

# BERTHOUD INFOCUS

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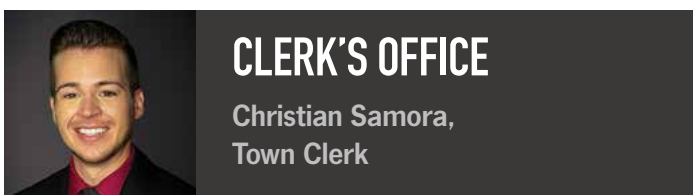
Chris Kirk

## 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

Happy New Year from the Town of Berthoud. With the New Year here, it is tempting to begin focusing on the goals that we have for ourselves but I'd like to take a moment to recognize our accomplishments of 2018.

During 2018 we saw many successes as a Town. From record engagement with our Parks & Recreation Department programs to our successful expansion of the water treatment plan, Berthoud has a lot to celebrate. We've highlighted a more complete list by department below.

Moving forward into 2019, we have lofty goals including a new Fourth of July Town event, adding an additional Sheriff to the Berthoud squad and making our records available online. This year promises to be a big one for our Town. We look forward to seeing what 2019 holds and making this the best year to date.



## CLERK'S OFFICE

Christian Samora,  
Town Clerk



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018

Processed more than **1,300** passports.



The Berthoud Municipal Court became a Court of Record in 2018, giving the Court more authority and flexibility on municipal cases, sentencing and the appeals process.

Processed more than **240** cases in municipal court.

## THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2019

There will be a republication of the Berthoud Municipal Code into an online format making it more user-friendly and easier to search.

Berthoud will move toward electronic records management, allowing staff and the public to access records using a central management system.

**81**  
pet licenses processed.



Berthoud staff volunteered at several community events including Berthoud Days, Oktoberfest, Berthoud Spartan Classic and Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Electronically indexed more than **10,500 FILES** into an electronic filing structure.



Processed **14** event applications.

**18** liquor licenses processed.

Worked to make it easier to obtain information in Town Hall and on the website.



## PUBLIC WORKS

Stephanie Brothers,  
Director of Public Works



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018

The Town's growth provided additional resources to plan new road improvement projects.



The County 44 bridge over the Little Thompson River was replaced with the help of federal funding after it was damaged due to flooding.

Several pavement improvement projects were completed, improving sidewalk safety and bringing them up to current ADA standards.



The water plant was expanded from 2 MGD (million gallons per day) to 4 MGD, to meet current and future growth needs.



### THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2019

Improvements to County Road 7.

The expansion of Berthoud Parkway from CR 14 to Highway 287.

Utilizing the sidewalk improvement plan to begin more sidewalk improvement projects.

The continued design work and property acquisition for the extension of Spartan Avenue across the railroad tracks.

Continuing to serve the community through the management and maintenance of the transportation, facility and utility services provided by the Town.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Curt Freese,  
Community Development Director



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018

Processed and permitted a record number of development proposals—the highest by percentage in Northern Colorado.

Processed a total of  
**1,124**  
permits.



Maintained the quickest permit turnaround times on the Front Range.



Completed a Bicycle Master Plan.



Kicked off the Mountain Avenue Corridor Plan, a project that will set a new vision for Mountain Avenue between I-25 and Highway 287.



Completed two major innovative development code updates, including a new public involvement process, dark sky regulations and energy code requirements.

### THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2019

Streamline permitting processes, including the implementation of a new development review and tracking software.

The finalization of the Mountain Avenue Plan.

Create a Complete Streets policy that establishes development standards for better pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.

The continued work on projects and code updates to stay ahead of development.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Walt Elish,  
Economic Development Director



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018



Assisted the company Waste-Not Recycling in purchasing 70 acres at the Berthoud Tech Center. They plan to locate their new headquarters on the site.

The TPC Golf Course development—the state’s first ground-up golf course in nearly 10 years.



Updated and refreshed the Business Development web site.



Additional interest at the Berthoud Commons site with two new businesses coming in 2019.

**13** new businesses moved into Berthoud creating about 60 new jobs.



Worked with the Wilson Ranch ownership to have their site designated as “certified” by Xcel Energy.

Attracted four new businesses to Berthoud’s Old Town Hall.

### THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2019

The completion of an incentive policy that will facilitate the development of new sites and increase employment opportunities for Berthoud residents.

Hosting three business appreciation breakfasts for our existing businesses.



Assisting Wilson Ranch in establishing itself as a significant site location opportunity for all types of businesses.



## PARKS AND RECREATION

Jeremy Olinger,  
Parks and Recreation Director



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018

**60** swim team participants.



More than 7,000 daily pool admissions and 650 swim lessons.



Offered 15 youth sports, six adult sports and three special interest/community events.

Great recreation engagement with more than 1,755 participants in adult team sports and youth activities.

**1,755**

Replaced Roberts Lake dock with the help of federal aid.

Implemented the EAB Cost Share Pilot Program, which chemically treated 52 right-of-way ash trees to protect them from the Emerald Ash Borer beetle.



More than 25 diverse tree species were planted in the Town’s park systems as replacement trees and shadow planting trees.

### THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2019

New arts, crafts and music day camps, in addition to the sports/athletic camps.

Day trips to special area locations.

Adult Wiffle Ball tournaments.

Xeriscape projects at three different park locations for water conservation.

New turf and weed maintenance programs and standards.

Installation of a Town-owned nursery at Hillsdale Park.

Initiation of a Town-wide street tree replacement program.

Renovating Hillsdale Park to add an educational interpretive trail.



## FINANCE

Cindy Leach,  
Senior Accountant



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018

Successfully audited 2017 financial records.

Completed the 2019 budget.

Updated the employee handbook and policies.

Developed new employee hiring and interviewing procedures.

Acquired Xpress Bill Pay for online and automatic payment for utility bills.



### THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2019

Completing an asset audit and identification—an ongoing project to identify and update the list of all Town-owned assets.

Completing the land asset audit—an ongoing project to identify all the land and property owned by the Town of Berthoud, and its value.

Successfully auditing 2018 financial records.

Creating the 2020 budget with additional best practices from the Government Officers Finance Association.

Completing the Long-Term Capital Improvement Plan, a plan that will determine items that need replacement at regular intervals.



## 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).

### JANUARY

- 1 Town Hall Closed
- 3 Youth Advisory Commission 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 9 P.O.R.T. Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- 10 Historic Preservation Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Planning Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Tree Advisory Committee 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Coffee with a Cop 2:00 p.m. at Da Bean
- 21 Town Hall Closed
- 22 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Planning Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.



## BERTHOUD SQUAD, LARIMER COUNTY SHERIFF

Deputy Steve Wicker



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018

School Zone Patrols were established by working with the school district, students and staff on response guides and protocols.



Added a corporal position to the squad of deputies bringing additional supervision for evenings and weekends.

### THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2019

Traffic enforcement in new neighborhoods.

Enhancing town coverage with the code enforcement and community service officer position.

Adding additional Sheriff Department personnel to increase patrol and assist with code enforcement efforts in the Town.

Additional special event coverage.

Added a second traffic trailer to the unit to assist with monitoring traffic flow and volume.



## COMMUNITY STATS

NOV 2018

<b>744</b>	ANIMAL CALLS.....	23
<b>SAFETY CALLS</b>	CITIZEN ASSISTS.....	32
	CODE VIOLATION.....	3
	TRAFFIC STOPS.....	98
	VEHICLE CRASHES.....	27



67 PERMITS ISSUED  
39 NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

VALUATION: \$8,643,152

### SALES TAX COLLECTED

NOV 2018: \$369,488  
NOV 2017: \$281,403



SALES TAX YTD 2018: \$3,292,011

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