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TOWN OF BERTHOUD DRINKING WATER QUALITY STRONG

The next time you make coffee, or pour yourself a big glass of water in Berthoud, rest assured that the water is delicious, clean and monitored regularly. We often take our municipal services for granted — roads are paved and cleared of snow, park fields are mowed, swimming pools are cleaned, and we assume our drinking water is more than safe to drink.



Over the last year, the Town completed the construction of a new water treatment plant to provide cutting edge testing, treatment and distribution of water to our community.

Recently, during staff's routine sample testing, elevated levels of lead and copper were discovered in some homes. It is important to note that less than eight homes out of dozens tested had these elevated levels, and that the source of lead and copper originated in the homes' plumbing fixtures, NOT the Town's treatment facility. Homeowners who have plumbing fixtures dating from 1986 or earlier are advised to have their fixtures checked by a qualified plumber for potential hazards.

Drinking water quality is the utmost priority for the Town. Berthoud water is clean, safe and excellent tasting. The health of our community is our passion and we are continually improving systems, infrastructure and policies to keep everyone safe and enjoying the wonderful quality of life here in Berthoud.

JANUARY CALENDAR

All meetings take place in the Berthoud Town Hall, 328 Massachusetts Ave. View agendas and meeting minutes at www.berthoud.org/Town/documents.php

- 7 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission
- 12 6-8 p.m.
Tree Advisory Committee
- 12 7 p.m.
Historic Preservation Advisory Committee
- 13 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Regular Town Board Meeting
- 27 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Regular Town Board Meeting

LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS CHOOSES BERTHOUD AS ITS NEXT LOCATION ON I-25

The Town of Berthoud is pleased to announce a new development that will be built at the I-25 and SH 56 interchange in 2015. Love's Travel Stops has been negotiating with the Town for several months and both parties have reached a successful agreement. The new Love's will feature two restaurants, name-brand snacks, gourmet coffee, gift merchandise, showers, a Love's Truck Tire Care center, and ample truck parking spaces for professional drivers. The new location will add approximately 50 new jobs to the area.



This interchange is one of the few remaining interchanges along I-25 that has yet to attract commercial/retail activity due to the lack of a proper wastewater treatment system. Utilizing a combination of grants, substantial contributions from the private sector, and "impact fees" that have been collected from the development community specifically for this purpose, it has become financially feasible for Berthoud to plan for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant to serve the I-25 area.

The Town is committed to economic development of both small and large scale projects that make a difference to our community and quality of life — strategic investments and high quality partnerships will keep Berthoud a wonderful place to live.



BERTHOUD AWARDED ROAD EXPANSION FUNDING

The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO), recently announced it is funding two road projects in Berthoud over the next several years.

LARIMER COUNTY ROAD 17 ROAD WIDENING

Commuters and the general public will soon enjoy a center turn lane for traffic on LCR 17, between SH 287 and CR 14, and bike lanes on each side of the roadway. The STP-Metro Small Communities grant of \$1 million will be available in 2018.

I-25/BERTHOUD CLIMB HILL HIGHWAY EXPANSION

The Berthoud hill on I-25, just south of the SH 56 interchange, will also see a road expansion project in 2015-2016. A two-mile section of highway will be widened by one lane in the southbound direction. Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) received the \$3 million grant from the NFRMPO's STP-Metro fund source.



THANK YOU, JERRY!

The Town of Berthoud staff and officials wish long-time employee, Jerry Wilson a fond farewell as he leaves the Town this month for his next career adventure. Jerry led the Berthoud Streets Department for 16 years. Jerry's expertise of Town equipment, streets, and the Greenlawn Cemetery will be missed, but more importantly, we'll miss his smile, creative problem solving and can-do attitude — thank you and good luck, Jerry!



COMMUNITY STATS

5 
Single-family permits

\$1,314,400
Year-to-date sales tax collections

61 **TOTAL** single-family permits in 2014


November: **\$144,732**

DECEMBER CRIME REPORT:

57 Total calls for service

2 arrests

5 traffic accidents

2 assaults



OIL AND GAS TESTING UNDERWAY

The following is an update to information that was in the December In Focus Newsletter. Over the last several months Extraction Oil and Gas and Cougar Land Services held two public meetings to share their upcoming seismic testing plans with the community. The seismic testing will be done by Geokinetics and will be taking place to determine the best locations for oil extraction in and around Berthoud. If you have any questions on this activity, please contact Cougar Land Services, LLC at 303-558-0054 or 817-691-8638.



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The Town Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Berthoud Town Hall, 328 Massachusetts Ave. The public is welcome to attend. Meeting agendas and minutes are available online <http://www.berthoud.org/Town/documents.php>.

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