



August 8, 2024

Hello BV Chamber Members & Friends,

One of my absolute favorite things about this job is meeting small business owners and hearing about their business ideas and big, beautiful goals. I love learning about their areas of expertise and how they want to bring richness to the fabric of our community by bringing their special skills to share in ways they are excited about.

My love and excitement for small business is really why I took this job. I also know it's not all about me getting to meet all these cool business owners, but about building the Chamber in ways that help support businesses through the many steps in their entrepreneurial journeys. It's about finding ways to be a part of the journey to success they are working so hard to achieve. I also think it's about having fun together as a community along the way.

When I took this job back in late December, I thought we'd dive quickly into this side of things - the fun support systems and networking activities, and growth, and marketing systems for our members. The reality has been that resurrecting, reinventing and rebuilding the operational side of things at the BV Chamber has been a massive undertaking and much more time consuming and complicated than I had anticipated.

We're finally at a place where every day doesn't feel like total mayhem and I am so very ready now to bring stability and to develop clear and reliable systems into every facet of our operations - from member onboarding and regular check ins, to outreach and marketing, to financial planning, to special projects and new collaborations.

When people join the Chamber, I know they mean business. They are ready to GO! They are doing all the THINGS and I want to start sharing more about the exciting and inspiring things I'm hearing from our members.

Here a look at a few inspiring business owners I talked with this week (not tourism related):

1. [Hawk Financial Services](#) launched their new tagline, "You need an accountant, not a bookkeeper." I can't even count the number of conversations I've had over many years with business owners about this very topic. Which one do I need? No one really knows. Haha. Call Nathan Gardner to find out!
2. [Ark Valley Systems](#) owner, Nathan Doty bent my ear at Community Coffee this week about his managed IT systems business. I love his slogan, "Unlimited Support is the only plan we offer." Simple and elegant. Who doesn't need that in their IT support system?
3. [Cyborg Uprising](#) founder, Jason Matthews also had a lot of fascinating things to share at Community Coffee about his early stage start up. He'll be helping small businesses integrate AI in some really fun ways and I just love the raucous business name which make you know something cool is in the works.
4. Finally I want to welcome Claudia Vadillo and her company, [Farmers Insurance](#) as the newest members of the BV Chamber! I can personally recommend Claudia as she has been instrumental in helping me understand the insurance needs of the BV Chamber and has gotten us into a great package that allows us to host events, collaborate on events, and serve alcohol seamlessly without having to get special event insurance every time. Claudia and her team made the insurance conversations surprisingly interesting and I have felt totally supported every step of the way.

I'm excited to use this platform to share more fun stuff about our amazing local businesses, nonprofits and our government entities.

Thanks for participating and engaging.

Love to all,

Liz

Liz Morgan

Executive Director

Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce

PS. If you're a Chamber member and you're thinking, like HEY! Why haven't I been mentioned in the BV Buzz, get in touch. Tell me something interesting. I'd LOVE to feature your business too! As I mentioned above, I'm working on getting these systems in place and I definitely want to spread the love around. Don't hesitate to reach out and in the future (not immediately but working on it) I will be more organized and reaching out to you in a more reliable way. Stay tuned. After a big database purge last month, we have much more clarity about who our members are and who we need to focus on.

PPS. We're doing a subscriber drive for the BV Buzz! Forward this email to 5 local friends and invite them to sign up!

[BV BUZZ NEWSLETTER - JOIN NOW!](#)

# BV Events

Share your events. Plan your fun!

[All Events](#)

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**31 -14****'Twisters' showing at the Comanche**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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**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 ...

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**10 -11****GOLD RUSH DAYS Legacy Stage Concert Series**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

August 10 & 11, 2024 Buena Vista's celebration of our rich history, with artisan vendors, live music, burro races, old photo booths, costumes, food trucks, kid's games, face painting, and much more! LIVE MUSIC both Saturday and Sunday, ...

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**10****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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**10****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-aw cabin. Barn. 100 ...

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**11****Acupuncture Pop-up Weekend Clinic**

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Pop-up Sunday Clinic for Community Acupuncture on August 11th 11am-2pm Make an appointment online: [LMCAcupuncture.com](http://LMCAcupuncture.com) OR Walk-in (first come, first served) Last appointment at 1:15pm for New patients and 1:30pm for ...

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**13****10 Things to Know Before Starting a Business**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

This LIVE webinar serves to create an open forum of Q&A, with interactive conversation among participants and our SBDC Staff and Consultants - it will not be recorded! In this session: 10 Things You Need to Know Before Starting a ...

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**15****Customer Appreciation Thrid Thursday**

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

The Third Thursday of every month is locals day. We want to show our customers how much we appreciate them. Come in this third Thursday and receive 10% off your purchase. (Prescriptions and copays excluded)

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# Weekly Announcements

All Weekly Announcements



Wonderful mountain retreat!

Home for Sale!

[Full Circle Real Estate Group](#)

'TWISTERS' showing at the Comanche

[Comanche Drive In](#)



Acupuncture Pop-up Weekend Walk-in Clinic

acupuncture, community acupuncture

[Little Mountain Community Acupuncture](#)



Open House: Stunning Home in Game Trail Subdivision

open house

[Julie Kersting - First Colorado Land Office](#)



First Colorado Land Office - Business Opportunity

Business Opportunity, Art Gallery, Framing

[First Colorado Land Office](#)

Office Space for Rent!

Office Space for Rent

[First Colorado Land Office](#)



Price Reduced! New Construction Home with Dedicated Arkansas River Access and Brilliant Mountain Views

Home For Sale in Buena Vista

[Julie Kersting - First Colorado Land Office](#)

# 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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CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE



# 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?



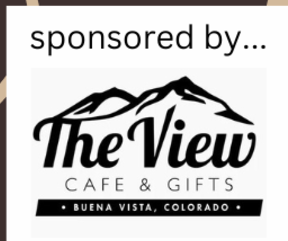
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# Community Coffee

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



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

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

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