



September 12, 2024

Hello BV Chamber Members & Friends,

Somehow it is mid-September already... [insert googly eye emoji here] I always internally fight the onset of winter and want to hold onto summer for as long as possible, but now I'm finally embracing the opportunity for life to be a touch calmer as the summer frenzy recedes. My pickles are pickling on the shelf and I'm enjoying the last of the colorful flowers as they ready themselves for their final bow before morphing into next year's seeds. (*Interested in Seed Saving? Check out the free seed saving workshop event below*).

September is absolutely beautiful in Buena Vista and we have a full slate of events, races and activities happening all month long. (*Check out the Events Calendar below!*)

I thought I'd share a Welcome Center update! So we opened our doors on June 24, 2024. We were open 5 days a week from 10:00am to 3:00pm. We started off Monday through Friday and switched to Tuesday - Saturday partway through the summer. We were staffed solely by volunteers!

We had face-to-face conversations with nearly 1,000 people in just about 2 and a half months. I think that's pretty spectacular especially considering we missed most of June and had limited hours! We talked with visitors about where to eat, who to boat with, where to stay, where to hike, where to shop, RV dump spots, and whatever other crazy and delightful questions they had for us. We talked with locals about shuttle services, building contractors, automotive needs, schools, jobs, real estate agents, events, nonprofits and more. We promoted responsible recreation, fire safety and leave no trace. We know we took some burden off of businesses and Town Hall by having our doors open and being the friendly, welcoming faces of BV.

We passed out countless flyers and brochures and talked up our local businesses and nonprofit members to everyone who stopped in.

We are working to expand our capacity, extend our hours next season, and serve more people. We are creating plans to collaborate with other local organizations to continue to our responsible recreation messaging as well. We continue to welcome our members to post flyers in the window and drop off brochures for our shelves.

We'll probably shorten our hours later in the fall to give our volunteers a well-earned break but we are happy with how this went and do plan to continue operations!

It takes a time, resources, and funding to conduct this work and I'm very excited to announce the soft launch our [Sponsorship program](#). If you love what we are up to and want to help us do it bigger, better and more elegantly, we'd love your support to build that capacity.

Sponsorship opportunities can be found here: <https://buonavistacolorado.org/sponsorships/>

We will be reaching out to Chamber members and government funders over the next couple of months to explore sponsorships. If you see a project you love and want your name and logo attached to it, jump on it sooner than later as sponsorship spots for each project are limited. Feel free to contact me directly to discuss your interest.

Well my friends... it sure feels like time for a collective big deep breath as we transition from Summer to Fall. Join me. Fill those lungs, pause, and let it out. pheeewwww.

See you soon,

Liz

Election Season

It's election season! Make sure you are registered to vote. [Check voter registration status here.](#)

[REGISTER TO VOTE HERE.](#)

The BV Chamber is dedicated to creating safe and celebrated space for civic dialogue. Do you tend to attack or disregard people you disagree with? So easy to do isn't it? Can we change that norm?

Think about finding new ways, perhaps ways that feel safe and celebrated, where conversation, even disagreement, is welcomed and appreciated. Ask questions, go deeper, be curious.

Democracy is complicated, imperfect, and messy but it's so much better than the alternatives as far as I can figure. The only way our system of government works, the only way to cultivate hope for an ever better future, is if we all participate. Keep talking about things you care about. Be kind to others as you share your views and open safe space for them to share theirs. Keep the conversation going. This is our moment on earth, in America, in BV, creating a society we want to live in. Right now.

Any new voters out there? If you need help understanding the process, how to register, how to get your ballot, the nuts and bolts of how to cast your vote, what to expect, please feel free to reach out. It's really fun to vote and in Colorado they even email you to let you know your vote has been counted!



It's almost time to
VOTE!





Seed Saving

Saturday, Sept. 28
1:00—3:00 p.m.
Library Meeting Room

Learn to harvest, clean, save and store your locally-adapted seeds!

Seed Saving Workshop

The aspens are changing colors, and the gardening season is coming to an end. The Buena Vista Library presents Colorado Master Gardeners Jan Thornton and Alison Hopkins sharing their tips and tricks on all things seed saving.

This event is free and open to the public.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Lean Business Blueprint: Start or Scale with Confidence in BUENA VISTA

Buena Vista Library
Sept. 25 @ 9am to 12:30pm

Unlock Your Business Potential with Practical, Interactive Learning! Join our hands-on session designed to equip you with the skills to create a comprehensive business plan.

Perfect for entrepreneurs at any stage, whether you're launching a new venture or scaling an existing business.

Objective: Gain the expertise to craft a focused, actionable business plan in just 3 hours.

BV Chamber Member Discount is \$15 off. I sent a members only email with the discount code. If you didn't receive it and are a member, let me know.

Space is Limited.

[REGISTER](#) before it sells out!





BUENA VISTA
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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



sponsored by...



BV Events

Share your events. Plan your fun!

All Events

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12**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 ...

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13-15**Beetlejuice Beetlejuice shows at the Comanche Drive In Theatre**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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14**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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14**AppleFest**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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14**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 ...

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14**Cemetery Tour**

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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14**Madams of Central Colorado**

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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16**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!

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16**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...

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18**Lean Business Blueprint LEADVILLE: Start or Scale with Confidence**

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Unlock your business potential with practical, interactive learning! Join our hands-on cohort session designed to equip you with the skills to create a comprehensive Lean Canvas business plan. Perfect for entrepreneurs at any ...

Weekly

Announcements

All Weekly Announcements



Preserve The Pearl Fundraiser Sept 20 & 21

Comanche Drive In



This property line goes to the middle of the creek! Big Creek Frontage!

Full Circle Real Estate Group



Anupa IV Hydration

Anupa IV, LLC

The new 'Beetlejuice Beetlejuice' shows at the Comanche

Comanche Drive In



Just Listed: Spacious, Modern One-Level Living with Beautiful Views and High-End Finishes

Julie Kersting - First Colorado Land Office



Stunning Mountain Home with with Massive 8,160 Sq Ft Shop and Unmatched Mountain Views in Salida

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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

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