

BERTHOUD INFOCUS

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All meetings take place in Berthoud Town Hall at 807 Mountain Ave. unless otherwise noted. View agendas and meeting minutes at berthoud.org/government/trustee-docs.

OCTOBER

- 3 P.O.R.T. Committee Meeting**
6:15 p.m.
- 4 Youth Advisory Commission**
6:00 p.m.
- 6 Berthoud Oktoberfest**
11:00 a.m. at Fickel Park
- 8 Historic Preservation Meeting**
5:30 p.m.
- 9 Board of Trustees Meeting**
6:30 p.m.
- 11 Planning Commission Meeting**
7:00 p.m.
- 15 Tree Advisory Committee Meeting** 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Coffee with a Cop**
2:00 p.m. at Da Bean
- 23 Board of Trustees Meeting**
6:30 p.m.
- 25 Planning Commission Meeting**
7:00 p.m.

TAKING STEPS FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Over the past several months the Town has heard from residents that pedestrian safety is a top priority for those living (and walking) in town. With this in mind, we've taken steps to keep our pedestrians even safer on the streets and sidewalks of Berthoud.

If you've traveled on Mountain Avenue recently, you've likely noticed the new flashing pedestrian crosswalk that was installed on Ninth Avenue. This new signal will make it safer for those walking in the area. Pedestrians can activate the signal to alert traffic of their presence prior to making a decision to enter the crosswalk.

HELP KEEP BERTHOUD PEDESTRIANS SAFE BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES:

If you are a driver, stop when the flashing signal has been activated and wait to go until the pedestrians have safely crossed the road.



If you are a pedestrian, make sure all cars have seen you and stopped before you enter a crosswalk. Don't assume a car will stop.



Don't exceed speed limits and keep your eyes open for pedestrians.



If possible, only cross streets at marked crosswalks and intersections.



Minimize cell phone use. There's no safe level of taking your eyes off the road.



STORMWATER FAQs

It's a common misconception that the stormwater and wastewater systems are connected, but in reality, these are two very different systems with different purposes. Stormwater is not treated like wastewater—when it rains, harmful chemicals can be washed down storm drains if not correctly disposed of.

NEVER DUMP THE ITEMS BELOW DOWN A STORM DRAIN:		
Fertilizers and pesticides 	Grass clippings, trash, leaves and dirt 	Used motor oil and other auto fluids 
Leftover household cleaners and chemicals 	Paint and paint supplies 	Pet waste 



DO YOUR PART:
Help spread the word about protecting our waters from polluted runoff to friends and family.

COMMUNITY STATS AUG 2018

911 SAFETY CALLS 

ANIMAL CALLS.....	26
CITIZEN ASSISTS.....	33
CODE VIOLATION.....	36
TRAFFIC STOPS.....	97
VEHICLE CRASHES.....	18

 **119 PERMITS ISSUED**

87 NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

VALUATION: \$22,710,260

SALES TAX COLLECTED 

AUG 2018: \$574,146
AUG 2017: \$384,752

SALES TAX YTD 2018:
\$2,848,450



THE MOUNTAIN AVENUE CORRIDOR PLAN

Everyone who has visited Berthoud knows that Mountain Ave. is the lifeblood of downtown. To help establish a vision that can be supported through years of growth, the Town has kicked off the Mountain Avenue Corridor Plan. The goal of the plan is to provide a vision for Mountain Ave. that includes gateway and wayfinding signage and envisions other beautification efforts that help create an attractive corridor for generations to come. Stay tuned; there will be multiple opportunities for residents to get involved with the creation of this plan.



IMPORTANT SEASONAL POLICIES

As the weather changes, it's important to remember that it is up to Berthoud residents to promptly and correctly remove leaves and snow from their property. Before you pick up that leaf blower or shovel, refresh yourself on these best practices.

Fall Leaf Policy

Please do not blow or rake leaves into the streets. This can clog street drains, which compromises the Town's stormwater system. Instead, bag leaves or mulch them for compost.

Snow Removal Policy

The Town manages snow removal teams for streets, but it is up to residents to remove snow on sidewalks around their businesses and homes within 24 hours of a storm. Please do not pile snow on your road – this becomes a safety hazard for Berthoud's plows and drivers.

