

EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Gunnison County Employee Newsletter

January 2017



Upcoming Holidays

- ◆ Monday, January 16th
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
- ◆ Monday, February 20th
Washington's Birthday
Offices will be closed.

Strategic Planning Update

On February 2nd, directors and other key staff will meet with the BOCC to discuss what they anticipate will be the most-urgent community and organizational issues and goals over the next two-to-five years. The resulting update of the Gunnison County Strategic Plan is expected to be available to staff and the public in April or May. More information about the County's strategic planning efforts, as well as the current Gunnison County Strategic Plan can be found online at <http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/172/Strategic-Planning>.

Current Strategies

- ◆ **Ensure Sound Infrastructure**
- ◆ **Protect the Environment**
- ◆ **Promote Prosperous, Collaborative and Healthy Communities**
- ◆ **Delivery High Quality Services**

Employee Changes

- Cathie Pagano has been selected as the Community and Economic Development Director.
- Derrek Neal has been hired as an Eligibility Technician in the Health and Human Service Department.
- Sean Boozel, Shaquille Braley and Brittney McGee were hired as Detention Deputies.

BOCC Changes

In 2017, Phil Chamberland will serve as the BOCC Chairperson. He will also continue to serve on the Personnel Board, the Region 10 Board, and the Early Childhood Council. Jonathan Houck will continue to serve on the RTA Board and the Gunnison Sage-grouse Strategic Committee. John Messner will serve on the ORE/Coldharbour, RTA and Club 20 Boards, as well as the Gunnison Sage-grouse Strategic Committee.

On January 10th, the BOCC also decided to begin starting their work sessions at 8:30 am in order to more easily accommodate staff and presenter schedules. Please mark your calendars and schedule accordingly.

Out of the Darkness Gunnison Campus Walk

Submitted by **Rebecca Ricord; Administrative Assistant III; Community Development**

I'm walking in the **Out of the Darkness Gunnison Campus Walk on April 30, 2016** to help fight suicide and support AFSP's goal to reduce the suicide rate 20% by 2025.

I would love any help from you this year to help raise money for the cause. You can write a check, donate cash or go to my personal website at the following link and make a credit card donation <http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=1214525>.

All donations are 100% tax deductible and benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), funding research, education, advocacy, and support for those affected by suicide. Up to 50% of the total raised will stay in the local community (Gunnison, Crested Butte) to help fund local programs. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 641-7982 or on my cell at 970-420-8684.

Thank you for your support!

FYI Shorts

- Cottonwood Pass Road Construction Project—scheduled to begin in the spring of 2017 or 2018 and last through fall of 2018 or 2019. For more info please contact Gunnison County Public Works.
- Airport Runway Closures—the runways will be closed 4/10/17 thru 5/15/17 for maintenance. Nighttime maintenance is scheduled to take place 7/22/17 thru 8/4/17, which may create noise issues.
- Annual Employee Survey—check your email for the annual survey link. The survey closes on 1/31 at 5:00 pm!
- Policy Change—please take a moment to take a look at Gunnison County Resolution 2016-38 that the Commissioners passed 9/20/2016 regarding surplus property disposition. The resolution can be viewed at: <http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/Archive.aspx?ADID=2146>

Official County Boards and Commissions Vacancies

There is still time to submit your letter of interest for the vacancies on the various Gunnison County Boards and Commissions. Letters of interest will be accepted until January 17, 2017 at 5:00 pm at:

Mail: 200 E. Virginia Avenue, Gunnison CO 81230

Fax: (970) 641-3061

Email: jost@gunnisoncounty.org

Online: <http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/forms.aspx?FID=75>.

Please provide all contact information with your letter, including an email address.

US Armed Forces Veteran Discounts



Hey veterans – want to take advantage of all of the commercial discounts offered to military veterans, but don't want to drag your DD-214 around with you . . . especially since there is no photo included and your last name may be different than what is printed on it? Next time you get your Colorado driver's license renewed, just take your original DD-214 with you so that the technician can verify your status. It's quick, and it's simple! Your new driver's license will indicate your veteran status and it will include the identifier of the branch in which you served. The State of Colorado's driver license office is located at 108 E. Georgia in Gunnison, and they are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am till 3:30 pm (closed 12-1 pm for lunch).

