



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Trustees

From: Dawn Baumhover
Community Center Coordinator

Date: 11/12/13

Re: Staff report

Routine at the Community Center is slowly being established as we hit the 8-week mark post-flood. Folks are becoming accustomed to interim routines of different entrances and hours. Classes have continued to be well-attended and events have been held.

Events over the past month included the Nederland Area Seniors Pancake Breakfast and the second annual Witches Ball. Boulder County once again used the Community Center as a drop-off location for mail-in ballots from October 31-November 5. A group of moms successfully mounted a Facebook campaign to collect Halloween candy at the CC for Old Town residents. Many parents who bring their children to this Nederland neighborhood for trick or treating responded. Ninety-three bags of candy were collected and distributed to help defray the costs for the residents along this popular route.

The Nederland High School leadership team has left a bin in the entrance to collect Toys for Tots in the upcoming weeks. EFAA will hold their annual Thanksgiving box distribution on Saturday, November 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Mayor's Task Force on Housing and Human Services will sponsor a Human Services Fair concurrently, where folks can learn about the many services offered through the County and local non-profit agencies. Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 24. Based on last year's record turnout, more turkeys will be

cooked than ever before! A change to this year's event will be a return to asking folks to bring their own table service in a continuing effort to meet zero waste and sustainability goals. The Annual Holiday Mountain Market is approaching and will be held in the Community Center the first weekend in December – December 7 and 8.

The last week in October signaled the end of an era at the Backdoor Theater as the old 35mm projection equipment was removed. The installation of the new digital projection and sound equipment was begun and completed in three whirlwind days at the expert hand of the installer. The inaugural show was “Gravity” and audiences packed the house. The new equipment will open up a wide variety of programming options for the future.

The restoration of the lower level continues to progress through various stages. The demolition and remediation after the floods is complete. The concession stand sustained much more damage than first thought. The BDT is currently making do in the hallway and the conference room until the work is complete. Two 40-foot containers have been rented and movers filled them with the contents of the weight rooms. Drainage improvement work is currently underway to ensure the weight rooms will not flood again. Once this work is complete, we can begin the rebuilding process.

The Red Cross and Lion's Club responded to our requests for long-term preparedness. A generous donation from the Lion's Club provided us with 35 blankets, 15 sleeping bags as well as a supply of pillows, hand warmers, canned goods and complete meals. The Red Cross has donated 50 cots and 58 blankets to remain at the Community Center for future sheltering needs. The bedding supplies are stored off of the gym, close to where they would be utilized while the other supplies remain in the emergency room. Chris Current of the Food Pantry has agreed to watch the expiration dates on food items and water. She will rotate those through the Food Pantry in a timely manner and replace them out of her grant funding. Kristi Vendetti of the Community Clothing Closet received an \$800 grant to acquire winter clothing. Both the Pantry and Clothing Closet have experienced a significant increase in patrons since the flood.