THE PLAN TO PLAY IS UNDERWAY!

Earlier this year, the Town of Berthoud began work on a new Parks, Open Space, Recreation and Trails Master Plan (PORT Plan). It provides a long-range vision to capture the interest of the community, developers and potential funders and foster an atmosphere of collaborative planning with regional neighbors. The Plan will also provide guidance on taking care of current assets; the excitement of adding new elements; and the reality of implementation timing and costs.

The results are in from community meetings, online and mailed in surveys, and an assessment of current conditions. GreenPlay, Inc., the consulting firm creating the plan, recently shared their findings online at Berthoud.org, and at the May 24 Board of Trustee meeting.

SURVEY SNAPSHOT
Mailed survey to a random sampling of residents (1,944) – 519 responses, plus 198 online survey participants.

Of the respondents:
- 76% have used a pocket park
- 82% say Pathways/Trails are highly important
- 41% say the Pathways/Trails meet their needs
- 3 of 4 would likely support the creation of a Berthoud Recreation District
- 45% would like more fitness and wellness programs
- 40% would like more community events
- 16.7x a year the average trips respondents take to natural areas in Larimer County
- 65% say the best way to hear about recreation is in the monthly newsletter, In Focus

ASSESSMENT HIGHLIGHTS
- Recreation system sites well distributed
- 99% of residents live within one mile of a recreation opportunity
- Stunning mountain views
- “Small town” feel to most parks and facilities
- Most parks lack unique or identifiable character
- Wayfinding and circulation lacking in most parks
- Disparity in quality of older and newer parks
- Schools are important supplemental facilities, despite limited access

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS
- Pathway/trail connectivity
- Aquatic features
- Condition/maintenance of parks/facilities

NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS
- Draft document/PORT Plan to staff and the community
- Revisions based on staff input and public engagement
- Review revised PORT Plan with Trustees
- Adopt PORT Plan

To review the full findings, visit berthoud.org.
DON’T GET BIT
TICK AND MOSQUITO SEASON REMINDERS

Our wet spring, and approaching warm summer days means it’s time for ticks and mosquitoes to reappear. Learn more about tick prevention measures and know how to remove ticks if you find one on skin at the Larimer County’s Health and Environment site larimer.org/health/cd/vector.asp or the Colorado State Extension Office extension. colostate.edu/topic-areas/insects/colorado-ticks-and-tick-borne-diseases-5-593/.

With mosquitoes, there is always the potential risk of contracting West Nile virus through their bites. The Town Board of Trustees adopted mosquito spraying guidelines last year. The guidelines state that emergency spraying will occur in Town limits when County Vector Indexes reach a level of .5 or a recommendation to spray from the Larimer County Health Department as a result of elevated West Nile cases and data collected from traps. Learn more about mosquito protection and information on West Nile virus at berthoud.org/Town/westnile.php.

STAY IN THE KNOW
SIGN UP FOR LETA 911 EMERGENCY ALERTS

Summer means severe storms and possibly damaging tornadoes. Sign up to receive emergency alerts. It’s fast, it’s easy, it’s free…and, it’s the smart thing to do. leta911.org

WATER QUALITY NOTIFICATION

If you are a Berthoud water customer, a notification letter of elevated levels of lead and copper is being mailed to you. Five out of 40 samples recently analyzed for lead and copper within the Town of Berthoud’s drinking water distribution system had elevated levels of the contaminants. The lead and copper had leached into the standing water after it had set idle for an extended period of time, as part of the testing process.

Currently the Town and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment are in the process of developing a corrosion control treatment program that will be implemented in the near future; which should aide in alleviating the problem.

If you wish to be reviewed for participation in the Town’s regulatory list of sampling sites, please contact the Town’s Water Department at 970-532-2393.

COMMUNITY STATS – APRIL 2016

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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: www.berthoud.org/Town/documents.php.