

BERTHOUD INFOCUS

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Community Calendar

As dates approach for the monthly meetings, please check the Town of Berthoud website at www.Berthoud.org where we will post updated information and changes. There will also be information about how to "digitally attend" and provide public comments.

FEBRUARY

2 PORT Committee Meeting
6:00 pm

3 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting
6:00 pm

8 Regular Town Board Meeting
6:30 pm

14 Historic Preservation Advisory Committee
5:30 pm

22 Regular Town Board Meeting
6:30 pm

24 Planning Commission Meeting
6:00 pm

28 Tree Advisory Committee Meeting
6:00 pm

MARCH

2 PORT Committee Meeting
6:00 pm

3 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting
6:00 pm

Town Park Information

On January 11, 2021, the Town Board reviewed an updated concept plan for the renovation of Town Park. Located between 5th St. and 7th St., just south of Welch Ave., Town Park has served many purposes over the years, including hosting Berthoud Day, serving as field space for baseball and softball programs, and being home to the former Town pool. It has also served as overflow space for physical education programs and parking for Ivy Stockwell Elementary and has become a hub for outdoor pickleball activities. When the master planning effort began in 2018, the Town knew it would be a challenging and highly important renovation project.

After several public meetings and engagement opportunities, the Town adopted a master plan to replace the 48-year-old Town pool with a large water play area, to construct a new adventure playground amid the large old-growth trees, and to create a multi-purpose event location where the baseball fields currently stand. Since that time, pickleball has become a regular activity in the park, though the noise associated with the sport has caused some negative impacts for nearby neighbors.

During its January review, the Town Board considered an updated proposal that builds off the 2018 master plan. The revised concept splits the park into two construction phases, with the western half of the park being renovated first, while the ballfields remain in place until new fields are constructed at Richardson Park. Those fields would then be replaced by a multi-purpose park and event space during the second Phase of the project.

The Town Board also decided that other locations in Town are better suited for the impacts of pickleball. With those locations under or nearing construction, an initial decision to remove the pickleball courts from Town Park was made. The Town is now seeking feedback from residents on the updated master plan. Please use the following link below to share your input and thoughts about the new plan. **Help us refine the vision for this important park in the heart of our community.**

Please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/QYYC8RT

For questions, please call the Town of Berthoud at 970.532.2643.



Resource Central Information

Water conservation is a growing practice in Colorado, where the population continues to increase, and water becomes even more critical for towns and cities across the state. Intending to reduce water usage, the Town of Berthoud has partnered with Resource Central. **Resource Central** is a top-rated nonprofit based in Boulder focusing on making conservation easy for everyone. Resource Central has partnered with more than 40 water providers throughout the state to help protect this precious resource through various programs. The Town is proud to provide the following programs to Berthoud residents:

- **Garden in a Box** is a program that offers professionally designed, Waterwise garden kits that are tailored to Colorado yards. Plants that work well together are included with a planting map to design a xeriscape area. This program is a three-step process: buy it, plant it, and enjoy it. All kits come with instructions on garden layout along with a plant and care guide for the first year and beyond.
- The second program is **Lawn Replacement** which residents will make a plan and apply, get approved by Resource Central, have at least 200 square feet of lawn removed and then plant a garden in a box where the lawn was removed. This provides all of the benefits of planting a garden while removing costly watering for grass.
- The final program is **Slow the Flow**, focusing on in-ground irrigation systems. This service usually takes 60-75 minutes and involves a visual inspection, data collection, and an in-depth evaluation of the resident's system. The Resource Central technician will provide a clean and actionable list of suggestions to reduce water use and runoff at the property while still keeping lawns healthy.

For more information about these programs or to sign up, please visit www.resourcecentral.org.

Policy Update for Water Shut-Offs

The Town of Berthoud is updating its policy regarding delinquent water accounts that are two months late and subject to being shut-off. The following changes will take effect beginning February of 2022.

- If water service has been disconnected due to non-payment, the minimum amount due (the delinquent amount) must be paid in FULL, plus a \$30 reconnection fee before 12:00 pm for services to be restored the same day.
- Account payments received after 12:00 PM on the date of disconnection will have service restored the following day. This policy change includes days that follow the disconnection date. For more information, please visit www.berthoud.org/mybill



Coffee with the Chiefs

Join for a regular Q&A and meet and greet time with our civil-service friends.

Who:

LCSO Berthoud Squad, Sgt. Jim Anderson
Berthoud Fire, Fire Chief Stephen Charles

Where:

Cornerstone
Cafe

When:

Monthly, 3rd Thursday
@ 2pm

Utility Billing

Customers have the choice of:

- Paying their bill online
- Setting up auto-pay
- Receiving paperless billing

www.berthoud.org/utility-billing

Community Stats:

DECEMBER 2021



Animal Calls	21
Citizen Assists	24
Code Violation	7
Traffic Stops	63
Vehicle Crashes	16

 **73** Total permits Issued

25 New Single Family Homes

Total Valuation
\$11,596,464



Sales tax collected:

Dec. 2021 **\$955,407** | Dec. 2020 **\$817,417**

2021 YTD **\$12,808,722**

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