

BERTHOUD infocus

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All meetings take place in the Berthoud Town Hall, 328 Massachusetts Ave. View agendas and meeting minutes at www.berthoud.org/Town/documents.php.

JUNE

- 8** Historic Preservation Committee
7:00 p.m.
- 9** Regular Town Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.
- 11** Planning & Zoning Commission
6:30 p.m.
- 15** Tree Advisory Committee
6:00 p.m.
- 17** Community Chat
7:00 p.m.
- 18** Municipal Court
9:00 a.m.
- 23** Regular Town Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.
- 25** Planning & Zoning Commission
6:30 p.m.

JULY

- 3** INDEPENDENCE DAY
Town Hall closed
- 9** Planning & Zoning Commission
6:30 p.m.
- 13** Historic Preservation Committee
5:30 p.m.
- 14** Regular Town Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.

BERTHOUD WATER SUPPLY & TREATMENT

Water. We take it for granted in our world of indoor plumbing, home sprinkler systems and scenic reservoirs. Berthoud takes its water quality very seriously and is consistently seeking ways to improve its water storage, water treatment and water delivery systems. Berthoud is fortunate to have naturally occurring, healthy water that needs minimal treatment for potable purposes.

OUR REGIONAL WATER RESOURCES

The Town processes raw water from various resources, which are delivered into Carter Lake and then piped to the treatment plant. The water is drawn into the treatment plant, where it is processed to eliminate public health problems and then stored in our 3 million gallon storage tank until delivered to homes and businesses through miles of underground pipes.

BERTHOUD WATER RATES

Years ago, Berthoud's utility departments were in desperate need of plant improvements, and the Town borrowed the funding necessary to continue normal day-to-day operations. In the years that followed, very little new growth was experienced in Berthoud and rates had to be increased to repay the bonds. The last utility rate increase occurred in 2009. Rates are based on a home's water consumption; usage increases in the summer due to lawn irrigation. New construction projects pay the Town "impact fees" before adding their additional demand onto our existing system. As more homes or buildings are occupied, this becomes part of the enlarged utility service area.



CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Over the last several years, the Town identified additional improvements that were needed to further enhance our water quality and to improve the treatment process for the future. In late 2014, lead and copper levels were slightly elevated according to test results performed in a sampling of Berthoud homes. To remedy the situation, the Town, in partnership with the state's Public Health and Environment office, created a corrosion control plan. The water is now treated with an EPA approved material that prevents home plumbing equipment from leeching lead and copper into the water.

We routinely monitor for disinfectant residual in the distribution system. This measurement tells us whether we are effectively disinfecting the water supply.

In April 2015, our water system violated a drinking water standard. The mandatory

disinfectant residual level was undetectable in slightly more than five percent of samples. The standard states that the disinfectant may be undetectable in no more than 5% of samples each month for two months in a row. The problem was traced to aged software that is linked to the treatment process and the problem has now been corrected.

This situation is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Tests taken during this same time period did not indicate the presence of bacteria in the water. More information regarding this is included in the June utility bill.



MAY RAINS IMPACT ROADS & WATER STORAGE

Unless you were traveling outside of Colorado in May, you likely remember the unusually rainy month. Town Streets crews were delayed in repairing potholes due to the conditions, and unfortunately, the added rain created more potholes. "Temporary" repairs continued to be made by the crews during the wet weather, but most will have to be redone when dryer weather again prevails. Thanks for your patience as the crews catch up on the repairs.

In addition to road damage, the rainy weather created soaked fields, filled detention ponds and saturated soil. The extra moisture, while needed in our semi-arid climate, contributed extra water to our already high water table. Town staff and Larimer County Sheriff Office personnel monitored the potential for flooding closely during the month. Some minor flooding occurred in isolated areas. Plans are underway for drainage projects in those areas that may prevent future flooding risks.



TICK AWARENESS

Speaking of the wet month of May, have you noticed an increase in ticks on you or your pets? Larimer County has seen a higher than average number of ticks this spring thanks to a mild winter and wet spring. Please be cautious outdoors, consider tick prevention measures and know how to remove ticks if you find one on skin. For up to date information on ticks in our region, visit Larimer County's Health and Environment site <http://www.larimer.org/health/cd/vector.asp>.

For prevention and treatment tips, visit the Colorado State Extension Office <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/insect/05593.html>.



COMMUNITY STATS

BERTHOUD CLEAN UP DAY
8 LARGE ROLL-OFF DUMPSTERS
3 DUMPSTERS OF RECYCLE APPLIANCES, METAL, ETC.
HUGE AMOUNT OF BRANCHES

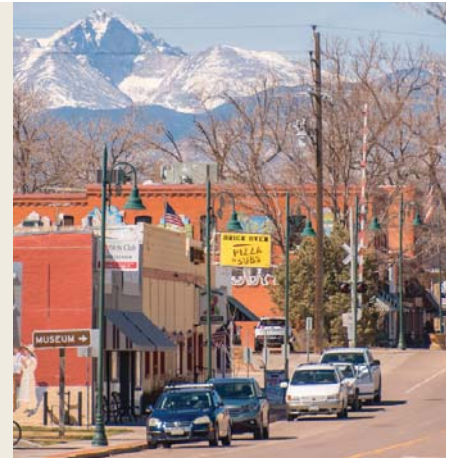
PERMITS – APRIL
17 NEW HOMES
97 TOTAL PERMITS
VALUATION:
\$4,953,602

SALES & USE TAX
APRIL 2015
\$154,132
APRIL 2014
\$120,431

503 SAFETY CALLS
TRAFFIC STOPS..... **100**
CITIZEN ASSISTS..... **31**
ANIMAL CALLS..... **18**
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES (FIRE/MEDICAL)..... **13**

SUMMER TIPS

- ▶ Visit Downtown shops with friends and family
- ▶ Sign up for classes and events through Recreation
- ▶ Keep cool at the Town pool
- ▶ Watch for children playing around streets and parks
- ▶ Keep outdoor fires in control
- ▶ Reserve a park pavilion for parties through Recreation



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The Town Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays, at 6:30 p.m., in the Berthoud Town Hall, 328 Massachusetts Ave. The public is welcome to attend. Meeting agendas and minutes are available online: <http://www.berthoud.org/Town/documents.php>.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?
SUGGESTIONS? COMPLIMENTS?

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