



August 21, 2024

Hello BV Chamber Members & Friends,

Happy Wednesday everyone! Well, I can finally pull out of my street onto West Main in under 15 minutes so summer traffic must be dying down. Phew! We made it. What a fast and furious and beautiful summer this has been. Warmth and rain and flowers and mushrooms and lots of water in the river!

A big kudos to all of the businesses and their staff who kept the vibes up all summer long!

Comp Plan Lo-Down

I had an interesting conversation this week with Leadville local, Gabby Voeller from SE Group. This is the company hired by the town of Buena Vista to create our new 10-year Comprehensive Plan.

There are big, big questions about the vision for our collective future and it's important to the Chamber to have a thoughtful and nuanced discussion about the vision for the Comp Plan.

Are we going to become a sprawling big box, multinational chain store, strip mall, car centric community, or are we going to grow with a mind towards small business and public transportation and walkability and bikeability and growth boundaries and aesthetic appeal? Are we going to end up with 20,000 square foot mansions taking over the housing market or are we going to remain more modest, and human scale?

It's all on the table. That's the scary part and the exciting part. Now is the time to voice your vision so that the Chamber can help pass it on. It's important to us that Chamber members be represented FULLY in these negotiations.

Now is the time to stake a claim into what the future of BV is going to be and not let the pressures of unfettered futures tell us how it's going to go. How do we thoughtfully plan ahead to retain what feels like the freedom of mountain living while creating a nice future for us all?

Now is the time to enshrine the ways in which we protect what we love about living in a small, rural mountain village. We have seen too many towns and cities across the state of Colorado be absolutely ruined by the norms of poor planning, sprawl and corporate takeovers that put small business out of business.

I'm pleased to share that SE Group is open to hosting a conversation with Chamber Members to gather our collective thoughts for consideration in the Comp Plan process.

I think the small business and local nonprofit perspective is absolutely vital and I will keep our members updated when we have a date for this meeting. I was disappointed that the Chamber was not accepted to have a seat on the planning committee which welcomed in numerous community members and town officials and staff, however they have assured me that the Chamber and our members will have a voice in the process. I am hopeful that this side process will allow us to meaningfully participate in the nuanced visioning and creation of the new plan. As business, government, and nonprofit leaders in the community, our collective Chamber voice must be part of the process.

Here's how you can help:

[**DONATE**](#)

It takes time and resources to engage in advocacy efforts such as this. Please donate to support our work to ensure your perspective is heard. If you believe Chamber members should have a voice in this process, please donate and specify "Comp Plan" in the Notes. [**DONATE**](#)

I'll also be reaching out to Chamber members with more ways to share and discuss your thoughts soon!

All the best,

Liz

Liz Morgan
Executive Director

Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce

Donate to the Chamber's Advocacy Efforts - Comp Plan

BV Events

Share your events. Plan your fun!

All Events

TUE

Aug-Sep
6-22

Autumn Run

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday, September 21 The Autumn Run is held each year on the third weekend in September, in and around the historic, friendly, and picturesque town of Buena Vista, Colorado. Nestled in the upper Arkansas River Valley at ...

WED

August
14-21

Harold and the Purple Crayon comes to the Comanche

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

WED

August
21



Sorelle Deli - Locals Favorite Lunch Spot with Big Patio

10:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Italian inspired delicatessen featuring all-natural meats and cheeses along with many house made specialties!

WED

August
21

Chaffee Rec Adopters Tunnel View Campsite Cleanup

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

For our "Weeknight Wednesdays" we'll gather in the evening to work on projects with AHRA close to town. Help improve wildlife habitat, fix up campsites and more at the Tunnel View camping area. Sign up here: ...

SAT

August
24



Buena Vista Farmers Market

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Buena Vista's Farmers Market will be held at Columbine Park located directly behind K's Burger Shack off highway 24 in Buena Vista Colorado. This park is a busy vibrant place in the summer with ample seating, shade, and ...

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Saturdays at Turner Farm: Historical Farmstead & Apple Orchard

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

11:00 - 3:00 every Saturday (except not July 6) historical Turner Farm is open to the public. Admission is by donation. 1912 farmhouse. Original homestead cabin on its original site from late 1890s. Tool room. Mother-in-law cabin. Barn. 100 ...

MON

August
26

Lariat Weekly Line-up - Live Music & Open Mic Night

6:00 PM - 12:00 AM

The Lariat has a huge line up of live music every week! Whether you want to pop in for a game of pool, good eats, or Court's famous Margarita, the Lariat is at the heart of BV's nightlife scene. Check the schedule for an impressive line-up..

THU

August
29

Great Patio and Rotating Events at the Slammer

12:00 AM

Located in the historic Buena Vista, CO Jailhouse, The Slammer is a local craft favorite. We serve a curated menu of over 100 American whiskeys, a dozen rotating taps of craft beer, unique wine offerings and more. Our mission is to ...

SAT

August
31

Legacy Stage Concert Series FREE LIVE MUSIC

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Join us for free live music at the Legacy Stage at McPhelemy Park after the Optimist Club's pancake breakfast at 7:30a and the Kid's Fishing Derby at 8:30a! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates!

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Weekly Announcements

All Weekly Announcements



Scenic views of Mt Princeton, Mt Colombia, and Buffalo Peaks!

Home for sale in Buena Vista

Full Circle Real Estate Group

Harold and the Purple Crayon showing at the Comanche

Comanche Drive In

Finding Waldo Local Party at Once Upon a Trapeze Bookstore

Where's Waldo Local Party at Once Upon a Trapeze Bookstore

Once Upon a Trapeze



First Colorado Land Office - Business Opportunity

Business Opportunity, Art Gallery, Framing

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Community Coffee

Make announcements about your business or organization. Network and connect. Hear from local business, government & nonprofit leaders.

Group conversations.

Wed. Sept. 4
8-9 am

sponsored by...



1st Wednesday
of every month.
Free + open to
the public.

Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main St, Buena Vista, CO

BV Business Directory

Visit our online business directory of amazing local businesses. Whether you need help with a home renovation project or are planning a trip to Buena Vista, we've got you covered.

BV Business Directory



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Business Directory!




Races & Competitions
Races, Rodeo



Outdoor Recreation - WATER
Canoe, Whitewater Raft & SUP, Water Sports, Paddling, Kayak, Raft, SUP



Restaurants, Food, Libations
Brewery, Distillery, Winery, Catering, Coffee House, Food Trucks, Liquor, Wine & Beer, Restaurants



Nightlife, Music, Entertainment
DJ Services, Silent Disco, Karaoke, Live Music, Movie Theaters



Shopping
Antiques, Bookstores, Clothing & Accessories, Gifts & Home Accessories, Grocery, Jewelry, Screen Printing



LEAVE NO TRACE

Responsible Outdoor Recreation Guidelines for Buena Vista, Colorado

- 1. Talk with your group and set your intentions.** Agree to Leave No Trace, to be mindful and caring in your impact on the natural lands and campsites. Make sure everyone discusses in advance and during the excursion.
- 2. If you pack it in, pack it out.** Take your trash with you. Scour the area and pick up microtrash, even if left by others.
- 3. Don't step on vegetation.** Be its caretaker and admirer instead.
- 4. Put your fires dead out** before going to sleep. Designate a firemaster (whoever stays up the latest) for the job. Bring a dry bag or bucket to fill with water in advance to make nighttime fire extinguishing easy peasy.
- 5. Leave wildlife alone!** Give them plenty of room to live their lives. Appreciate them from a safe distance and teach your kiddos to do the same.
- 6. Put beer cans and other trash safely AWAY** before bed. Strong winds blow trash out of your campsite.

We thank the forest rangers for issuing tickets to people who break these rules.

Don't be "that guy" who started a forest fire

Put your fires dead out, cold to the touch. Bring a big dry bag or a bucket. Fill it with water early so nighttime fire extinguishing is a piece of cake. What's your forest legacy going to be?



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