

# BERTHOUD IN FOCUS

February 2025

Issue 123

Ice Bubble Photo Courtesy of  
Meagan Schrecengost



## 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.

**Town Hall Will Be Closed on  
February 17th for President's Day**

### February

- 5** Port Advisory Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 5** Youth Advisory Commission Meeting  
7:30 am - 8:30 am
- 10** Historic Preservation Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- 11** Town Board Meeting  
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- 13** Municipal Court  
8:30 am - 10:30 am
- 13** Planning Commission Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 24** Tree Advisory Committee Meeting  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- 25** Town Board Meeting  
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- 27** Planning Commission Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### March

- 5** Youth Advisory Commission Meeting  
7:30 am - 8:30 am
- 5** Port Advisory Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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

## Utility Rate Increase

Starting with the February 2025 billing, Berthoud residents will see a small increase in their utility bills for water, stormwater drainage, and sewage. This is part of the town's annual review and adjustment of water rates, a necessary process to cover increasing water treatment costs, system maintenance, and future infrastructure investments.

This 2.1% rate adjustment ensures ongoing support for high-quality water production, provides reliable stormwater and wastewater management, ensures sustainable Town infrastructure, and keeps up with ever-changing regulatory requirements. The increase to an average Water & Wastewater bill will amount to approximately \$2.06\* per month and appear on this month's utility bills.

These additional fees will go towards market-driven inflationary expenses such as transportation costs, chemicals, upgrades to equipment, and construction costs associated with rehabilitating and improving aging infrastructure. It also allows us to continue meeting and exceeding newly adopted clean-water regulations set by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

We understand that everyone feels the pinch of increased costs. Still, even with the increase, Berthoud's water rates will be comparable to or below the average of our neighbors in Larimer and Weld Counties. In addition, as we move forward, we are aggressively looking at ways to cut costs to help reduce possible increases in the future.

Please contact Berthoud Utility Billing at **(970) 532-2643** or email [Billing@Berthoud.org](mailto:Billing@Berthoud.org) with questions about the rate increase.

### 2025 WATER RATES

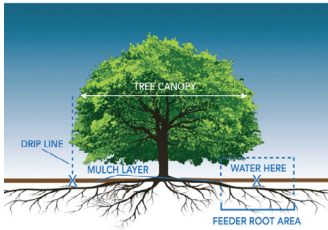
BASE WATER FEE	CONSUMPTION PER 1,000 GAL PER MONTH	STORM DRAIN FEE	SEWER RATE
<b>\$17.71</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>	<b>\$10.94</b>	<b>\$55.86</b>
PER MONTH	FIRST 24K GALLONS	AVG PER MONTH FOR 2,300 SQ FT PROPERTY	BASED ON 4,000 GAL AVG WINTER USAGE

*\*Figure based on winter usage for a typical single-family residence. Summer figures may increase depending on individual outdoor irrigation.*

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

## Winter Water for Healthy Trees in the Spring

Winter in Colorado is often dry, with little rain or snow, dry air, and big temperature swings. From October to March, there's usually not enough moisture to keep the soil wet, which can damage trees and shrubs by harming their roots. While trees may look fine in the spring, they can weaken and struggle in the summer heat, becoming more vulnerable to pests and diseases. If there's no measurable moisture for 30 days, it's time to winter water. Trees need about 10 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter, but only water when it's above 40°F, with no snow on the ground. Watering earlier in the day is also wise to avoid possibly freezing at night. For more tips on tree care and winter watering, visit [www.Berthoud.org/Forestry](http://www.Berthoud.org/Forestry).



### TIPS FOR WINTER WATERING

- Trees need 10 gallons of water for each inch of the trunk's diameter.
- Apply water out to the edge of the tree's root spread. Avoid spraying on foliage if watering an evergreen tree.
- Water slowly and deeply, leaving the hose at a trickle.

## Learn to Landscape Using Less Water with Resource Central

Resource Central's free, online Waterwise Yard Seminars are taught by local landscape and horticultural professionals. Get your landscaping questions answered and learn how to keep your yard looking great while using less water. There are 28 seminars with topics ranging from low-water landscape design, xeric plant selection, smart irrigation, and more. Both novice and advanced gardeners are sure to learn something new. Seminars are held online over Zoom. Visit [ResourceCentral.org](http://ResourceCentral.org) to see the full schedule and sign up.

## Welcome to Berthoud!

Have you noticed the new signs that greet you as you enter Berthoud from 287 onto Mountain Ave or westbound HWY 56? These bright, bold, and beautiful entry signs are hand-painted and will welcome people to our town for years to come.



## 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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on Social  
Media



@BerthoudCO  
@BerthoudRec  
@Berthoudbikepark



@TownOfBerthoud  
@BerthoudRecreation  
@Berthoud.bikepark



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

### When:

3rd Thursday of each month, 2 p.m.

### Where:

Cornerstone Cafe  
250 Mountain Ave, Berthoud

# Berthoud by the Numbers

December, 2024



## Law Enforcement

Animal Calls .....	94
Citizen Assists .....	38
Code Violations .....	28
Traffic Stops .....	133
Vehicle Accidents .....	22



## Permits

December / 2024 Total

50 / 912	Other Permits
13 / 166	New Residential
0 / 20	New Commercial/Non-Res

### Total Property Valuation

2024	2023
\$8,077,252.88	\$135,194,799.20



## Sales Tax

2024	2023
\$13,358,568	\$12,556,449
December, 2024	December, 2023
\$1,061,494	\$1,093,372



## 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.