

ON A FIRST NAME BASIS

TOWN OF ELIZABETH NEWS



Greetings Town of Elizabeth!

On behalf of the Town of Elizabeth Police Department, I would like to share some information that may keep you safe from scammers.

With the upcoming deadline for tax submissions, scammers will soon be in full swing. You may receive an email or a phone call from a person representing themselves as an Agent from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If you happen to receive such email or phone call, you are being scammed!

The IRS will not contact you by email or telephone. The IRS will send correspondence to you by U.S. Mail.

If you happen to take a phone call from the "IRS," do not provide any of your personal information. Again, the real IRS will not call you. Furthermore, the real IRS will not ask for payments using wire transfers, pre-paid credit cards (green dot cards), or gift cards.

If you would like more information about IRS scammers and what you can do, please visit the following links:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/avoid-scams-know-the-facts-on-how-the-irs-contacts-taxpayers>

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>

If you believe that you are a victim of a scam or have questions about scams, please contact the Elizabeth Police Department.

The Town of Elizabeth now has a Twitter account. We can be found @ElizColorado. It is a great way to check in to see when meetings are being held, bits of trivia, and other things specific to our community. Please follow and retweet to spread the word!

#CommunityThroughCommunication
#CommunityInvolvement



We know you are busy, so we want to share the 2023 Town Event dates to add to your schedule:

- Friday Night Market begins on June 9th and goes through August 18th
- Town of Elizabeth Birthday Bash Movie Night (tentative name) August 25th
- Elizabeth Historic Walk and Talk - September 30th
- Wine In the Pines - October 7th
- Mayors' Tree Lighting - December 2

Don't forget, annual adjustments to sewer rates go into effect on the March 1st Utility bills. The Town uses the average of each customer's water usage for the months of December, January, and February to calculate sewer rates for the next year. Please contact us at 303-646-4166 option 1 with any questions. All billing rates for water and sewer can be found on our website at www.townofelizabeth.org/utilitybilling.



Elbert County Public Health

Interest in our Public Health Clinic continues to grow. ECPH is now credentialed to serve Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, United Healthcare, and Medicare clients. Our Pediatric Nurse Practitioner has specialty training and experience with those under age 21, while our Family Nurse Practitioner focuses on the needs of adults, including seniors.

ECPH is striving to make primary care and sick care convenient and affordable. If you have recently been to a private healthcare provider, you know how expensive it can be. In Colorado, the average cost for a 15-minute office visit is well over \$100 (with an average charge to insurance carriers typically near \$200). For new patients, the average cost for a 30-minute visit is closer to \$200 (with an average insurance charge closer to \$300). At our clinic, uninsured patients can currently see one of our Nurse Practitioners for as little as \$40 (additional costs apply for certain diagnostic tests, labs, etc.). Individuals or families that qualify for financial assistance under state and/or federal entitlement programs might pay even less. If you or someone in your family would like to see one of our Nurse Practitioners, please **call (303) 621-3144 to schedule an appointment**. Visit the ECHD website for more updates: <https://www.elbertcounty-co.gov/532/Public-Health-Weekly-Updates>

The Town of Elizabeth conducted two (2) public meetings regarding the prospects of the creation of a community and senior center in the Town. During the meetings, students with the University of Colorado – Denver, University Technical Assistance Program, presented three different designs for consideration. In total, approximately 80 area residents attended the public meetings and provided valuable input on the possible designs as well as information to be considered going forward. With the information presented through the public meetings, the students will be in a position to start to narrow down the plans to one design, but also include some of the additional input received in the meetings. We anticipate the revised set of plans being available in April 2023.

Some of the concerns raised involved the location of the facility and its potential costs. As for location, there is no spot chosen yet. In this instance, it was determined that it was better to design a long-term functional building for the community, then determine where such a building should be located for convenience, rather than design a building to fit a specific lot. As for funding, the goal is to seek as many partners in the process as possible. A heavy emphasis will be placed on state funding of the project in an attempt to secure tax funds already paid to the State, for redistribution back to the community.

For those interested in the history of Elizabeth, this would not be the first community center in Elizabeth. Elizabeth's original community building was located at the Ahl and Weiss Blacksmith Shop and Garage at 392 Main Street (currently the Carriage Shoppes). The building was constructed in 1882 and was used as a blacksmith shop and garage until 1903 when it then served as a Town Hall, entertainment center, and gathering place.

If there are any Town related topics that you would like to hear more about in the newsletter, please give us a call or drop us an email (moeser@townofelizabeth.org) and let us know! Feel free to give us your observations and comments.