



October 2, 2024

Hello BV Chamber Members & Friends,

Renewal Festival IS the modern workplace.

This past weekend, the annual Billy Strings Renewal Festival came to Buena Vista, Colorado but shortly after the festivities started, Billy Strings' wife went into labor and the headliner flew home to be with his family.

Rumors were swirling. Would they have to refund everyone's tickets? Would the crowd be angry? What vibe would emerge from this not entirely unforeseen circumstance?

What arose instead was a community celebration of family and babies and supporting people to show up as fully human even when it interferes with a work commitment. What arose was grace around the circumstances. What arose was an opportunity for Molly Tuttle and the entire crew to improvise and absolutely rock the roof off the place. What arose was, arguably, better than what was planned...

At the Chamber and in these changing cultural times, a lot of us think a lot about what makes a great workplace. What makes a successful business? What attracts great staff? What makes a great workforce? It's obviously happy people so what makes a happy person and a positive work culture?

In the last few post-pandemic work from home quiet quitting years, the conversation clearly has turned towards a more holistic approach to health and wellness and where that happy balance between work and life is. The society now thinks more about honoring the worker as a full human, towards unlearning the exhaustion, work constantly, command and control, don't question the norms mentality.

Billy's choice to leave the show in the expert hands of his colleagues and to trust that the audience would enjoy the experience anyway, shows, I think just how far we've come as a society in the midst of a recalibration, a surging workers rights and workplace cultural shift movement in America.

We can work extremely hard in our jobs, be extremely dedicated, be at the absolute top of our game and indispensable to the company, as Billy is, and still, we can choose personal life and recalibration and personal wellness, when called to be present, and that can be the right choice not only for the worker, but for the company too.

What if Billy had stayed? Met his professional commitment? Not asked for the grace of the crowd or the support of his colleagues? He would have been miserable. It would have haunted him for life. The vibes would have been down. It would have been weird. That would not have been the right example or the right culture or the right work-life balance. We've all been in that work situation haven't we? Suffering though because the work culture didn't allow for basic human adjustments.

THAT exactly, is the modern workplace. A place where we can be human and meet our most full and beautiful needs as humans, and also be exceptional at our jobs. The two go together, feed into each other, and don't exist apart.

Happy October everybody! I invite you to take a moment to think about where your happy work-life balance might be off. What's been dragging you down? How might you meet your needs more gracefully this week? What's one adjustment you could welcome in right now?

All the best,

Liz Morgan Executive Director Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce

PS. Community Coffee is TOMORROW/Wednesday! Don't miss it.

PPS. The next Business After Hours is ON! Save the date and <u>register to attend</u>. Have you ever been inside that little building on the corner? Now's your chance!



BUENA VISTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Community Coffee

8:00 - 9:00 am

1st Wednesday of every month

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

Oct.2, Nov.6, Dec.4





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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

WINE, DINE & NETWORK WITH CHAMBER MEMBERS



THURS, OCTOBER 24, 2024 109 EAST MAIN STREET



5:00-7:30PM

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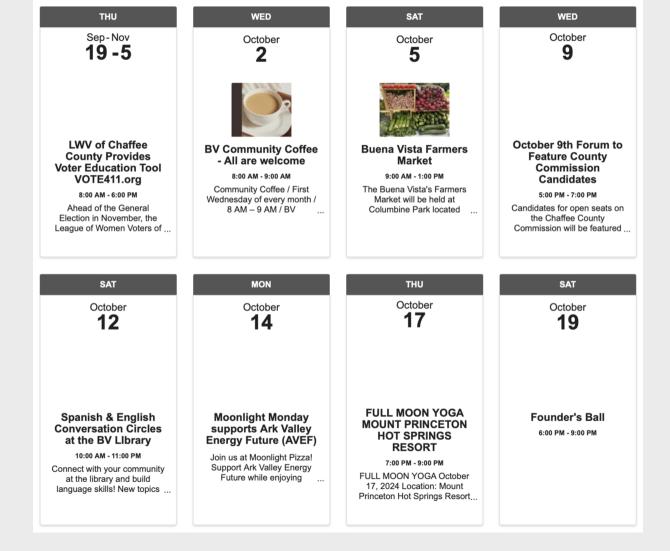
New Lising	Delightful, custom built, in-town home with captivating views of Mount Princeton, Collegiate and Buffalo Peaks. New Listing in Buena Vista Full Circle Real Estate Group
	Just Listed: Classic Mid-Century Modern Gem in Buena Vista Home for Sale: In-town location, Spacious Living Room, Covered Front Porch. Contact Julie Kersting at First Colorado Land Office.
	Comanche Drive In Closes for the Season Comanche Drive In
	Thank you for supporting the Pearl Theatre! Comanche Drive In
	Annual Fall Vaccines at BV Drug In addition to reducing your chances of getting the flu, the vaccine also helps lessen the severity of symptoms if you do get sick.
	Riverside Luxury Retreat: Exquisite Custom-Built Log Home with Stunning Arkansas River Views and Guesthouse Income Potential Home for Sale: Chef's dream kitchen, luxury primary suite, river side patio, Julie Kersting - First Colorado Land Office
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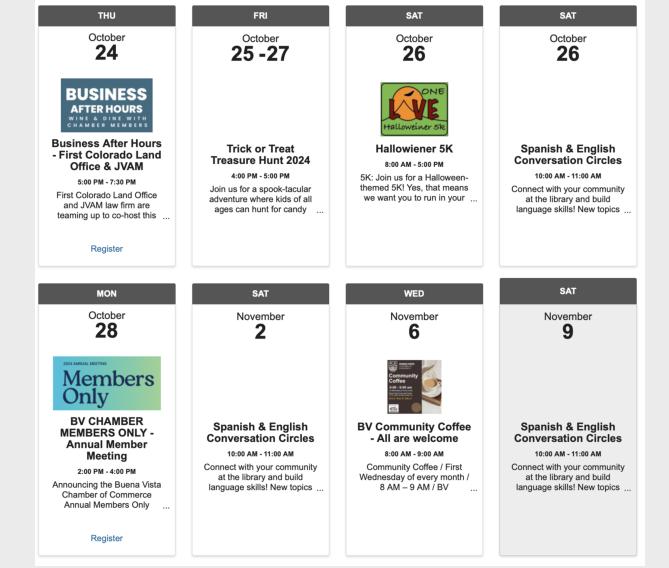
BV Events

Share your events. Plan your fun!

Buena Vista, Colorado is a mecca for events throughout the year. From running races to paddling competitions, live music and food, kid friendly and more... explore our Events Feed to plan your time in BV.

Events Calendar





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