

# BERTHOUD infocus



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Pioneer Park

All Town parks and pavilions can be reserved for private functions.

## 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](http://www.berthoud.org/Town/documents.php).

### MAY

- 11 Tree Advisory Committee**  
6:00 p.m.
- 11 Historic Preservation Committee**  
7:00 p.m.
- 12 Regular Town Board Meeting**  
6:30 p.m.
- 14 Planning & Zoning Commission**  
6:30 p.m.
- 16 SPRING CLEAN UP DAY**  
Turner Middle School  
8:00 a.m. - noon
- 20 Community Chat**  
9:30 a.m.
- 21 Municipal Court**  
9:00 a.m.
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY**  
Town Hall closed
- 26 Regular Town Board Meeting**  
6:30 p.m.
- 28 Planning & Zoning Commission**  
6:30 p.m.

### 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.

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

When people move to Berthoud, one of the first things they notice, and fall in love with, is the Town's emphasis on public parks and recreation programs.

The Parks and Recreation Department consists of four divisions; Parks, Recreation, Pool, and Forestry. There are five full-time staff that operates and maintains these divisions year round. In addition to planning and running recreation programs year round, the staff also maintains Berthoud's 60 acres of parkland, five miles of trails, five baseball fields, one soccer field, natural areas, as well as the Berthoud Community Pool.

The Forestry Division is responsible for the management of Berthoud's urban forest. This includes maintenance of trees in parks, trails, and natural areas. The urban forest within city limits has an estimated value of \$7.2M. The Town Forester is also the staff liaison to the Tree Advisory Committee.

The Tree Advisory Committee was formed in 1980 to study, investigate, counsel and provide leadership in the planning of the Town's urban forest. One of their most visible activities is the annual Arbor Day event. This year, they provided timely information about Emerald Ash Borer and hosted a commemorative tree planting in Fickel Park. Several members of the Tree

### SPRING STATS

- 5 flag football teams**
- 15 youth soccer teams**
- 3 youth softball teams**
- 40 participants in Little Lombardi's Football**
- 50 participants in Little Strikers Soccer**

Advisory committee have dedicated many years to the program. This includes:

- Milan Karspeck** since 1989
- John Goreski** (committee chair) since 1991
- Pat Karspeck** since 1993
- Anthony Frederick** since 2012
- Jan Nichols** since 2013
- Allen Owen** since 2013
- Brian Young** since 2014

### WHAT'S NEXT IN PARKS AND REC?

The Parks Department will join with the Planning Department as soon as this summer to develop a Parks, Open Space, Recreation and Trails (PORT) Master Plan for future parks and an expanded trail system. The Master Plan will help create a roadmap and funding options for future facilities, amenities and equipment that will serve the community for generations.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**May 23:** The pool opens for the Memorial Day weekend.

**May 30:** The pool is open for the season. Reservations are being accepted now for summer pool parties.

**June 6:** Berthoud Day! Located in Town Park, this annual event is growing by the year, providing hours of family friendly entertainment, live music, and food. Co-sponsored by the Berthoud Chamber of Commerce and local businesses.

**July 1-31:** Registration for fall programs and classes – watch for the recreation guide coming to your mailbox in July.

Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at **970.532.1600** or visit them online [http://www.berthoud.org/parks\\_rec/park\\_rec\\_home.php](http://www.berthoud.org/parks_rec/park_rec_home.php).



## THANKS FOR BEING A GREAT NEIGHBOR

With the weather improving and longer sunlit days, getting outside is easier than ever. Being a great neighbor begins with each one of us. Please remember these tips to help your neighbors enjoy their time outside, too!

- Pick up after your dog when walking them in the neighborhood – let's keep Berthoud clean.
- Monitor your dog's barking – constant barking can really ruin someone's day – bring your dog inside or work with it to limit the barking.
- Please refrain from dumping yard debris, shrub waste, and dirt in the Town's open spaces behind neighborhood homes.
- Only use contained outdoor fire pits—large open pits emit noxious fumes and ash, many people are allergic or sensitive to the smell and ash.



## SEPTEMBER 2013 FLOOD RECOVERY FUNDING UPDATE

Only 18 months ago, our region experienced one of the most devastating floods. Berthoud, like many of our neighbors, immediately set to work to repair damaged infrastructure, roads, buildings and equipment. The State of Colorado and FEMA are reimbursing communities like Berthoud through grants and federal aid for work that had to be done for the protection of citizens. As of December 2014, Berthoud had recovered all the Town funds used to repair bridges and the wastewater plant except for one claim in the amount of \$5,114. The Town is anticipating the final reimbursement this summer.



## SCHOOLS ARE OUT FOR THE SUMMER MAY 29

Please drive safely as children will be outside biking and playing in and around sidewalks, driveways and streets.

Register for summer sports and activities through the month of May.



## COMMUNITY STATS – MARCH 2015

**8 NEW HOMES**  
**46 TOTAL PERMITS**  
**VALUATION:**  
**\$6,775,965**

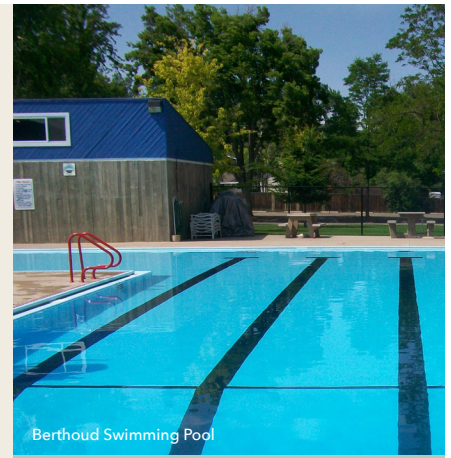
**SALES TAX COLLECTED**  
**\$259,515**  
**MARCH 2014**  
**\$115,468**

**438 SAFETY CALLS**  
 TRAFFIC STOPS..... **78**  
 CITIZEN ASSISTS..... **33**  
 ANIMAL CALLS..... **19**  
 ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES (FIRE/MEDICAL)..... **8**

**STREETS MAINTENANCE UPDATE:** JAN - MAR 2015

**SNOW REMOVAL:** ❄️ ❄️  
**158** staff hours and  
**2,598** miles ❄️ ❄️

**POTHOLE REPAIRS: 8.55**  
 tons of cold patch material and **14** tons of hot mix



Berthoud Swimming Pool

## TOWN OF BERTHOUD TRUSTEES

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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?

**CONTACT US!**  
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