

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.

June

- 1** **PORT Committee Meeting**
6:15 pm
- 2** **Youth Advisory Commission Meeting**
6:00 pm
- 6** **Historic Preservation Advisory Committee**
5:30 pm
- 9** **Planning Commission Meeting**
6:00 pm
- 14** **Regular Town Board Meeting**
6:30 pm
- 20** **Tree Advisory Committee Meeting**
6:00 pm
- 23** **Planning Commission Meeting**
6:00 pm
- 28** **Regular Town Board Meeting**
6:30 pm

July

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

Water Conservation

As summer approaches, the Town of Berthoud would like to remind everyone how vital water conservation is for all of us. Since 2000, the State has experienced the highest summer and spring average temperatures in the historical record. Six of the eight warmest years on record for Colorado have occurred since 2012. In addition to the overall trend of higher average temperatures, the number of very hot days has been above average since 2000.

As Colorado gets warmer, water becomes more and more precious. To help conserve this natural resource, the Town code prohibits irrigation between 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Exceptions to this ordinance include micro-irrigation hand watering, soaker hoses, drip irrigation systems, or establishing a new lawn.

As members of our community, it is our responsibility to be good stewards of this critically important resource.

Conserving water helps your wallet and your lawn. Here are some practical reasons to limit water usage:

- *Save your money – Watering during cooler times of the day reduces evaporation caused by heat and wind, allowing you to water less frequently. Less watering means a lower water bill.*
- *Save your lawn - Smart-watering practices reduce runoff, increase absorption, and help prevent root rot and other problems caused by water-logged soils.*

Here are a few facts, tips, and tools to help you be more water conscious:

- *Check all plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems yearly. Over a one month time frame, a dripping faucet can lose 10,800 gallons, while a leaking toilet loses 21,000. And a stuck float in a livestock watering trough can lead to a loss of 216,000 gallons.*
- *Over half of all inside water use takes place in the bathroom. By replacing just one showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model, the EPA estimates the average family can save 2,700 gallons annually.*
- *30% or more of water used in a household is typically devoted to the outside of your property. However, that number can be as high as 70% during the summer.*

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



July 3rd Fireworks Event

- Festival Location: Berthoud Recreation Center at Waggener Farm Park
 - Festival Time: 4:00-8:00 pm
 - Firework Location: Berthoud Recreation Center at Waggener Farm Park
 - Fireworks begin: 9:15 pm
 - Food Trucks: Nacho Mama's Tacos, Cilantro and Lime, BIGS Meat Wagon, Backyard Bird, Kona Ice, Sweaty Moose, Tacoman, Southern Twist Food
 - Entertainment: Inflatables, Face Painting, Live Music, and Beer Garden
- Please visit: www.berthoud.org/july-3rd

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- According to the CSU extension program, "the rule of thumb for watering an established lawn is, 'water as deeply and infrequently as possible'. This is because this type of irrigation stimulates root growth, resulting in healthy, drought-tolerant, and pest-resistant turf. While it's true that a deep, healthy root system produces vigorous turf, rooting depth is determined primarily by genetics and soil condition, not irrigation.
- Mowing your lawn is good for growth. If you raise the lawnmower blade, and keep it sharp, you'll have a healthier lawn. Longer grass promotes deeper root growth which requires less watering. This doesn't mean mowing it less frequently; it simply means cutting it at a higher level each time you mow.

By using water more efficiently, you are helping ensure reliable water supplies are there to meet our needs and those of future generations.

For more information on how to water wisely, please visit www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoors



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:



APRIL 2022

Animal Calls	2
Citizen Assists	20
Code Violation	5
Traffic Stops	113
Vehicle Crashes	14



76 Total permits
Issued

16 New Single
Family Homes

Total Valuation

\$10,239,799



Sales tax collected:

April 2022

\$937,354

April 2021

\$1,094,395

2022

YTD

\$4,031,915

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