2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Each year, the Town of Berthoud evaluates its operating budget to find efficiencies and prioritize projects for the good of the community. The 2016 budget process is being completed in December. With projected increases from taxes, fee collections, and other income, the 2016 revenues are projected to be approximately six percent higher than in 2015. Increases in expenses total 13 percent more than in 2015.

In Colorado, municipal governments are funded through local sales and use tax collections, grants from state and federal agencies, and fees collected from developers. As goods and services are purchased in Berthoud, 3.0 percent stays in town and supports vital municipal services such as streets maintenance, public safety, and parks and recreation.

In the coming years, Berthoud will see a real need to dedicate increased funding to transportation projects to improve, repair and rehabilitate highly-used streets. Over the next year, the Town Board of Trustees, the Town Administrator, and Public Works Director will work on identifying funding options that are within financial realities for the Town and that leverage state and federal grants in the most fiscally responsible way.

*Amounts rounded to the nearest whole number; the charts represent General Fund amounts only. Go to Berthoud.org/Town/currentminutes.php for the November 17 meeting minutes on the 2016 budget for more details and information on the numerous special revenue funds.
REGIONAL CONNECTIONS AT THE HEART OF THE 2014 TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

The Town of Berthoud Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is a guiding document for the community. The purpose of the Berthoud Transportation Plan is to plan for and accommodate future growth in the Town of Berthoud and its growth management area. Providing alternative transportation options now and in the future helps connect Berthoud with neighboring communities through trials, roads and public transportation.

The TMP includes important existing conditions, roadway network deficiencies, and looks ahead to 2035 and projected population, land use, employment and traffic. Using these forecasts, community priorities, and a variety of funding sources, the implementation of transportation improvements will occur over the next 20 years. The cost of all the recommendations is just over $38 million.

Watch for more discussions in 2016 on how the Town can turn these plans into reality and connect Berthoud with its neighbors and regional transportation networks.

Read the whole report at:

STAY INFORMED DURING POWER OUTAGES

As many already know, a power outage in November left thousands of Berthoud residents without power. While the Town provides water and sewer services for residents, electricity and natural gas are provided by Xcel and Poudre Valley REA in Berthoud. Should another power outage occur, the best way to get accurate information is to call your power provider or visit their website.

Xcel Energy:
Call 1-800-895-1999 or visit www.xcelenergy.com/Outages

Poudre Valley REA:
Call 1-866-260-4024 or visit www.pvreacom/outages

APRIL MUNICIPAL ELECTION – RUN FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Town of Berthoud will hold its next municipal election on April 5, 2016. During this election, residents will elect four Trustees (one two-year term and three four-year terms) and a Mayor (four-year term). If you are interested in serving our community at a higher level, please consider running! Nomination petitions will be available beginning January 5, 2016 and are due to the Town Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on January 25, 2016. Watch our website, Berthoud.org, for more information and other election related deadlines.

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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.