KEEPING BERTHOUD A SAFE COMMUNITY

When we think of a safe community, various elements come to mind such as no crime, no accidents, well-staffed public safety agencies, well-maintained infrastructure, and protection against natural disasters. While no community can boast to have all these elements, local governments strive to provide the best protection given funding and staff resources.

Berthoud is a community where public safety is provided by numerous agencies. Leveraging large, healthy organizations such as Berthoud Fire, Larimer County and the Larimer County Sheriff’s Office, Berthoud has access to state-of-the-art public health resources, crime labs, investigators, emergency responders, and disaster preparedness processes.

In case of a natural disaster, the Town of Berthoud works closely with Larimer County’s Office of Emergency Management to implement pre-disaster mitigation, emergency operations, disaster recovery and continuity of operations. Many agencies partner before, during and after disasters to ensure seamless activation and communication.

During the June 4th tornadoes and localized flooding, our residents were assisted by Berthoud Fire, Poudre Fire Authority, Larimer County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Services staff and patrol deputies. A temporary shelter was opened at the Berthoud Community Center that evening, and a Disaster Assistance Center was set up five days later to help residents connect with Larimer County departments, state agencies, and many non-governmental partners regarding building repairs, insurance, cleanup, financial assistance and more.

On July 9, the Larimer County Sheriff’s deputies investigated 43 incidents of vehicle trespasses that occurred in Berthoud. While no one was injured and only a few vehicles were missing property, most vehicles had been rifled through. The investigation is ongoing; please contact the Sheriff’s Office with any information you might have about the incidents 970.416.1985.

New and existing residents rely on their local government to protect them; Berthoud is proud to have partners and policies in place that make your safety a priority.

SAFETY TIPS

- Keep home and car doors locked at all times
- Close windows on your home’s main floor, roll up your vehicle’s windows
- Keep valuables out of plain sight
- Report suspicious activity and call 911 if you see a crime in progress
- Register for Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority (LETA) 911 alerts
CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Are you planting new trees or installing a new deck this year? Here’s a friendly reminder to call for utility locates a few days before you dig. Hitting underground utility lines is dangerous and can disrupt service for a whole neighborhood. The Town’s utility staff does not perform utility locates, only the national 811 organization can coordinate the locates with you. http://call811.com.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING POLICY UPDATE

During the July 14 Trustee meeting, an official mosquito spraying policy was adopted by the Town Trustees. A formal policy helps staff and elected officials make important public health decisions more quickly. Since mosquitoes carry the oftentimes dangerous and deadly West Nile virus, it’s extremely important to monitor mosquito counts and respond to recommendations for spraying from the Larimer County Public Health Department. Learn more about mosquito bite prevention here: http://www.berthoud.org/Town/westnile.php.

CELEBRATE COLORADO CITIES & TOWNS WEEK WITH BERTHOUD

Colorado Cities & Towns Week is September 14-20 and we’re excited to celebrate in Berthoud! Sponsored by the Colorado Municipal League, C&T Week is an opportunity to bring residents, staff and elected officials together to educate about the importance of local government and show appreciation for municipal employees and volunteers. Watch out for special tours, contests and more activities happening in Berthoud to honor our local government for all they do. Visit berthoud.org for all of the event details.

COMMUNITY STATS – JUNE 2015

7 NEW HOMES
58 TOTAL PERMITS

VALUATION: $1,820,360

SALES TAX COLLECTED
JUNE 2015 $157,472
JUNE 2014 $136,058

YEAR TO DATE 2015 $1,052,900

517 SAFETY CALLS

TRAFFIC STOPS.......... 87
CITIZEN ASSISTS....... 37
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES (FIRE/MEDICAL)........ 9
ANIMAL CALLS........ 27