



THE OFFICIAL TOWN OF WINDSOR NEWSLETTER

WINDSOR MATTERS

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FROM MAYOR RENNEMEYER'S DESK

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Dear Windsor Resident,

I hope you and your family are doing well during this unprecedented time. While everyone continues to navigate news and information about COVID-19, Town of Windsor staff continue to manage multiple projects to ensure the quality of life we've all come to know.

In September, the Town Board updated and adopted its Strategic Plan which helps guide Windsor's future and defines our priorities and spending. Our next step is to work on the 2021 budget. Top priorities over the next five years include focusing on strategic growth, sustainable infrastructure, and economic vitality. The 2021 budget will be adopted at our board meeting on Monday, November 23. Until then, you can provide feedback during the public input session of town board meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m.

Regarding the pandemic, town leadership continue to monitor the impacts of the virus on our residents and our economy. With the arrival of cooler weather, many of us will likely spend more time indoors. It's possible we'll see increased incidents of COVID-19. Please continue to cover coughs and sneezes, wash your hands and stay home if you are feeling ill and continue to wear a mask when in public or when social distancing cannot be maintained.

As we inch closer to 2021, we will continue to collect constructive feedback for town planning efforts. Staff are currently soliciting your opinions for the future of Eastman Park Drive, 7th Street, Walnut Street, as well as downtown parking. Your opinions and ideas help inform the Town Board about the community's wishes and they matter so please take a moment to visit windsorgov.com/ProjectConnect to learn more and provide feedback.

Thank you for caring about and being involved in our community.

Sincerely,

Mayor Paul Rennemeyer

THE ANNUAL BUDGET

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NEXT STEPS

OCT. WORK SESSIONS

The Town Board meets on Saturday, October 24 to discuss the operational budget.

NOV. FINAL APPROVAL

The Town Board holds a public hearing, taking public input and any additional comments, before adopting the final 2021 budget. The adoption of the 2021 budget is planned for Monday, Nov. 23.

**Find more budget
information on pages
3 and 4 below.**



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

DON'T BE THE DEALER

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, held Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Windsor Police Department, gives residents an opportunity to responsibly dispose of unused medications. With a focus on medications, the Windsor Police cannot accept needles and sharps, mercury (thermometers), oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters or illicit drugs.

To keep everyone safe, the Windsor Police Department will follow local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations.

Saturday, October 24
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Windsor Police Department
200 N. 11th St.
970-674-6400
windsorpd.com

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR WATER SYSTEM

Water conservation is always an important topic. This year the Town of Windsor Water Utility is asking customers to voluntarily consider reducing or eliminating outdoor water use and practice mindful water use indoors the months of October and November. Colorado's dry weather, our active wildland fire season, and an important water storage rehabilitation project led by Northern Water and the Bureau of Reclamation, have all impacted regional water reserves. We hope customers can take an active role in protecting regional water supplies.

Windsor Utility customers can help conservation efforts by shutting off outdoor irrigation and fixing indoor leaks from toilets and faucets. They can also think about the water they use and how it's used. Simple steps like turning the faucet off while brushing teeth can save water.

It's mindful use of water that will help our region protect its most valuable resource.

Please note that this is not a Windsor-specific issue, it's a regional one. This is not a mandatory restriction, it's a request to residents and businesses to voluntarily reduce water use to better ensure that water providers have enough supply to serve the region's needs.

For information about the water storage rehabilitation project led by Northern Water and the Bureau of Reclamation, visit Northern Water's website at northernwater.org/horsetoothdrawdown.

PROJECT CONNECT



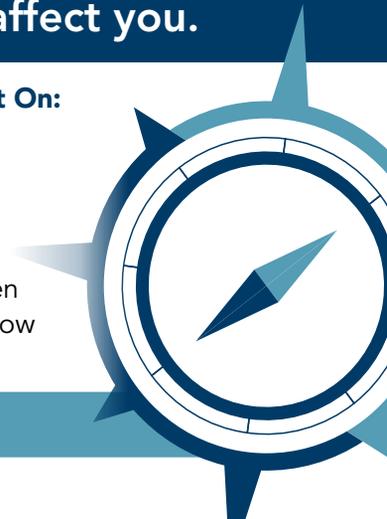
Stay connected to the projects and plans that affect you.

Some Projects We're Collecting Input On:

- 7th Street Corridor
- Walnut Street Corridor
- Eastman Park Drive Corridor
- Downtown Parking Study

Making your voice heard has never been easier. Help guide Windsor into tomorrow by speaking your opinion today.

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WINDSOR'S VISION

Windsor is the hub of Northern Colorado; a safe, unique and special town that offers diverse cultural and recreational opportunities. Windsor is recognized as a regional leader that demonstrates fiscal responsibility, environmental stewardship and strategic excellence. A town that thinks big and embraces its hometown pride.

WINDSOR'S MISSION

The Town of Windsor promotes community and hometown pride through sustainable, excellent and equitable delivery of services, in a fiscally responsible manner.

MAY

REVIEW BEGINS

The annual budget process begins. Staff begin reviewing the capital budget (expenditures on fixed assets, such as purchasing of equipment or construction projects) and estimating revenue for the next fiscal year.

JUN-SEPT

STAFF MEETINGS

The Town Manager meets with department heads, the Town Board and advisory boards to begin discussing each department's operational budget (staffing and day-to-day expenses).

In August, staff has their initial meeting with the Town Board to review and discuss the Capital Improvement budget.

OCTOBER

WORK SESSIONS

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NOVEMBER

FINAL APPROVAL

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2020 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

The 2020 Budget was adopted November 25, 2019 and Windsor's mill levy remained at 12.03 mills for the year. Below is a description of services provided and the approximate cost per day, based on a population estimate of 30,477. The 2020 Budget enabled the Town of Windsor to meet the basic needs of the citizens and provided services which enhanced the quality of life that residents have come to enjoy and expect.

Capital Improvement

Capital funds are allocated for large, one-time purchases of land, buildings, improvements, distribution and collection systems, equipment and infrastructure.

Capital projects in 2020 include ongoing street expansion and improvement projects, Hwy. 392 widening at Cty. Rd. 5, Hwy. 257/Eastman Park Dr. intersection improvements, completion of the Parks Maintenance Facility, acquisition of new and replacement vehicles and equipment and the buildout of the Kyger Reservoir open space trail.

Parks, Recreation & Culture

Provides general park and trail maintenance, new park construction, forestry services, recreation programming, cultural activities, community events, Chimney Park pool and the operation of the Community Recreation Center.

Utility Services

The town provides water, sewer and storm drainage services on a user-charge basis. These enterprise funds are self-supporting. Capital improvements are an ongoing expense within the enterprise funds and include replacement of the Town's water and sewer lines, upgrades to the sewer treatment plant and the securing of future water needs through the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISIP).

Administration

Provides the town's executive, administrative, financial, planning, engineering, communications and economic development operations.

Streets Maintenance

Provides for the upkeep of all of the Town's streets and includes snow and ice removal, potholing, sweeping, signage and weed control.

Police

Supports 43 sworn officers, providing a safe and secure environment for residents.

Debt Services

There is existing debt for the Community Recreation Center, as well as improvements at Windsor Lake, Kyger Reservoir, a Police Facility loan, a Sewer Fund loan, and repayments to the Water Fund for the I-25/SH392 interchange project and to the Capital Improvement Fund for storm drainage improvements.

