin 380-2279

Councilors Ward III

Heath Becker 467-0028

Jeanine Anderson 571-3986

City Staff 842-5001

Monty Torres City Administrator

Karen Schminke Assistant Administrator

Andrea Strand City Clerk

Joanne Gosselink Director of Finance

Lance Schwindt Director of Parks & Rec

Dale Colerick Director of Utilities & Public Works

Mark Thomas Police Chief

Tyler Purvis Marketing Specialist

Loranda Packard Human Resources

Melissa White Court Clerk

Deanna Schwindt Deputy City Clerk/ Utilities

Jennifer Vondy Utility Billing

Tad Anderson Fire Chief