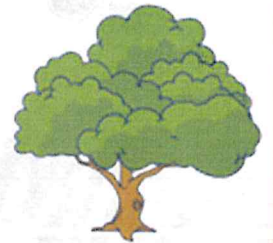


WIGGINS NEWSLETTER

Arbor Day

Arbor Day is celebrated on April 29th this year, and it is a time to reflect on the importance of planting and preserving trees in our community. Trees play a vital role in improving our air and water quality, preventing erosion, and creating a more beautiful and healthy environment. By participating in Arbor Day activities, such as tree plantings, residents of Wiggins can contribute to the well-being of their town and its natural resources. Additionally, planting trees can increase property values and reduce energy costs. Arbor Day in Wiggins will be held at Teets Park, Kiowa Park and the new High Plains Park. Volunteers are encouraged to come out and meet us at 9 am at one of these locations to help plant a tree! Let's make a positive impact on the community by planting trees that will benefit present and future generations! If you can't join us: here are some tips for planning your own tree this spring:

1. Choose the right tree for the location and climate. Consider factors such as soil type, sunlight, and space available for the tree to grow.
 2. Dig a hole that is at least twice the width of the root ball, but not deeper than the root flare. The root flare is where the trunk begins to flare out at the base of the tree.
 3. Remove any burlap, wire, or twine from the root ball before planting.
 4. Backfill the hole with a mixture of soil and compost, and water the tree thoroughly.
 5. Mulch around the base of the tree, but avoid piling mulch against the trunk. Mulch helps retain moisture and suppress weeds.
 6. Water the tree regularly, especially during the first couple years after planting. Young trees need about one inch of water per week.
 7. Stake the tree if necessary to prevent it from leaning or falling over, but remove the stakes after one year to allow the tree to develop a strong trunk.
- Remember, planting a tree is a long-term investment, and it requires care and attention to ensure its healthy growth and survival.



4TH OF JULY



Attention residents of Wiggins! It's never too early to start thinking about 4th of July festivities, and we are excited to announce that the celebrations will be held on Tuesday, July 4th at Teets Park. There will be a live band playing, a parade starting one hour before dusk, and fireworks once the sun sets. It's going to be a fantastic day filled with fun and entertainment for the whole family. Let's come together as a community to celebrate our independence and have a great time!

If you're interested in participating in the parade or having a booth at the park, please sign up on the town's website.

If you'd like to make a donation to the American Legion for our Fireworks pyrotechnics team (state licensed) please take your donations to High Plains Bank where the account is set up.

WATERING SCHEDULE

Remember that Wiggins has a mandatory watering conservation policy!

Odd numbered houses water
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Even numbered houses water
Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday
No Watering Allowed Sunday
No Watering between 9am-6pm
Ordinance 07-2022





<https://www.facebook.com/wigginscoparksandrecreation>

Spring is upon us and you know what that means! Warm weather and outdoor activities! Spring sports are getting ready to kick off. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone that signed up and the parents that have volunteered their time to coach. I am working on improving our parks and rec website and make it more informative for all the activities we have planned. Please check there for activity updates. Also make sure to give us a follow on Facebook! Summer sports registration will be open soon as well. Make sure to watch for when that is open and get signed up before the deadline!

Other fun activities to look out for this summer!

Summer Baseball Registration: Opens April

Arbor Day: April 29th, 2023 - 9am Teets Park, Kiowa park, High Plains Bank

Movies in the Park- date TBD Teets Amphitheater

4th of July- Teets Park activities begin mid-day



Announcements & Recreation Updates

We are always in need of volunteers to help with coaching youth sports! If you are interested in coaching a team this spring please contact

Virginia Martens



Sponsors Needed!

Are you a business owner, organization, or community member that would like to sponsor movie in the park? One movie per month is typically scheduled during the summer months. Please contact:

PARKS AND RECREATION
COORDINATOR

**VIRGINIA
MARTENS**

970-441-1038
PARKS@WIGGNISCO.COM



Tiger Corner

Spring Sports Schedule

Date	HS Baseball	Time
March 21	Wiggins vs. Limon V,JV	3pm/5pm
March 25	Wiggins vs. Caliche V,JV	11am/1pm
March 28	Wiggins vs. Merino V,V	3pm/5pm
April 1	Wiggins vs. Haxtun V,V	11am/1pm
April 4	Wiggins @ Akron V,V	3pm/5pm
April 7	Valley/Platte Valley Tourney	4pm
April 8	Friday vs. Fort Lupton Saturday TBD	TBD
April 11	Wiggins vs. Wray V,V	3pm/5pm
April 18	Wiggins vs. Byers V, JV	3pm/5pm
April 22	Wiggins @ Platte Valley V, JV	11am/1pm
April 25	Wiggins vs Dayspring V, JV	3pm/5pm
April 28	Wiggins vs. SedgCo V,V	3pm/5pm
May 2	Wiggins @ Yuma V,V	3pm/5pm
May 9	Wiggins vs. Holyoke V,V	3pm/5pm
May 16	Wiggins @ Highland V, JV	3:30/5:30
Regionals May 20-21	TBA	TBA

Date	HS Track	Time
March 11	Fort Morgan Invitational	9am
March 18	Windsor Kula Invitational	9am
March 25	Runners Roost Invitational	9am
March 27	Wiggins Invitational	9am
April 1	NOCO Series Niwot	9am
April 7	Eaton Invitational	9am
April 10	Bill Kalb Invite (Yuma)	9am
April 15	Byers Invitational	9am
April 22	Platte Valley	9am
April 29	Akron Invite	9am
May 3	LPAA Meet-Wray	12pm
May 12	St. Vrain	9am
May 18	State Championships-JeffCO Stadium	TBD
May 19	State Championships-JeffCO Stadium	TBD
May 20	State Championships-JeffCO Stadium	TBD

Date	HS Track	Time
March 24	Akron Invitational	10am
April 14	Holyoke Invitational	9am
April 18	Strasburg Invitational	2pm
April 24	Wiggins Invitational	9am
April 27	Brush Invitational	2pm
May 4	League Track@ Holyoke	9am

Last Day

May 25th



Annual Community GARAGE SALE

DON'T
miss it!



*shop
now*

Saturday, May 6 | 8AM – 2PM
Everywhere in Wiggins

Each homeowner may put out items
at their own homes

**Call Town Hall to Register (970) 483-6161
or register online**

www.townofwiggins.colorado.gov



Gardening Tips

1. **Pick the right location** ideally, a sunny site!
2. **Keep it close to home.** A location near your house will make it easier for you to tend your plot regularly and will also make it convenient to run out and pick what you need for a meal.
3. **Only grow things your family likes to eat.**
4. **Water needs to be readily available.**
5. **Good soil is the key to a successful garden.**
6. **Amend your soil.** [Compost](#), [leaf mold](#), or well-aged [manure](#) will increase the ability of your soil to both drain well and hold moisture (the sponge factor).
7. **Seeds or plants?** Most garden vegetables can be directly seeded where they are to grow—lettuce, beans, carrots, beets, chard, spinach, peas, cucumbers, and squash. Things that take longer to produce an edible fruit do better with a head start. Purchase transplants for tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and melons or start your own indoors 6 to 8 weeks before planting them outside.

DOG TAG REGISTRATION Low Cost!! \$5



LOCATION:

Town Hall

304 E Central Avenue, Wiggins

Need to bring: Current anti-rabies
vaccination records

For more information contact
Town Hall @ 970-483-6161

Due to upcoming projects, the Town is no longer accepting lawn debris, landscaping materials, tree branches, etc. at the sewer plant. Please contact your local trash management company or Morgan County Landfill for their drop-off regulations.

Morgan County Landfill

21448 CR 22 Fort Morgan, CO 80701



WALK-IN VACCINE CLINIC

WIGGINS TOWN HALL

7:00-8:00PM

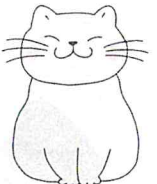
APRIL 25TH

WIGGINS TOWN HALL

Routine Cat and Dog Vaccinations
Provided by Fort Morgan Veterinary Clinic

Rabies \$20.00
DHPP \$30.00

Rabies \$20.00
FVRCP \$30.00



Rabies booster is due every 3 years
DHPP/FVRCP are due every 2 years
**Please call the clinic if you are unsure of when
your animal is due!**
(970) 867-9477

BUILDING PERMIT & CONTRACTOR

LICENSE REMINDERS

All building, fence, roof permits and contractor license renewals may be found on the town's website:

townofwiggins.colorado.gov

Residents within HOA subdivisions must also check with their HOA for additional subdivision requirements.

Please do not assume that you do not need a permit for your project. Inquiries to the Planning & Zoning Department can assist with permit determinations and requirements.

Basement Finishes

Roof Projects

Some Remodeling

Some Concrete Projects

Fence Projects

Some Drive-way Projects

Furnace & AC Replacements

Accessory Buildings



1. Call 811 or go to your state 811 center's website a few days before digging to request that buried utilities in your yard be marked.
2. Wait a few days for all utilities to respond to your request.
3. Confirm that all utilities have responded.
4. Respect the utility marks or flags.
5. Dig carefully around buried utilities.



Call811.com/811-your-state

Be Prepared When Disaster Strikes

Did you know you can receive weather and community notifications to your cell phone or email from Morgan County when there is severe weather headed to Wiggins or for are safety concerns? Visit

<https://morgancounty.colorado.gov/emergency-services>



TOWN OF WIGGINS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THREE MILE PLAN UPDATE

The Town is beginning the process to update the Wiggins Comprehensive Plan and Three Mile Plan. The current Wiggins Comprehensive Plan dates back to 1991. Comprehensive Plans typically are updated approximately every 10 years. To assist in this effort, the Town received a grant from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

The Town has contracted with RICK Planning and Development to facilitate the update project. RICK has a variety of tools and technology to assist in capturing the community's visions and goals. Their plans for community engagement are designed to capture input from broad cross section of community members to assist the Town to establish and maintain good development patterns for in the future.

The comprehensive plan reflects the community's goals and aspirations as community development; including future residential, commercial, parks, schools development and transportation, water, and sewer needs. The community's input is used to help develop the plan.

The Three Mile Plan is a long-range plan that outlines where municipalities may consider annexing property for growth and describes how they will ensure adequate provision of services. State of Colorado statutes requires that every municipality have a Three Mile Plan.

Community Members can be on the look out for upcoming surveys, pop-up meetings, and on-line interactions from RICK Planning and Development to participate by providing their input to help with this project.

TOWN MEETINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

- ◇ Town meeting agendas and packet materials are available for viewing online at townofwiggins.colorado.gov.
- ◇ Town meetings are broadcast live on the Town's YouTube channel. The link can be found on the Town's website. The public can also attend and participate via the meeting's Zoom link.
- ◇ The meetings are open to the public and citizens are invited to participate. Public input is solicited during public hearings and the Public Comment portion during the Board of Trustees meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month.
- ◇ If you cannot attend the meeting in person, you are encouraged to attend and participate in meetings via the Zoom link found in meeting agenda on the Town's website.

The Wiggins Business Alliance strives to identify, develop and implement programs and projects geared toward the overall vitality of the Wiggins Business Area in order to expand economic improvement.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm at Colorado Land Company located at 227 Main Street, Wiggins.

Next Meeting April 11, 2023 at 4:30 –5:30
Location TBD

Check out Wiggins Business Alliance Facebook page for more information.



Utility/Polaris Camera Registration Program

In 2022 the Wiggins Police Department entered into a partnership with Utility/Polaris to provide body cameras and dash cameras to our officers. In February 2023 we were advised by Utility/Polaris of a new security camera registry program. Through similar programs, residents and businesses have already shared security footage to assist us in crime reduction/detection efforts, and this program will assist us with future efforts.

SUMMARY:

Law Enforcement agencies often incorporate a citizen engagement program to acquire additional case evidence. These programs help solve crime faster enabling citizens the opportunity to share any footage their home and office cameras may have recorded related to a case. We currently have a partnership with Neighbors (by Ring) and are looking to expand our outreach efforts with the program offered by Utility/Polaris. Participation is completely voluntary, and the department does not have direct access to the registered camera. Registrants can deregister their cameras at any time.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Participation in this program is offered at no additional cost to the Police Department or participating residents/businesses, therefore it will not have any impact on the adopted 2023 budget.

OUT WEST SENIOR CENTER

Located @ 109 Main Street
970-483-7799

Meet & Eat: Noon Tues & Thurs
Must have a reservation!

Suggested Donation:
60 & Older \$6.25
59 and Under \$12.50

Every 3rd Friday Potluck
All are Welcome



Congratulations

19 of Mrs. Neal's middle school science students created projects that earned their way to the District Science Fair. Tenleigh Lorenzini, Arath Carrazco, Anna Werner, Ari Yoder and Kynley Yzaguirre, Ainsley Sauer and Monse Delval-Gomez

performed well enough at the district level that they will be representing Wiggins Middle School at the state level held at CSU in April. The FFA Parli Pro and Quiz Bowl teams won the District Championship and will compete at the State FFA Convention in June. FFA also held its annual Hired Hand Auction on March 6 with an outstanding turnout. Four Tigers participated in the state wrestling tournament. Jorge Mendez and Michael Pacheco gave strong efforts but came up short. Pepper Rusher won his first state wrestling title, vindicating his third place finish from last season. Laith Ibrahim won his third state.



Wiggins Police Department

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT!!

Please pay special attention to proper road safety, especially speed limits and stop signs throughout town. Please pay special attention to areas around parks where children may be present and crossing the streets. Most park areas have lower speed limits. Safety for all is our first concern.



Municipal Court Information

Wiggins Municipal Court is in session every other month. Defendants who need to meet with the prosecuting attorney to work out a plea need to arrive by 1 pm. Municipal Court begins at 1:30 pm.

LOOK at the bottom of your ticket to determine which court and date you need to attend. Some citations are for Morgan County Courts!!

You may also check out court information on the town's website:

townofwiggins.colorado.gov



HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS!!

Reminder to homeowners to keep alley ways free of trash and weeds. Please keep lawns and vacant properties mowed to avoid code enforcement & fines.



Ask Staff

Code Enforcement

This is a section where staff answer some of the questions most often asked by residents and business owners. The Wiggins Police Department & the Planning & Zoning Department collaborate together to investigate possible violations of the Town's codes.

Q: What are the most common code violations?

A: The most common violations include piles of trash, junk, debris, and weeds along properties in alley ways and in yards. Since these violations directly impact the quality of life in your neighborhood, these properties receive Courtesy Notices. A clean and neat street with no piles of trash and weeds in sight makes a big difference!

Q: What are some things people may not know about the Town Code?

A: People are usually most surprised to learn that "there's a permit required for that work?". Often, even minor improvements or changes to your home or business require filing for a building permit with the Town. This could be for fences, roofs, AC installation, hot water heaters, furnace replacements, some remodels, and new driveways. Town Staff recommends you inquire with the Planning & Zoning Department to ask whether you will need a permit before beginning a home improvement project. In addition, residents within Homeowner's Associations must also inquire with their HOA.

Q: How do I report a code violation?

A: Drop by the Town Hall at 304 E Central Avenue or fill out the electronic complaint form on the Town's website. Please be ready to provide your name and address.

Q: What if I get a letter from the Town regarding a Code Compliance issue?

A: If you need any clarification on what was sent to you, contact the staff member at the number listed in your letter. We are glad to offer assistance and work with you, so we welcome your call or email. Voluntary compliance is always the Town's goal.

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