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.

SEPTEMBER
2 LABOR DAY Town Hall Closed
4 PORT Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
5 Youth Advisory Commission 6:00 p.m.
9 Historical Preservation Advisory Committee 6:30 p.m.
11 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.
12 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.
16 Tree Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
19 Coffee with a Cop 2:00 p.m. at Ko-fe
24 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.
26 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HELPFUL TIPS TO ENSURE YOUR FAMILY IS READY FOR AN EMERGENCY

September is National Preparedness Month, where we work together to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year. The 2019 theme is Prepared, Not Scared. This is a great time to assess your family’s readiness for an emergency, and make changes where needed. Some things to consider:

- Do you need flood insurance? Most homeowners and renters insurance doesn’t cover flood damage.
- Take photos of all your important documents and personal belongings to help you quickly file an insurance claim.
- Practice evacuating from your house, including your pets!
- Download the FEMA app on your phone to get weather alerts, disaster resources and safety tips.
- Build or update your emergency kit with enough food, water and any medications you need for seven to 10 days.

For more ways to participate in preparedness this month, visit FEMA’s site: www.fema.gov.
IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS FOR THE SCHOOL SEASON AND BEYOND

Now that school is back in session, there will be more children waiting for buses, biking and walking to school. Follow these tips to keep our kids safe this school year:

Make sure your children know guidelines for street crossing, and to always use designated crosswalks.

Utilize designated drop-off and pick-up zones when driving your child to and from school.

Pay special attention to speed limit changes in school zones.

As always, never text and drive.

Learn more important safety tips at: www.berthoud.org/pedestrian-tips

TRIM YOUR TREES TO HELP OUR STREET CREWS

Starting in September, the Town’s street crews will be out and about making improvements on several different roads. Work is expected to be completed in the Berthoud Commons, Peakview Meadows, Fickel Farm, Mary’s Farm and Matthews Farm neighborhoods.

If you live in one of these neighborhoods, it’s important that you take the time to trim your trees, so they are eight feet above a sidewalk and fourteen feet above a street. According to the Town’s Municipal Code, maintenance of trees adjacent to the street is the responsibility of each property owner. Following the code will ensure that trees are out of the way of crews, and don’t get broken or burned when roadwork commences.

If you have questions, contact the Town Forester at: jembrey@berthoud.org or by calling 970-532-1600.

FALL CLEANUP TIPS

Help us keep Berthoud beautiful this fall by taking care of fallen leaves on your property and removing them from sidewalks and gutters, where they can clog street drains and compromise the stormwater system. Instead, try one of these neighborhood-friendly ways to dispose of excess leaves:

Mulch your leaves. Add a layer of leaves to your garden beds to add protection from the cold, wet weather and you’ll have healthier plants in the springtime.

Treat your lawn. Fall leaves are full of nutrients that provide an all-natural lawn food. Use your mower to turn your leaves into tiny pieces that settle and decompose and you’ll have a happy yard come springtime.

Bag your leaves and have them removed.

Make your own compost. Pile up the leaves in a place where they will be undisturbed over the winter and they will become rich compost by springtime next year.

In addition to excess leaves, fall brings cooling temperatures. Make sure to winterize your sprinkler system with an end of season blow out. If you’re not sure how, ask a local landscaper to help—you’ll avoid much costlier repairs in the long run. Learn more important fall home tips at www.berthoud.org/homeowner-tips.

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