

# 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](http://berthoud.org/government/trustee-docs).

### DECEMBER

- 4 Board of Trustees Meeting**  
6:30 p.m.
- 6 Youth Advisory Commission**  
6:00 p.m.
- 6 Planning Commission Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.
- 10 Tree Advisory Committee**  
6:00 p.m.
- 11 Board of Trustees Meeting**  
6:30 p.m.
- 12 P.O.R.T. Committee Meeting**  
6:15 p.m.
- 20 Coffee with a Cop**  
2:00 p.m. at Da Bean
- 24 & 25 Town Hall Closed**
- 31 Town Hall Closed**

### JANUARY

- 1 Town Hall Closed**

## SNOW REMOVAL

### YOUR ROLE AND THE TOWN'S ROLE

As the snowflakes start falling, one of the primary concerns of many residents is how to safely navigate the Town's streets in the snow. Winter weather can make driving more difficult than during the dry months, but Berthoud's streets team is hard at work to make it safer and easier.

Here are some important facts about the Town's snow removal process:



LOCAL ROADS

The Town of Berthoud is responsible for snow and ice control on municipal streets within Town limits. The goal of the team is to maintain safe traffic movement, so the first priority is clearing school routes, main roads and any ambulance streets that carry heavier traffic. Residential and low-traffic streets are second priority, and are cleared when resources are available.



STATE HIGHWAYS & COUNTY ROADS

Berthoud has several state highways and county roads. Unlike the Town's streets, these roads are maintained by the Colorado Department of Transportation and Larimer County, and are plowed using priorities set by those entities.



SIDEWALKS

Residents and business owners are responsible for shoveling snow off of their sidewalks after any snowstorm. Snow should be removed within 24 hours after it stops falling, and should not be shoveled into the streets—this becomes a safety hazard to the plow drivers working to clear the roads.

# WINTER WEATHER DRIVING TIPS

When the snow starts falling, remember that you should modify your driving to match the conditions. Here are a few winter-weather driving tips to help you safely drive in the snow:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly to avoid skidding.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, like a garage.
- Use steady and slow power to get up hills. Too much power could cause you to spin out, and not enough power will get you stuck.
- Give yourself twice the distance to come to a complete stop in snowy or slick conditions.
- Be extra careful around school zones and in areas where pedestrians are present.

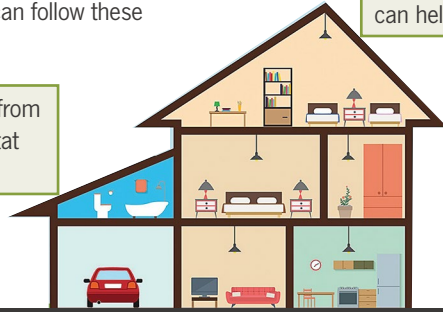


# COLD WEATHER HOME CARE

When the temperatures dip, plan properly to avoid damaged or frozen pipes. Homeowners can follow these important cold-weather tips:

If you are traveling and away from your home, set your thermostat no lower than 55 degrees.

If you have water supplies in the garage, keep your garage door closed.



When weather is very cold, let water drip from each faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water, even at a trickle, can help prevent pipes from freezing.

Keep your thermostat the same temperature during the day and night.

Open cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate near pipes.

# HOLIDAY COLORING CONTEST

To help get residents in the spirit of the season, the Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a winter-themed coloring contest for Pre-K through sixth-grade students. All colored pages must be turned in by Thursday, Dec. 13 at 4:30 p.m. Winners will be announced by Dec. 18.

Interested participants can pick up a coloring sheet at Town Hall, the Parks and Recreation office, Berthoud Library or online at: [berthoud.org/Coloring-Contest](http://berthoud.org/Coloring-Contest).



# NEW STATE SALES TAX

Small business owners take note: Starting Dec. 1, the State of Colorado is changing how it collects sales tax. This change affects any business that sells merchandise online to residents outside of Berthoud.

After Dec. 1, businesses will need to start collecting sales tax for the jurisdiction they ship items to. Online retailers need to register with the state to correctly file. Learn more about these changes online: [www.colorado.gov/tax](http://www.colorado.gov/tax).

# COMMUNITY STATS OCT 2018

**786** SAFETY CALLS

ANIMAL CALLS.....	15
CITIZEN ASSISTS.....	29
CODE VIOLATION.....	19
TRAFFIC STOPS.....	86
VEHICLE CRASHES.....	12

**73** PERMITS ISSUED

**39** NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

**VALUATION: \$10,048,900**

**SALES TAX COLLECTED**

**OCT 2018: \$344,898**  
OCT 2017: \$249,397

**SALES TAX YTD 2018:**  
**\$3,602,763**

