



Board Highlights

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Meeting of May 24, 2018

Events: The Community Gardens are off to a great start and have had a tremendous amount of involvement so far from Kids Connection! Monte Vista will be having the upcoming Dirt Drags the weekend of June 1-3 and the Chamber will be serving a baked potato bar. We would like to give a special thanks to Johnny Martin, Top Value, Metz Potato Co. and CPAC for their donations to the Dirt Drag Event. The Chamber is gearing up for the upcoming Taste of the Valley event happening Saturday, June 30th at Chapman Park from 10:00am-6:00pm. There will be a variety of food vendors with samples as well as many arts and crafts booths. The Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that we will be expanding our Home and Garden Show for 2019 to include Outdoor Living and Recreation Vendors as well, and the date for this event is March 1-3 2019.

Community Organizations: The Eagle Line Shuttle Service will begin running its routes starting June 5th, and will be picking up riders at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce. Routes include trips to Salida, and Alamosa. Please call 719-530-8980 for more details! The Conquistadores will be hosting the Kids Carnival on Saturday June 9th from 1:00pm-5:00pm. The Monte Vista Kiwanis is sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop and will be putting flags out for Memorial Day. Kiwanis is continually in search of help for the Faith Hinkley Memorial Park, and thus far plans to add shade structures as well as picnic tables are well under way.

Discussion: Rob Vance from the City reported that an engineering firm will be doing a final inspection to determine the safety of the existing structure of the Ski Hi Building. The Monte Vista Chamber Board approved a letter of support to have a grant written on behalf of the City of Monte Vista in hopes to bring about more business for the city as well as more funding for the information center.

Other Action Items: The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Meet the Candidates forum on June 12 at 6:00pm at the Chamber and is open to the public. The Chamber is sponsoring the Thunder in the Valley event by providing a special events permit, as well as an "in-kind" donation of \$150 to the Brothers Keepers Chapter 19 to extend our insurance policy and provide them with liability coverage for their event.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The Chamber will be having a Highway Clean-up on June 23rd, meeting at the information center at 8:00am. Also, the Monte Vista Chamber will be hosting the San Luis Valley Chamber meeting on June 27th at the Chamber office at 12:00 pm.

Next Meeting: The next Chamber Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 28th at 7:00 am at the SunFlour Bakery.