Wiggins Newsletter
June 2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. The first meeting of each month is designed to be a work-session, giving the Trustees and staff a chance to discuss upcoming agenda items in detail. The second meeting is the regular Board meeting in which the Trustees take action on items or hold public hearings. This meeting also has a time for Public Comment. This time in the Agenda allows the public an opportunity to express their concerns and/or questions to the Board of Trustees. Due to the Covid-19 Public Health Orders currently in effect, seating is limited within the board room. Zoom allows the public to continue to participate in the meeting as well as watch. You may also watch the meetings live on YouTube. Look for the icons on the town website.





Planning & Zoning Commission Vacancy

The Wiggins Board of Trustees is now seeking applicants from the community to fill a vacant seat on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Applications may be received from the Town Clerk or downloaded from the Town's website.

- Completed applications may be emailed to clerk@wigginsco.com or brought in to the Town Hall.
- Application deadline is Friday, July 30th.

Planning & Zoning Commission meets once a month on the second Tuesday of each month when there is a project to be reviewed. A Planning & Zoning Commissioner's primary job is to make land use decisions that are consistent with the policies and plans formally adopted by the Board of Trustees. All comments and recommendations are then passed on to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

Please contact Hope Becker at hbecker@wigginsco.com or 970-483-6161 if you have further questions.

FUN FACT:

- → "Fireworks date back as a tradition of Independence Day as early as the first anniversary in 1777. John Adams wrote in a letter to his wife, Abigail, that he wanted Independence Day to be "celebrated with pomp, parade, shows, and "Illuminations." This original letter was written when Adams presumed that Independence Day would be celebrated on July 2"
- → "A Little Late to the Parade July 4th was not deemed a federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years after the nation was founded."
- → The US didn't actually declare its independence on July 4, 1776. The official vote actually took place 2 days prior on July 2nd. It was formally published in the newspapers on July /th

Found on:

https://blog.hocking.edu/15-fun-facts-about-the-fourth-of-july

fireworks

Please use caution when celebrating with fireworks near and on 4th of July. Residents may become better acquainted with the Town's fireworks ordinance on the town website at

www.wigginsco.com/ordinances.html

FIREWORKS THAT LEAVE THE GROUND ARE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL IN THE TOWN OF WIGGINS & THE STATE OF COLORADO! VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE IS A MINIMUM FINE OF \$250.

Please use caution when celebrating to prevent serious injuries and emergencies.
Please also be considerate of neighbors and time of night when shooting fireworks.



Wiggins, Colorado 4TH OF JULY-2021

CELEBRATION

No Admission Charge – Free Fun

Sunday – July 4th

- 8 am 5K race @ Wiggins High School Track
 Contact Coach Mario Garcia @ 970-596-2607
- → 7-10 am Wiggins Volunteer Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast @ Firehall (\$5.00 adult / \$3.00 kids)
- → 1 pm Phyllis B Forsha Memorial Trail Dedication (Located @ SE Corner CR P & Main St)
- DUSK Twilight Parade on Main St & Dickson (Starting approx. 8pm & ending by Teets Park)

(NO Registration Required)

SPECTACULAR FIREWORK SHOW AT TEETS PARK AT NIGHTFALL!

MUSIC AND GAMES

Music, Games, & Family Fun!

Beer Garden Sponsored by

American Legion

NUMEROUS VENDORS & CRAFTS!

Great Food Vendors & Craft Vendors

BYO LAWN CHAIR / BLANKET! FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Festivities Start at 3:00 PM

All activities, including the night-time fireworks show, will be held at the Teets Ballfield which is located at the corner of 4th and High St. in Wiggins, Colorado.

booth information or other general question visit: call Wiggins Town Hall at:

(970)-483-6161.

Call 811 at least a few days before you start any digging project. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811.



HALF STAFF ALERT

Look for the half staff alerts on the homepage of the Town's website. The widget updates itself daily to inform residents the status of the American

-lag.





4TH OF JULY

All celebrations require many hands to create family fun!! 4th of July volunteers are needed to help with parade organization and festivities in the Park.

Volunteers age 18 & under must have parent approval. Please contact Deb Lee at 970-483-6161 to receive further Information.

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Wiggins Recreation is partnering with area businesses to bring back Movies in the Park! Start times will be at dusk each Saturday night (approximately 8:30-9 pm).

Bring your own chairs, blankets, and jackets to remain comfortable on the lawn. Social distancing with family pods remaining together and masks are encouraged.

Let's begin the fun!

Movie Nights:

June 19th

July 24th

August 21st

BUILDING PERMITS & LICENSE RENEWALS

All building, fence, siding, roof permits and license renewals may be found on the town's website: www.wigginsco.com. Residents within HOA subdivisions must also check with their HOA for additional subdivision requirements.

All contractors AND subcontractors are required to obtain a Wiggins Contractors License. Applications may be turned in and paid for online or brought in to the Town hall.

Building Permits are required for:

Basement Finishes

Some Remodeling

Fences

Building Roof Projects

Some Concrete Projects

Some Drive-way

Building Siding Projects

Wiggins Business Alliance

Wiggins Business Alliance is like a chamber of commerce but without the chamber dues. All

businesses and non-profits are encouraged to attend meetings.

Meetings are currently held at the Colorado Land Company Real
Estate Office located at 227 N Main Street the first Tuesday of
every month at 7AM.

Join the meetings to help plan business sponsored community fun and expand your business network!

Parks and Recreation



New Website!! The Wiggins Parks & Recreation website has taken on a new look.

Please visit us at:

www.wigginsparksandrec.com

Residents who wish to register for an activity may do so by creating a household account and then registering the individual. Please contact Hope Becker at 970-441-1038 if you have additional questions.

M NVAA Fall Volleyball (Grades K-6).

Registration will open from June 18th - July 30th. COVID guidelines will be based on the

strictest restriction among the three counties participating if they are in place. Please check the Wiggins Rec website for guidelines for this season. Registration will be online only.

Adult Softball. Adult Softball registration is currently open and extended to June 30th. The Season will start July 9th (after the holiday) pending we have enough teams sign up. Captains may obtain information and sign up on the Wiggins Recreation Website.

ALL SPORTS REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ONLINE!!

http://www.wigginsparksandrec.com



TOWN HALL

Hours: M-F 8:30-4:30

304 Central Avenue

970-483-6161 (office)

970-483-7364 (fax)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

304 Central Avenue

970-483-7747 (Non-Emergency

Dispatch)

911 (Emergency)



COMING SOON!

More payment options at your fingertips!

We know paying utility bills isn't your favorite thing to do, so we're making it as easy as possible for you to make a payment.

In the coming months, the Town of Wiggins will be launching a new user- friendly, electronic payment system.

You can look forward to being able to:

- ◆ Pay your utility bill anytime 24/7 via an easy-to-use online portal.
- Manage your account and view up to two years of payment history.
- Receive email reminders when your bill is ready, when a scheduled payment is pending, and a confirmation after making a payment.
- Make a one-time payment or register to gain access to features.
- You choose when to pay-simply schedule a payment for any future date (before the due date)
- Set it and forget it with Auto Pay...save time and avoid late or missed payments.
- On the go? Use Pay by Text to get text notifications about your bill and have the option to pay through text message with your default payment method.

So, mark your calendar....soon, you'll be able to put away your checkbook and pay electronically!

TOWN OF WIGGINS WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

CONDITION GREEN Water Supply is adequate t

meet the Town's needs.
This is subject to everyone participating in proper

Even numbered houses may water on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday only.

Odd numbered houses ma

water on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday only.

No watering between the hours of 10:00am and 6:00pm

Watering of garden and flowers is permitted on nor watering days if done by hand or ground soaker for maximum of 20 minutes.

CONDITION YELLOW

Conditions make water in short supply. Further conservation measures are necessary to meet the critical water needs.

Even Number houses may water on Tuesday and Saturday ONLY.

Odd Number houses may water on Wednesday and Sunday ONLY.

No watering between the hours of 10:00am and 6:00pm.

Watering of garden and flowers is permitted on non watering days if done by hand for a maximum of 10 minutes per day.

CONDITION RED

A Water Emergency or Drought condition exists.

NO WATERING OF LAWNS

NO WASHING OF CARS

If conditions persist, rationing of water to homes may be necessary in accordance with Town Policies

WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

The Water Conservation Ordinance remains in effect. All Wiggins residents are required to follow the guidelines that are posted to the left and may be seen on the Town's community page. The Town of Wiggins does have plenty of water to meet the town's needs. The Town must monitor the water tower's water levels in order to meet the demands. Violations of this ordinance may be a minimum fine of \$250.00.



The WATER CONSERVATION POLICY will be STRICTLY ENFORCED — Violations will result in a minimum fine of \$250.00 per violation Any wasting of water, such as excessive watering that causes water to run in the street shall be prohibited.

<u>iggins Police Department</u>





Dogs at Large & Dog Walkers

We have experienced a large number of dogs running loose. Picked up dogs may be transported to the shelter in Brush which will require the owner to pay a release fee. Additionally, you may be liable for a \$75 fine for a loose dog, \$100 fine for no rabies certificate, and a \$50 fine for no Town of Wiggins dog license. When you add the \$65 court surcharge, this could be an expensive ticket. Please

make sure you get shots for your dogs and that they are licensed with the town. Registering for a town dog license may be done at Town Hall, located at 304 E Central Avenue. Please bring rabies vaccine certificate. Dog license registration is \$5. Owners walking their dogs need to pick up after their dog defecates. There is a \$75 fine for not picking up after dogs!! Please call the Town Hall at 970-483-6161if you have additional questions.

ABATEMENT REMINDERS!!

Reminder to homeowners to keep alley ways free of trash and weeds. Please keep lawns and vacant properties mowed to avoid abatement



& fines.

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 when there are safety concerns?

Go to the Town's Community Page for a quick link.



AFTER HOURS WATER EMERGENCIES

If you experience a Town related water emergency on an evening or weekend - please call the nonemergency line and public works personnel will be dispatched.



Non-Emergency Dispatch 970-483-7747

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT!!

The Police Department has received many; complaints about drivers speeding and failing to stop or slow down. 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 desire 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: www.wigginsco.com.





https://www.facebook.com/

PLEASE DO NOT DEPOSIT FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS. **BABY WIPES. DIAPERS OR** HAND TOWELS IN THE TOILET!



Ways to Pay Water/Sewer



ALL BILLS ARE SENT BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH.

ALL PAYMENTS ARE DUE UPON RECEIPT. IF RECEIVED AFTER THE 5TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH, THERE IS A \$25 LATE FEE.



MAIL PAYMENTS

Payments may be mailed to 304 Central Avenue Wiggins, CO 80654



PARKING LOT DROPBOX

Dropbox is black by the flagpole located at the NE corner of Town Hall at

> 304 Central Avenue Wiggins, CO 80654



ONLINE PAYMENTS

Payments may be made at www.wigginsco.com Click on this icon.



YOU WILL NEED YOUR **ACCOUNT NUMBER FOR THIS** PROCESS.



BACKFLOW PREVENTER TESTING

A friendly reminder to all businesses and churches that backflow surveys and testing were due by December 31st, 2021. The Town does have a certified technician available to perform the tests. Tests are \$35. Please call the Town Hall at 970-483-6161 if you would like to set up an appointment. Residential homes are not required by the state to have tests performed and on record with the town hall.

Help the Sewer System!!

Please do not flush anything down the toilet except toilet tissue!! The sewer and drainage systems and the lift stations are being clogged by items the system can not handle! This includes Kleenexes, flushable wipes, grease, feminine hygiene products, diapers, and even towels. Please help us prevent sewer system backups by not flushing or pouring grease and other products down the drains.

NEW HEALTH & SAFETY ORDINANCE

The Wiggins Board of Trustees adopted a new Health & Safety Ordinance in February. The new ordinance updates the Town's older ordinances. It now sets the bar of expectations for town staff and Wiggins residents regarding property maintenance and safety standards. This ordinance replaces all previous ordinances regarding:

- Nuisances & Abatements
- Impoundments, Publicly Kept, Junk Vehicles, and Sleeper
- Trash, Junk, and Debris
- Sidewalks
- Landscape Materials
- Weeds & Vegetation
- Fireworks
- **Emergency Alarm Systems**

Enforcement of the new ordinance is now in effect. Please take a personal investment in keeping our community looking beautiful. The new ordinances are available on the town's website at www.wigginsco.com for everyone's convenience. Go to Government and then Ordinances.



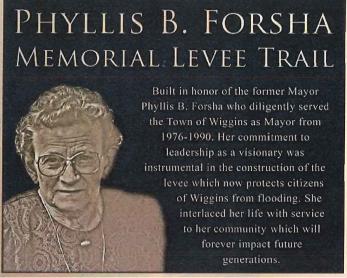




Phyllis B Forsha Memorial Levee Trail

A ceremony July 4th at 1 pm will mark the completion of the Phyllis B Forsha Walking Trail with a dedication. The trail was constructed with funds from a Colorado Wildlife Management Grant provided to the Town of Wiggins in 2018 and is located on the outside edge of Kiowa Park Subdivision. A resolution by the Board of Trustees was approved to dedicate the levee trail to Phyllis B Forsha, a former Mayor and dedicated community member of the Town of Wiggins. The trail is approximately 3 miles long and runs adjacent to the levee.

Phyliss B Vance Forsha was born in 1923, raised in Wiggins, and completed all 12 years of education graduating from Wiggins High School in 1941. She married William Dean Forsha in 1943 and



together they had five children: Virginia, Barbara, Sharon, Robert, and Patricia. Phyliss helped Dean with their farm in the early years of their marriage. She was also busy working a few part time jobs as a bookkeeper for Wiggins Potato Growers Association and the Country Hardware & Implement Store. In 1982, Phyliss became the owner of the Country Hardware which she ran with the assistance of her two kids: Robert and Patricia. She was the secretary for the Wiggins Water and Sanitation District in 1959 and was appointed in 1973 as the first Town Clerk for the Town of Wiggins. Phyllis stepped down as Town Clerk to be elected Mayor in 1976. She remained the town's mayor until 1990. Wiggins suffered from two massive floods in past years causing irreputable damage to property, homes, and businesses. During her time as Mayor she was able to procure the funding necessary to create a much needed levee to help protect the Town of Wiggins from future 100 year floods.

Phyllis intertwined her life with all aspects of Wiggins to better care for her kids and community members. Her involvement with the community made her a more compassionate and understanding person. She always had the community's best interest at heart.



We will be closed Monday, July 5th For

Independence Day

Observed

Watch the Board of Trustee Work-sessions the 2nd Tuesday of every month to learn about upcoming agenda items.

Interact & Watch Board of Trustee Meetings Live on Zoom every 4th



Wednesday of each month. Just click on the link located on the town's home page at www.wigginsco.com