



## BUENA VISTA QUARTERLY CONNECTION

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019

### COLD WEATHER AND YOUR WATER PIPES

#### What to do during cold weather

- If there are water lines in the garage, keep garage doors closed.
- If you hear water running or suspect a leak may be occurring, contact the Water Department at 719-395-6898.
- Open kitchen cupboard and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night.
- When temperatures are extremely cold, let cold water drip from the faucet that has exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe helps prevent it from freezing.

If you will be away from your home for an extended period of time during cold weather, have the water turned off or leave the heat on and set no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Also, drain your water system before you leave and ask someone to check your house daily.

#### Actions to take if pipes freeze

- If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect that the pipe is frozen. Locate the suspected frozen area of the pipe.
- Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and it begins to melt, water will begin flowing through the frozen area. Running water will help melt more ice in the pipe.
- Apply heat with caution to the frozen section of the pipe using a hair dryer or portable space heater. You also can wrap pipes in towels soaked in hot water. Do not use a blowtorch, propane heater, or other open flame device. Such devices can make water in a frozen pipe boil and cause it to explode.

**Presidents' Day**  
**Monday, February 18**  
Town Offices will be closed

**Board of Trustee meetings**  
7:00 p.m. @ the Community Center  
Tuesday, February 12  
Tuesday, February 26  
Tuesday, March 12  
Tuesday, March 26  
Tuesday, April 9  
Tuesday, April 23



## CODE CORNER

BY GRANT BRYANS,  
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Finally, it appears that Old Man Winter has graced us with his presence. Our sleepy mountain Town is being transformed into a winter wonderland, and while this is gorgeous it does create the need for timely snow removal. All of our sidewalks need to be maintained in order to help everyone move more efficiently through Town. We understand some people have hardships and are unable to clear their sidewalk within 24 hours of a storm, and we are exploring creative solutions. One option currently available is through the Buena Vista Fire Department at 719-395-8098. Since they have emergency services responsibilities, it is their policy to operate on a first come, first served basis, and they may not get to everyone that requests help. I have heard some encouraging stories about people helping out by shoveling their neighbors' walks. It is this kind of support for our neighbors that will go a long way toward making our winters safer for everyone.

Questions? Contact Grant Bryans  
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## COLD WEATHER AND YOUR WATER PIPES, CONT'D

- Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you cannot thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber.

Check other faucets in your home to find out if you have additional frozen pipes. Typically, if one pipe freezes, others may freeze, too.

### What to do if pipes burst

- Shut off water immediately to prevent additional damage.
- Take proper precautions to avoid an electrical shock from being in or near standing water.
- Call your plumber and/or the Water Department, if needed.
- Contact Public Works at 719-395-6898 for more information or assistance.

## STOP FOR THE SCHOOL BUS – IT'S THE LAW

C.R.S. 42-4-1903 (1): Failed to Stop for Stopped School Bus Displaying Flashing Red Lights – Summons into Court and 6 points on your license.

C.R.S. 42-4-1903 (6) (b): Failed to Stop for Stopped School Bus Displaying Flashing Red Lights Two or More Times within Five Years – Summons into Court and 6 points on your license.

You must stop your vehicle at least 20 feet before reaching a school bus that is stopped with its red lights flashing whether it is on your side of the road, the opposite side of the road, or at an intersection you are approaching. You must remain stopped until the flashing red lights are no longer operating. Watch carefully for children near the school bus and children crossing the roadway before proceeding. You are not required to stop if the bus is traveling toward you on a roadway that is separated by a median or other physical barrier.

Buena Vista Police Department would like to thank everyone for putting the safety and welfare of our children FIRST.

## REC UPDATE

Demon Diggers Volleyball - Grades: 2-8 / \$40 per participant / Feb. 14-March 21  
Grades 2-5: Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm  
Grades 6-8: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm  
Darren Patterson Christian Academy Gym  
Registration Deadline: Friday, February 8

BVHS Volleyball and BV Rec are working together to put on the Demon Diggers Volleyball program. This coed youth volleyball program will consist of camp-style practices led by BVHS Volleyball coaches and players. The focus of the program will be to teach fundamental volleyball skills in a fun environment. Participants will practice and play with players of similar age and ability, but will not have a set team. All players will receive a program t-shirt.

To register or for more information, visit [buenavistarec.com](http://buenavistarec.com), call 719-395-1939 or email [bvrec@buenavistaco.gov](mailto:bvrec@buenavistaco.gov).