

BERTHOUD infocus



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

In addition to the following meetings, Town crews are installing holiday lights in the downtown core this month. Visit downtown often over the holidays to enjoy the illumination.

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

- 10** 7-9 p.m. Historic Preservation Committee
- 11** **VETERANS DAY**
All Town offices and services will be closed.
- 12** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting
- 13** 7-9 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission
- 17** 6-8 p.m. Tree Advisory Committee
- 18** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting
- 19** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Community Chat
- 20** 9-11 a.m. Municipal Court
- 27-28** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
All Town offices and services will be closed.

TAKING CARE OF BERTHOUD'S STREETS

A well-maintained road system is crucial for our residents, businesses and visitors.

The Town of Berthoud is committed to maintaining our 45 centerline miles of roads in all four seasons so you can get where you need to go safely.

With fall leaves all around, and snow coming anytime, now's the perfect time to share our street maintenance policies and procedures. Our three-member streets crew is responsible for street, curb and gutter maintenance including any pavement repairs, weeding, leaf sweeping and snow removal. We base our operations and schedules on past years' weather patterns, projected seasonal weather forecasts and street condition data.

LEAF SWEEPING

During the fall, street sweeping takes place as needed and when staff is available. As our streets crew also maintains the cemetery for funerals and burials, sometimes they are completing those responsibilities and therefore, unable to publish a reliable sweeping schedule. Staff monitors the streets conditions, and sweeps as often as possible.

SNOW REMOVAL

When it snows, crews are out on the streets plowing and clearing school bus stops for safe travel. Town streets are prioritized based on what services are located near by (schools and major arterials) and emergency routes for first responders. If we have a major snow event, contracted snow plows are brought in to help.

New this season, a modern, efficient snow removal storage facility is full and ready for winter. In the past, crews were only able to purchase small batches of Slicer, the EPA-

certified snow removal material we apply to roads, due to a lack of proper storage. Now, the Town is prepared for a whole season's worth of storms. The new 1800 sq. ft. facility also allows for easy loading of the material, saving staff time and Town resources.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Summer cone zones may be winding down, but during the off-season, Town staff are evaluating and planning for road maintenance in 2015 and beyond. The Town of Berthoud continues to invest in our road infrastructure working collaboratively with other Town departments, Larimer and Weld Counties, the Colorado Department of Transportation,

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and other agencies. An annual pavement maintenance program is under review right now by staff and Trustees. Similar to home and car maintenance, staying on top of road problems helps avoid costly replacement at a later time.

SIDEWALKS

Town administrators are developing a comprehensive plan to address sidewalk maintenance. Delayed maintenance, tree roots, weeds, and moisture infiltration have damaged many of our town's sidewalks over the years. Follow progress on this important topic as maintenance policies are established and announced. Berthoud is a healthy, active community and we want to ensure safe connectivity for everyone.



RECOMMENDED TOWN BUDGET

The draft 2015 Town budget was presented at the October 14 Board meeting. The Board of Trustees accepted the draft and set a public hearing date of November 18. Citizens are invited to view the draft budget online and provide comments during the November 18 public hearing. The public hearing takes place during the Board of Trustee meeting, 6:30 p.m., in the Town Hall, 328 Massachusetts Ave.



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The Town Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 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>



COMMUNITY CHAT – NOVEMBER 19

Have a burning question for Town leaders? Concerned about something you've heard in town? Join the Town Trustees and staff at the November Community Chat, Wednesday, November 19, 7:30–8:30 p.m. in the Berthoud Town Hall. This is an informal community meeting where Trustees and staff discuss issues and answer questions from community members. Community Chats are held on the third Wednesday of the month, alternating between evening and morning meetings to give the most opportunity for everyone to attend. See you there!



COMMUNITY STATS

565
Roofing Permits
due to the July 15 hail storm
(July–October 2014)

50
New Single-family Home Permits
(January–October 2014)

\$869,225
Sales & Use Tax Collections
(January–September 2014)

QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
SUGGESTIONS?
COMPLIMENTS?
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