



# BERTHOUD IN FOCUS

August 2024

Issue 117



## Community Calendar

As the monthly meetings approach, please check the Town of Berthoud website, where we will post updated information and changes. There is also information on how to participate in public meetings and how to view previously recorded meetings.

### The Berthoud Market at Fickel Park

8:00 am - 12:00 pm **August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**

## August

- 7** Port Advisory Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 7** Youth Advisory Commission Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Berthoud Rec Center
- 8** Municipal Court  
8:30 am - 10:30 am
- 8** Planning Commission Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 12** Historic Preservation Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- 13** Town Board Meeting  
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- 19** Tree Advisory Committee Meeting  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- 21** Youth Advisory Commission Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Berthoud Rec Center
- 22** Planning Commission Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 27** Town Board Meeting  
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

## September

**Town Hall Will Be Closed on September 2 for Labor Day**

- 4** Port Advisory Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 4** Youth Advisory Commission Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Berthoud Rec Center

[www.berthoud.org](http://www.berthoud.org)

## Town Park Update:

We are excited about Berthoud Town Park's reopening! The Town Trustees were recently given a tour of the new park and remarked on how they look forward to families creating new memories there for years to come. If the construction stays on schedule and the weather doesn't slow us down, we plan to hold its grand reopening later this month. Be sure to check [Berthoud.org](http://Berthoud.org) or our Facebook page for any updates. We cannot wait for all of you to see the new real-rock water features, treehouse-themed playground, rentable pavilion with a fire pit, and meditation gardens.

## Protect yourself from West Nile Virus with the 4 Ds:

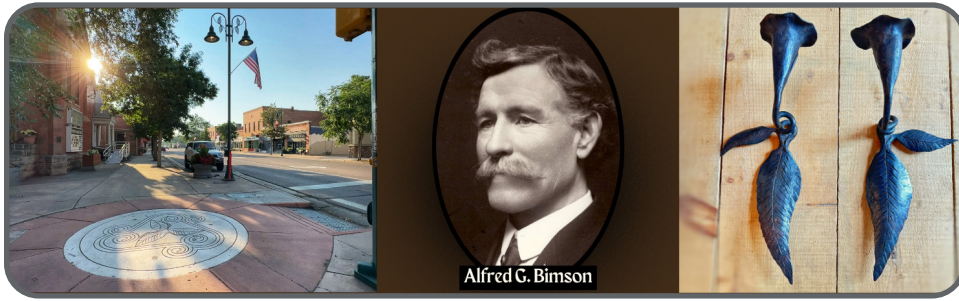


Even though we've had a dry summer, mosquitos are still plentiful. Unfortunately, West Nile Virus (WNV) has recently been found in Berthoud. Although all age groups are at risk for WNV, and it can be fatal to anybody, individuals over the age of 50 and those with compromised immune systems have the highest risk of severe disease. Fortunately, you can take measures to help protect yourself by following the **Four Ds**:

- Mosquitos breed in water, so by **DRAINING** any standing water in your backyard every week, you are reducing the number of places they can multiply.
- Limit the time you spend outdoors at **DUSK** through **DAWN** when mosquitoes are most active and feeding.
- Anytime you are outside and bugs are biting, it's best to **DEFEND** yourself with an approved repellent. Apply it sparingly to the skin, and again, make sure you spray your clothing.
- If you find yourself outside at **DUSK** or **DAWN**, wear lightweight clothing with long sleeves and pants. Spray clothing with insect repellent, as mosquitos can bite through clothing.

Visit [www.Berthoud.org/Mosquito](http://www.Berthoud.org/Mosquito) for more information on how to keep safe this summer.

**Questions? Call the Town of Berthoud at 970.532.2643**



## Bimson's lasting effect on Berthoud

By Andrew Wayland, Museums Manager

Have you ever walked Mountain Avenue and seen the designs on the bump-outs or looked up at the streetlights and noticed its leaf-themed metalwork? If you have, then you have seen work done by Alfred G. Bimson.

A.G. Bimson was a blacksmith here in Berthoud who arrived shortly after the town was established. He built and worked out of his stone shop from the 1890s to the 1940s. Still standing, his shop now houses the Little Thompson Valley Pioneer Museum.

Bimson's designs are evident in many places throughout town, and he was well known for his intricate patterns and motifs. He started designing these artistic works during the 1920s when his focus moved away from horseshoes. At that time, farmers were beginning to rely less on horses and more on gas-powered trucks and tractors. Due to this shift, Bimson could devote his time to creating more ornate works.

When you look around Mountain Ave., you will see a recurring theme of Bimson's. His leaf motif is evident in many of his pieces. To see more of Bimson's work and his original blacksmith shop, visit the Little Thompson Valley Pioneer Museum. The excellent staff and volunteers will happily tell you all about Alfred G. Bimson and his amazing work.

The Little Thompson Valley Pioneer Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is located at 224 Mountain Avenue, Berthoud, CO 80513.

Get more information on their website - [berthoudhistoricalsociety.org](http://berthoudhistoricalsociety.org)



Bimson  
Bookend Candlestick Holders

# Berthoud by the Numbers

June, 2024



## Law Enforcement

Animal Calls .....	109
Citizen Assists .....	30
Code Violations .....	79
Traffic Stops .....	81
Vehicle Accidents .....	17



## Permits

57	Permits Issued
11	New Residential
1	New Commercial/Non-Res

Total Property Valuation  
**\$7,492,805.43**



## Sales Tax

2024, YTD

**\$6,615,637**

June, 2024	June, 2023
<b>\$1,006,978</b>	<b>\$877,060</b>

## Let's Connect

Berthoud Town Hall  
807 Mountain Avenue,  
P.O. Box 1229, Berthoud, CO 80513

**970.532.2643**

**[www.Berthoud.org](http://www.Berthoud.org)**

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@BerthoudRec  
@Berthoudbikepark



@TownOfBerthoud  
@BerthoudRecreation  
@Berthoud.bikepark



Join Berthoud's Police and Fire Chiefs and the Mayor at this monthly meet and greet.

### When:

The third Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm

### Where:

Cornerstone Cafe  
250 Mountain Ave, Berthoud



## Go Paperless

### Utility Billing

Our online billing is easy and convenient!

- Pay your bill online
- Set up billing auto-pay
- Sign up to receive paperless billing

**[www.Berthoud.org/utilitybilling](http://www.Berthoud.org/utilitybilling)**

### Berthoud Recreation

Visit [Berthoud.org](http://Berthoud.org) and subscribe to Berthoud's Park and Recreation newsletter to have events and updates come right to your inbox.