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## Town of Buena Vista

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# Buena Vista Monthly Connection

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## Winter Safety

*Winter Safe Driving from Police Chief Tidwell*

Warming up your car unattended (also known as ‘puffing’) is illegal in Colorado; someone could steal your car. Slow down on icy or snow packed roads; leave plenty of room to stop (eight to ten seconds from the next car is recommended). Leave early to give yourself plenty of time to drive safely when the roads are icy or snow packed. Be kind and considerate to other drivers, it is contagious. Keep your calm, do not get involved in road rage.

Check your tires (make sure they are properly inflated) and clean your windows/scrape the ice off ALL your windows before you start driving. Keep your gas tank at least half full. Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface.

Remember, it is better to be late than to not get there at all! Always wear your seatbelt—and make sure all passengers do as well. Be safe and have fun this winter!

*Tips for long-distance winter trips from AAA*

Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.

Pack a cell phone, plus blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medication in your vehicle.



## Upcoming events

**Monday, January 2**

**Happy New Year!**

*In observance of New Year's Day, Town offices are closed.*

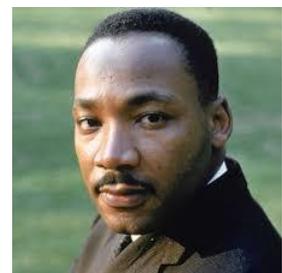


**Board of Trustee meetings (7pm):**

Tuesday, January 10 & 28  
*(Please note: BOT meetings have gone back to occurring on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month)*

**Monday, January 16**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (*In observance, Town offices are closed*)



If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost. Don't over-exert yourself if you try to push or dig your vehicle out of the snow.

Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you. Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with snow, ice or mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running.

Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers or paper maps. If possible run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and to conserve gasoline.

*Winter Safety tips for your home from Fire Chief Dixon Villers*

Have your heating units checked and filters cleaned by a heating contractor. If heating with wood, get the flues checked and cleaned. Don't forget your smoke and CO2 detector's battery should be changed and tested, and look at your fire extinguisher to make sure it's charged. Have a fun, warm, and safe winter!

For questions, contact the Buena Vista Fire Dept. at 719.395.8098

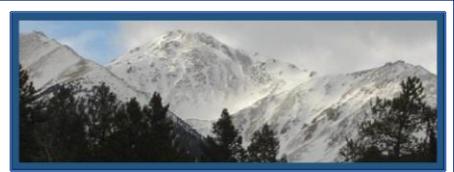
## Local Election April 2017

The Town of Buena Vista is currently working on a land swap with Buena Vista School District (BVSD), related to an affordable housing project the Town is working on. Because the land will be given to BVSD by the Town, voters will need to formally approve the land donation via an election.

The local election will be held April 4, 2017 and will contain a ballot question seeking voter approval for the donation. The community and School District will receive a multi-sport baseball and soccer field as a result of the election. The new field is needed because of the unsafe conditions on the current field. It is not regulation size and puts athletes at an unfair advantage.

We need your vote to convey the land to BVSD. We hope that you will see the value in this unique project, and will support the vote to improve facilities for the Town and School District. Thank you for your support of this important project for our community.

For more information, contact Town Administrator Brandy Reitter at 719.395.8635 ext. 13 or [bvadmin@buonavistaco.gov](mailto:bvadmin@buonavistaco.gov)



## Winter is here



Don't forget to shovel your sidewalks!

Sidewalks must be clear within 24 hours of a snowfall event.

Please refer to section 7-56 of the municipal code, which can be accessed at:

<http://bit.ly/2hkf4pJ>

For additional questions

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