

ON A FIRST NAME BASIS

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NEWS



Thoughts from Town Administrator Patrick Davidson-

It has been another eventful year in the Town of Elizabeth with many exciting events and projects going forward. The Town had the pleasure of working with students from UC-Denver to assist in receiving public input and designing a potential community center. Literally hundreds of area residents participated in surveys, public meetings, and Town Trustee meetings to bring this matter to a conclusion. The next phase, beginning mid-2024, will be to proceed with the engineering design of the facility. The Spring demonstrated both the power of nature, as well as our community's resilience. Regional flooding damaged roads, flooded basements, destroyed pathways, and caused substantial disruption to early summer events. However, even with these damaging storms, the Town was able to work within the community to have eleven (11) Friday Night Markets, a 5k race for Main Street, the Historic Advisory Board's Walk-n-Talk, and a Birthday Bash featuring the movie "Despicable Me". More recently, the Town had a fantastic Tree Lighting, including music, carolers, live reindeer, and of course, Santa! As we finish out 2023, we have more than 113 residents signed up for the Senior Citizen Gift Baskets.

On the operational side, the Town welcomed Chief Engel as our new Chief of Police in March; started processing passports locally and assist in having the First National Bank placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Additionally, staff sought to engage more with residents through social media and completed the necessary work with the Postal Service to allow for delivery to the Town's mail cluster boxes. With the new year, 2024 promises to have additional events including the 150th anniversary of Elbert County, more events from Main Street and the Historic Advisory Board, another movie Birthday Bash, and other local events. Please watch your calendars, and join us on Facebook, Twitter (X), our email blast, and follow us through the Newsletter. It is going to be a fantastic year, and we need you to be part of it!

2023 Town of Elizabeth Annual Christmas Lights Contest Winners are:

Residential -

146 E. Grant Street - 1st Place
975 Black Saddle Street - 2nd Place
946 Gooseberry Court - 3rd Place

Businesses -

Catalina's Diner - 1st Place
Elizabeth Brewing Company - 2nd Place
Antelope Alpacas, LLC - 3rd Place

Behold the boundless generosity of our wonderful community! Despite the struggles many families experience during the busy holiday season, Elizabeth and surrounding residents have once again **opened their hearts** to remember the many seniors in our community whose holidays are made special through our growing Senior Holiday Basket project. The Town and community volunteers are so grateful for this outpouring of generous giving and send our very best wishes and heartfelt thanks to everyone who has made this year's project another success. May you and yours enjoy safe and happy holidays, and a New Year filled with joy!



We hope you were able to join us for the Annual Mayor's Tree Lighting Event. Pictures shown above are just a small reflection of the activities and fun shared by all.