

# HRRMC reports six current hospitalizations from COVID-19

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Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center reported six hospitalizations for COVID-19 as of Wednesday.

That brings the total of hospitalizations for patients suffering from the virus to 12 for the month, with nine in the past 14 days.

November ties with December, July and October for most hospital stays for those with COVID-19 since the pandemic started.

September saw the most hospitalizations with 14.

HRRMC reported that 72 percent of its capacity was filled as of Wednesday.

November has also seen a surge of cases within the

county to the highest number in one month at 376 cases.

Chaffee County Public Health reported 169 of those cases were detected in the last 14 days. No cases were added to the county’s dashboard Thursday due to the holiday.

Of the pandemic total of 2,243 cases, 219 or about 9.76 percent have been breakthrough cases among those who had previously been vaccinated. That number falls within predictions of efficacy made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Reinfections account for 14 cases or 0.62 percent of all cases in the county.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment stated, “Slowing the spread of COVID-19 will

decrease the daily number of cases and hospitalizations that occur in Colorado. Preventing hospitalizations will help make sure our hospitals have the staff and equipment they need.”

Top of the list of tips for prevention from the state health department is getting vaccinated, followed by nonpharmaceutical protocols such as masking, distancing and staying home if sick.

The fully vaccinated rate for the state is currently 73.23 percent.

Chaffee County is listed as 13th in the state for full vaccinations at a rate of 75.8 percent for those ages 12 and older. Data including ages 5-11 have not yet been reported by the state.

# Poncha Springs trustees approve budget

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Poncha Springs trustees approved the 2022 budget as presented by Town Administrative Officer Brian Berger at their meeting Monday.

Total expenditures for 2022 are projected to be \$3,338,655. The total amount breaks down to:

- General fund \$912,246
- Enterprise fund \$629,903
- Conservation Trust Fund \$3,500
- Capital projects fund \$1,828,655

Among items added to the draft budget were a public works truck, highway visual and safety improvements

and \$2,000 to pay for parade expenses in expectation that the Fourth of July and Veterans Day parades in 2021 will be continued in the new year.

Following a public hearing, trustees approved a site plan for a building planned for Crossroads Retail Park Lot 10, which will include two retail spaces and three dwelling spaces.

Trustees recently adopted a measure in the land use code requiring a broken roof line for aesthetic reasons. The plan presented by Mark Bourget called for a flat facade.

The plan was approved with the proviso that the roof line on the front facade be elevated to conform to the land use code.

Trustees approved as pre-

sented a preliminary plat for Tailwind II Phase 1.

There was some discussion about possible inclusion of a park in the new development.

A limit of 1,000 people for special events in the town of Poncha Springs was set along with adoption of the Poncha Springs event center policy.

The policy aims to better document public safety for events in the town, including security, emergency plans and traffic control plans.

Trustees approved final payment to Electric Power and Process and acceptance of the water infrastructure improvement project, the well No. 7 addition.

Trustees also voted to move their next regular meeting from Dec. 27 to Dec. 13.

## Legal Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sangre de Cristo Electric Association, Inc.  
29780 US Highway 24 N., P.O. Box 2013, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Sangre de Cristo Electric Association's Wildfire Mitigation Rate Rider, approved by the board of directors October 29, 2020 to pay for costs associated with augmented vegetation management efforts to reduce the risk of wildfires near SDCEA power lines, will increase from \$6.00 per month to \$7.00 per month January 1, 2022 through December 2022. Rate Schedule No. 13 is available to members for examination by signing in to their respective account(s) on the SDCEA's website, myelectric.coop. Once signed in, visit My Profile-Documents. The rate schedules and explanations are also available by calling toll-free during regular business hours, 844-395-2412. Published in The Mountain Mail November 26, 2021

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Town of Poncha Springs, Attn. Brian Berger  
333 Burnett Avenue or PO Box 190  
Poncha Springs, CO 81242  
Office Phone: (719) 539-6882

Sealed BIDS for construction of the 2022 East Poncha Avenue will be received at the Poncha Town Hall, 333 Burnett Avenue, Poncha Springs, CO until 1:30 PM, Date: January 19, 2022. At which time, they which time they will be open and read. The project consists of street rehabilitation for East Poncha Avenue from Poncha Springs Lane to La Plata Street. The rehabilitation consists of removal of existing asphalt, new curb & gutter, sidewalk and asphalt.

Bid Bond, Performance/Payment and Warranty Bonds are required. The project is tax-exempt; the contractor will be provided with the tax-exempt number for materials purchases.

A pre-bid conference call meeting will be held on Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 am. Contractors requesting bid documents will be provided with a Zoom video/telephone conference call number and ID by email to join the call or may attend in person at the Poncha Springs Town Hall. Last day for bid questions is January 11, 2022, at 12:00 pm. All bid questions shall be submitted in writing by email to [tvandaveer@crabtreegroupinc.com](mailto:tvandaveer@crabtreegroupinc.com). Responses to questions and Addendums will be sent to all contractors who have requested bid documents.

Contractors are required to have the capability to communicate via email and submit project documentation by Dropbox. The Town reserves the right to modify or cancel this bid process at any time.

Copies of the Plans and Specifications are available. Electronic copies by email are available at no charge to qualified contractors registered in good standing with the Secretary of State. Qualified contractors' email requests for electronic copies shall use the subject line of 2022 East Poncha Avenue Project and must be sent to both of the following emails addresses: [ldeluca@crabtreegroupinc.com](mailto:ldeluca@crabtreegroupinc.com) , & [tvandaveer@crabtreegroupinc.com](mailto:tvandaveer@crabtreegroupinc.com). All other requests for documents shall be to Poncha Springs via CORA public records request.

Brian Berger  
Administrator  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SALIDA CONCERNING A MAJOR IMPACT REVIEW APPLICATION**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND INTERESTED PERSONS: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: that on December 14, 2021 at or about the hour of 6:00 p.m., public hearings will be conducted by the City of Salida Planning Commission at City Council Chambers, 448 East First Street, Suite 190, Salida, Colorado and online at the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1909092342220683277>. The hearing concerns Major Impact Review applications for the property described as "Part of Lots 4 & 5, All of Lots 6-9, Block 19, City of Salida", also known as 323 West First Street. The applications have been submitted by Salida Bottling Company, LLC represented by Erick Warner.

The applicant is requesting:

A. Approval of a Planned Development overlay zone for the above described 0.6 acres currently split-zoned Commercial (C-1) and Industrial (I) and in the Hwy 291 Established Residential Overlay. For the overall site, the purpose is to create a subdivision with townhome lots fronting off of a private drive, to increase allowed density, to increase allowed building heights, to increase allowed number of building stories, and to decrease the front setback. On the individual townhome lots, the request also includes: to increase the maximum lot coverage for structures, to decrease minimum lot size, to decrease minimum lot frontage, to decrease minimum landscape area, and to decrease setbacks. On the HOA owned outlot, the request is to increase the maximum lot coverage for uncovered parking/access.

B. Approval of a Major Subdivision to split the above described 0.6 acre parcel into 16 townhome lots and 1 outlot, with the intention of 1 townhome lot

to be further split in the future into 1 residential condominium and 1 commercial condominium. This will result in a total of 16 residential units, 1 commercial unit, and 1 HOA owned and managed outlot for the common areas containing the private drive, landscaping, pedestrian access and parking.

Any recommendations by the Planning Commission for the Planned Development and Major Subdivision shall be forwarded to the City Council for review and public hearings.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearings. Further information on the application may be obtained from the Community Development Department, (719) 530-2631.

\*Please note that it is inappropriate to personally contact individual City Councilors or Planning Commissioners, outside of the public hearing, while an application is pending. Such contact is considered ex parte communication and will have to be disclosed as part of the public hearings on the matter. If you have any questions/comments, you should email or write a letter to staff, or present your concerns at the public meeting via the above GoToWebinar link so your comments can be made part of the record. Published in The Mountain Mail Nov. 26, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SALIDA CONCERNING ANNEXATION AND ZONING APPLICATIONS**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND INTERESTED PERSONS: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: that on December 14, 2021 at or about the hour of 6:00 p.m., a public hearing will be conducted by the City of Salida Planning Commission at City Council Chambers, 448 East First Street, Suite 190, Salida, Colorado and online at the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1909092342220683277>

The hearing is regarding applications for Annexation and Zoning submitted by and on behalf of Jeff Kriebel, Thomas Clegg, and Wendell Winger; for the properties located at 7543 County Road 141, 7547 County Road 141 and 7561 County Road 141.

The City is currently considering a petition to annex and zone the subject properties into the City. The general purpose of the application is to consider the applicant's request to zone the property Medium Density Residential (R-2).

Any recommendation by the Planning Commission for the Annexation and Zoning shall be forwarded to the City Council for review and a public hearing scheduled for February 01, 2022, at or about the hour of 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers and online at the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6382995264411204366>.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing. Further information on the applications may be obtained from the Community Development Department, (719) 530-2626.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF SALIDA PLANNING COMMISSION CONCERNING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 6 AND 16 OF THE SALIDA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS AND SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND INTERESTED PERSONS: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 at or about the hour of 6:00 p.m. by the City of Salida Planning Commission at City Council Chambers, 448 East First Street, Suite 190, Salida, CO and online at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1909092342220683277> to consider amendments to Chapter 16 of the Salida Municipal Code regarding adult entertainment establishments and sexually-oriented businesses. A subsequent hearing will also be heard by the Salida City Council at a later date to be determined and duly noticed. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearings online or in person. Further information on the application may be obtained from either the City Clerk's Office or the Community Development Department.

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