Happy New Year to the citizens of Berthoud! It continues to be an honor to be in your service. We’d like to highlight a few changes implemented in 2019 and our Board priorities for 2020.

Berthoud is a desirable place, attracting new investment and new residents. We are home to a nationally recognized golf course at TPC Colorado in Heron Lakes, enjoy new retail opportunities and expanded trail systems. Our growth brings challenges, but has also ushered in new energy and community engagement. This is evidenced by the foundation and expansion of several service groups.

In 2019, citizen involvement supported the Town-wide spring cleanup week as well as a focus on pedestrian accessibility. Our citizen committees have supported the Town in many ways including:

- The Tree Committee created an experimental tree nursery and continues to work on programs that preserve our threatened ash trees.
- The Historic Preservation Committee continues to shine light on historic homes and is working to preserve other structures.
- The Parks Open Space Recreation and Trails (PORT) Committee has supported the development of Waggener Farm Park and Rec Center, expansion of the trail network, new playgrounds and a new dog park.
- Our Youth Advisory Commission has setup the Matthew Yannutz Fund to provide students funding for extracurricular activities.

In 2020 we will be asking for civic engagement as we update our Comprehensive Plan and continue enhancing our Town’s infrastructure. We look forward to working with citizens, regional and local partners in these important efforts.

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The Mountain Avenue Overlay Plan was completed and approved. The plan provides guidance for development along the Mountain Ave. corridor from I-25 to Highway 287. The goal was to create distinct development districts to protect and enhance the unique character of Berthoud.

- The Town approved updates to all building and energy codes. New homes must now be built to the latest national building standards including incorporating a variety of sustainability measures.
- After many years of dedicated service, two long-tenured employees, Sue Bowles and Patti Swiger, retired.
- We completed an update of the Town’s Development Impact Fees. These fees are paid with each new building permit. They help the Town establish funds to construct needed improvements within town.
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The Town will be updating the Berthoud Comprehensive Plan. This community-driven comprehensive plan will establish an exciting vision for the future of the Town, along with proposed policies to make that vision a reality.

The Town will be moving from a paper-based permitting system to an electronic system. Efficiency and transparency are expected to increase as a result.
HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

- The Streets Department patched roads and completed a slurry seal project through the Fickel Farm, Mary’s Farm, Peakview Meadows, Mathews Farm and Berthoud Commons neighborhoods.
- Streets crews improved the pedestrian crossing at Fifth Street and the Nielson Greenway.
- The pavement replacement project also included concrete and asphalt replacement and overlays within the Hillsdale neighborhood and Berthoud Parkway.
- Our team made important improvements to existing drain pans downtown.
- CR 7, south of Mountain Ave., was rebuilt and paved by KEHN construction. This project was funded with Town Funds and the help of DOLA and Weld County grant money.
- Water staff stayed busy all year inspecting new meters and replacing old meters throughout Town.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2020

- We will be building a new Public Works building that should be complete by the end of the year.
- Our team will be adding to and replacing several sidewalks downtown as part of the Safe Routes to School Program, improving connectivity for pedestrians.
- As we have each year, we will continue to make road improvements throughout town.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

- We added two officers to our staff along with a records clerk and records technician to the group.
- A signal booster was added to Town Hall to improve radio coverage for our deputies.
- Our staff added two large community events this year: the TPC Golf event and the Fireworks show in July. Both were extremely successful on the law enforcement side thanks to the pre-planning and work with Town staff and emergency services.
- Our officers will implement body cameras in 2020.
- We will add a second corporal position to add coverage to the Town.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2020

- Our officers assisted Larimer County deputies in areas close to Town with an additional 391 cases. In total we worked 1,329 reports and cases during the year, accounting for more than 12% of the total calls and reports within Larimer County.
- We continue to work with the Town Code Officer Janet George on mirroring our processes to keep uniformity in paperwork and documentation.
- From January 1 to December 16, Berthoud deputies and staff completed 695 active reports. Berthoud deputies also worked on active case follow up with an additional 243 reports.
PARKS AND RECREATION
Jeremy Olinger,
Parks and Recreation Director

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

- The Roberts Lake west shoreline pier—a popular fishing spot—was replaced, increasing the safety of the pier and making it ADA compliant.
- Roberts Lake aerators were replaced and upgraded, ensuring quality fishing for years to come.
- The Town was awarded grant funding to build a 1,400-square-foot xeric pollinator garden that will serve as a site to educate the public on water-efficient gardening and pollinator habitat.
- A new bench was added to the Roberts Lake area.
- The July 3rd fireworks celebration was a huge success.
- We renovated the Bein Park playground area and replaced the playground equipment so it is ADA compliant.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2020

- Finish the development of a new dog park.
- Complete an Open Space Master Plan.
- Continue to prevent further spread of emerald ash borer—an invasive tree pest—and protect Berthoud’s trees.
- Completion of the first phase of the Berthoud Reservoir Park.
- Begin construction on Waggener Farm Park and Recreation Center.

CLERK’S OFFICE
Christian Samora,
Town Clerk

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

- We installed a 24-hour ballot box at Town Hall for local Berthoud elections.
- Our code compliance officer, Janet George, joined the team early this year. Janet has worked to educate citizens on municipal code requirements and enforcement.
- Code Compliance has addressed more than 650 issues in 2019. These issues vary and include vehicles, animals, property maintenance and snow removal, among others.
- As the Berthoud population has grown, our Town’s customer service staff has managed higher volumes of work by creating efficient processes and managing tasks accordingly.
- The passport acceptance staff shortened wait times by transitioning to required appointments.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2020

- In early 2020, Town Hall will be remodeled, and customer service counters will be constructed.
- The Town’s municipal election is scheduled for April 7. Find additional information on the Town website.
- We will make our electronic document archiving system available to the public in the latter half of 2020.
FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Cindy Leach, Director of Finance and Human Resources

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

- The Finance Department welcomed a new staff member, Barb Noeller.
- The Finance Department will prepare for the 2019 annual audit and continue to assist the Town Administrator in preparing the 2021 budget.
- The HR staff will take steps to receive their Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certificates.
- The HR Department will assist in the hiring of several new positions budgeted for 2020.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Walt Elish, Economic Development Director

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

- Berthoud’s commercial development brochure was awarded the 2019 International Economic Development Council’s Bronze Award for Excellence in Economic Development.
- Our department assisted five local businesses with their expansion plans, allowing them to remain in Town.
- We continued to assist the Wilson Ranch project with planning, infrastructure, and development issues.
- We facilitated the purchase of 70 acres in the Berthoud Tech Center.
- We hosted regional meetings by the NoCo Manufacturing Partnership and Urban Land Institute (ULI) at Berthoud Town Hall.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2020

- We will continue to work on attracting employers to the Berthoud Tech Center and Jackson Industrial areas.
- We will begin the process of redeveloping the current public works department site on Welch Ave.
- We will continue promoting Berthoud to local, regional and national retail establishments.

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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.

JANUARY

1 Town Hall Closed for New Year’s Day
8 P.O.R.T. Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
9 Youth Advisory Commission 6:00 p.m.
9 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.
13 Historic Preservation Advisory Committee 6:30 p.m.
14 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.
16 Coffee with a Cop 2:00 p.m. at Ko-fe
20 Town Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
21 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.
23 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.
27 Tree Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.