

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.

July

- 7 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting**
6:00 pm
- 11 Historic Preservation Advisory Committee**
5:30 pm
- 12 Regular Town Board Meeting**
6:30 pm
- 14 Planning Commission Meeting**
6:00 pm
- 18 Tree Advisory Committee Meeting**
6:00 pm
- 26 Regular Town Board Meeting**
6:30 pm

August

- 3 PORT Committee Meeting**
6:15 pm
- 4 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting**
6:00 pm

1st Street Corridor

The Town is preparing a plan for Berthoud’s 1st Street Corridor, which extends between Mountain Avenue and Hwy 287. The purpose of the project is to identify current and future needs of the 1st Street corridor and establish preferences and priorities based on those needs. The plan will provide a vision and a set of goals for guiding growth, development, redevelopment and design of the 1st Street corridor. More specifically, the plan will address architecture, scale, form, character of development, development density/intensity, connectivity, multi-modal transportation, streetscapes, landscaping and signage within the 1st Street corridor planning area.

Town staff and a local consulting team will guide the planning effort. Input for the 1st Street Corridor Plan will be sought from local residents, businesses, property owners, and community leaders. The final product - the 2022 1st Street Corridor Plan - will provide the Town with a roadmap for accomplishing community planning objectives along the corridor for many years to come.

Save the Date

A public workshop for the 1st Street Corridor Plan will be held July 21, 2022 from 6 – 7:30pm at Northern Water, 220 Water Avenue in Berthoud. This open house event will introduce the project, identify key planning issues, and provide feedback opportunity regarding corridor planning and design priorities.

For more information, please contact Curt Freese, Berthoud Community Development Director, at (970) 344-5818 or visit the project website:

www.plan-tools.com/Projects/PlanBerthoud.

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



Fats, Oils, and Grease

By now, most of us have heard that it is bad for our pipes to allow Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) to flow down the drain, or to flush wipes of any kind down the toilet. Have you ever wondered why? If you've handled any oily substance, like bacon, you know that it leaves a little bit of itself behind on everything it touches.

When FOG enters Berthoud's sewer system, it combines with the chemicals used by our wastewater department to create a sticky substance that clings to the walls of the pipes. When this mixes with wipes that have been flushed, whether baby wipes, make-up removers, or even those clearly labeled "flushable", it becomes even more problematic.

Since all household drains meet up and leave your home in a single pipe, the grease you've washed down the kitchen sink mixes with the flushed wipes to become a congealed blob that will not break down over time. That blob now joins the blob coming out of your neighbor's home to become an even bigger, less flexible mass, and so on, and so forth.

When the FOG-wipe mixture from all the homes in your subdivision meets up, it's no longer a little bit of grease from a pan of bacon, or a single wipe, it is a substantial threat to our sewer system. Not only do the soggy clumps of wipes and grease create colossal obstructions, but they get caught up in the Town's sewer equipment, (picture a boat's propeller mixing with fishing line or weeds).

These scenarios result in expensive repairs to the waste treatment equipment and sometimes to your home plumbing system. As a reminder, the only things that can be safely flushed down the toilet are "Pee, Poo, and toilet Paper" (the three Ps, if you will.) Leftover oils and fats should be cooled and decanted into a container and tossed into the trash, and the greasy pan wiped out with a paper towel before washing. **If we all work together to keep fats, oils, grease, and ALL types of wipes out of our sewer pipes, both the Town and its residents will avoid costly, and, frankly, awful repairs.**



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:

MAY 2022



Animal Calls	3
Citizen Assists	28
Code Violation	10
Traffic Stops	117
Vehicle Crashes	24



79 Total permits
Issued

24 New Single
Family Homes

Total Valuation
\$14,387,006



Sales tax collected:

May 2022 | May 2021
\$1,084,481 | \$1,328,410

2022 YTD \$5,116,396

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