

2022
happy new year

WIGGINS NEWSLETTER

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thank you!

Thank you to all businesses, organizations, and community members who volunteered their time and resources contributing to the success of the Wiggins Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration! The event was bright, merry, and very festive!! We are looking forward to planning the 2022 event!

Innovative Solutions

Colorado Land Company

High Plains Bank

StageCoach Meats

Baessler Homes

American Legion

RWT Excavation

Weller Fabrication

Country Hardware Store

Paint Shop 76

Colorado Custom Firearms

Steve Comer—Tractor Hay Ride

Jerry Wolfwinkel-Hay Rig

Brewster Family—Horses

Wiggins Community Church

Summit Baptist Church

Prairie Winds Church

Business Alliance Members

Wiggins Historical Society

Wiggins Farm & Auto

Charlene Robertson

Renee Warden

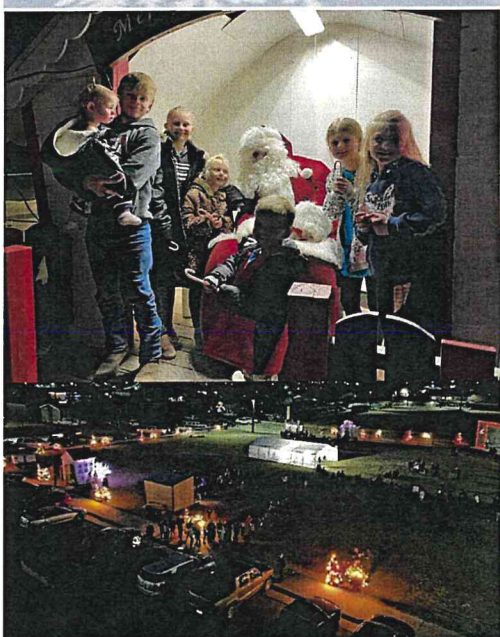
Jana Brautigan

Cathy Fleming

Santa Garth

Town Staff & Town Trustees

*And the many
Individual Volunteers*



CHRISTMAS TREE DROPOFF

Wiggins Residents may drop off their live Christmas trees in the designated area at the Wiggins sewer plant located at the corner of Elm & North Main Street.



AND OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS



New Website!! The Wiggins Parks & Recreation website has taken on a new look. Please visit us at: www.wigginsparksandrec.com

Residents may also create a log in and password at this website to receive parks and recreation notifications for upcoming events parks & recreation events. There is no cost to create an account & you do not have to register for activities to have an account.



YOUTH SOCCER: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Extreme Soccer (Grades 1 thru 6)

Teams will practice in Wiggins. **ALL** games will be played in Fort Morgan. Registration Fee: \$35. Registration closes February 25th

Little Kickers Soccer (Ages 3/4 & Kindergarten:

Registration will begin in February 1st for a later season. ALL practices and games will be in Wiggins. Registration Fee: \$25. Registration closes March 18th.



SPRING BASEBALL: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

AGE DIVISIONS: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, & 15U

THIS IS A TRAVEL LEAGUE! All games are played in but not limited to Wiggins, Brush, Akron, Fort Morgan, and Yuma depending on the age group. Practices are typically twice per week in Wiggins & based on volunteer coach schedules. Registration Fee: \$65

SUMMER 9U & 12U BASEBALL - REGISTRATION OPEN!

In corroboration with Greeley Evans Youth League.

ALL practices are in Wiggins. ALL games are in Greeley at the Greeley Youth Sports Complex located in west Greeley. Registration Fee: \$85

SUMMER YOUTH BASEBALL - ages 3/4, 5/6, & 7/8

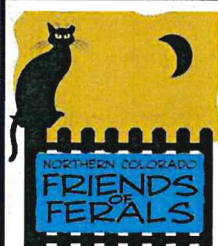
Registration will open approximately March 1st. Season will begin approximately June 1st.

ALL SPORTS REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ONLINE!!



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 Hope Becker at 970-441-1038 or by email at parks@wigginsco.com.



STRAY CAT SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

Northern Colorado Friends of Ferals in Fort Collins is offering a free spay/neuter clinic for feral and outdoor tame cats. If you are feeding feral cats or strays and want them to be spayed or neutered, please call the number below. Their volunteers are available to help you trap cats.

PLEASE KEEP TAME AND FIXED CATS INDOORS FEB 5TH FROM 3 PM TO MIDNIGHT.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE CATS ON FEBRUARY 4TH OR 5TH!!

February 5th - TRAPPING ALL UNCOLLARED OUTDOOR CATS

February 6th - Spay/Neuter Clinic

February 7th - Return all cats to place of capture.

Spay & neuter procedure is free and includes vaccinations for distemper and rabies and health check for each cat.

Time and space are limited and cats will be taken by appointment on a first come, first serve basis.

Donations are appreciated.

Leslie @ 970-224-1467 ~ Email: sidwiggy7717@gmail.com

BUILDING PERMITS & LICENSE RENEWALS

All building, fence, siding, roof permits and 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. Inquires to the Planning & Zoning Department can assist with permit determinations and requirements.

Building Permits are required for but not limited to:

Basement Finishes	Roof Projects
Some Remodeling	Some Concrete Projects
Fence Projects	Some Drive-way Projects
Siding Projects	

WATER EMERGENCIES

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

**Non-Emergency
Dispatch
970-483-7747**



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 when there are safety concerns?

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



WATER & SEWER TAP RATE INCREASE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION

The Board of Trustees recently approved an increase to the water and sewer taps for new construction. The new rates are:

<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
5/8" - \$20,000	5/8" - \$8,000
3/4" - \$23,000	3/4" - \$10,000

Additional rates may be seen on the Town's fee schedule.



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.



Call 811.com/811-your-state

TOWN OF WIGGINS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GRANT

The Town of Wiggins recently received a grant from DOLA to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The plan was last updated in 1991. Staff will be working to select a consultant to assist in this effort during the 1st Quarter of 2022. The Town will be looking for citizen involvement as it updates the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Look for announcements later this spring. To view the current comprehensive plan, visit the Town website. <https://townofwiggins.colorado.gov/>

**PLEASE KEEP ALL WATER METER PIT LIDS FREE AND CLEAR
OF LANDSCAPE MATERIALS, SOD, DIRT, DEBRIS, WEEDS, ETC.
THIS WILL ASSIST PUBLIC WORKS WITH YOUR
WATER METER READS EACH MONTH.**

Contractor Reminder to Renew

ALL Contractor's Licenses must be renewed **PRIOR** to continued work in Wiggins. This license renewal is required by ordinance each calendar year. Applications may be found on the Town's website: townofwiggins.colorado.gov/departments/town-clerk. The application, Certificate of Insurance, driver's license, and master trade licenses (if applicable) must be returned via:

- Mail: 304 E Central Ave, Wiggins, CO 80654
- Email: info@wigginsco.com
- Fax: 970-483-7364

PAYMENT can be made online or by check. Online payments go to townofwiggins.colorado.gov and click on "Pay Online" & "Licenses".



Wiggins Police Department



DOGS AT LARGE

The Town of Wiggins has recently experienced a large number of dogs at large. It is the dog owners responsibility to ensure that property fences are maintained and gates are secure to prevent gates from blowing open during wind events. Dogs running at large may be picked up and taken to the shelter in Brush. Retrieval of the dog requires payment of a shelter fee. Dog owners may also be given a \$140 summons to the Wiggins Municipal Court. All dogs are required to be vaccinated and registered with the Town of Wiggins. Additional fines may be added to the summons if homeowners can not show proof of current rabies vaccination and registration. Dog License registration may be completed at the Town Hall for \$5 per dog. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required at time of registration. Registration will assist the department in returning dogs to owners without taking them to the Brush shelter.

The Town does not have facilities to keep dogs. If you restrain a dog that comes on to your property, you may be asked to temporarily keep the dog (up to 24 hours) until the owner can be found. Feel free to utilize the Town or Police Department Facebook pages to locate the owners. It is often best to allow the dog to find its way back home or call the non-emergency dispatch line at 970-483-7747.

Dogs are required to be leashed when being walked around town to prevent unexpected, dog encounters and potential violent interactions with other dogs or people.

ATV Tag Renewal Reminder—2022

Residents are reminded to renew all ATV tags for the 2022 year. All ATV's and golf carts must be registered with the Wiggins Police Department before being driven on streets within the Town of Wiggins. Proof of insurance and payment may be brought in to the Town Hall to obtain a tag.

Tags are \$20.

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 code.

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. 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.

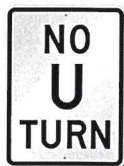
Q: What if I get a letter from the Town regarding a Code Compliance?

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.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING & SCHOOL ZONE UPDATES



There has been an increase in vehicles parking on the east side of Main Street across from the elementary school to drop off students. This practice has created traffic conflicts and safety issues, including prohibited jaywalking. Parents are reminded to make full use of the drop-off lane in front of the school. If you want to walk your child to the school, please park in the lot north of the preschool. Starting in 2022 parking on the east side of Main Street will be restricted to those residents who actually live or work on Main Street.



Please obey the school speed limit signs and no U-Turn signs in the school zone. Police have increased their enforcement of both laws, and several people have already received tickets for violations. The school zone is active from 7:30am-8:00am and 3:15pm-3:45pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.



PROOF OF INSURANCE REQUIRED!!

Officers of the Wiggins Police Department have noticed an increase in motorists driving without proof of insurance readily available within their vehicle. State law requires ALL Colorado residents to maintain proof of current insurance with you in the form of a printed-off copy (most convenient) or on a phone app that can be READILY accessed. Be sure you have an immediate link or a screenshot. **For the officer's safety, they will not stand-by on the side of the road for more than a few minutes waiting for this information.** Police Officers prefer to give traffic warnings, but if you cannot show proof of insurance then you will be a guaranteed ticket. Lack of proof insurance may result in immediate suspension of your drivers license and impoundment of your vehicle. *Thank you!*

Citation - Ticket Payments

You can pay your citation online! If your citation is not a summons to court and the citation is for the Town of Wiggins Municipal Court, then you may pay on our new website.

- Go to townofwiggins.colorado.gov . Click "Pay Online"
- Your ticket/citation number is in the top right corner.
- Be sure it states Wiggins Municipal Court at the bottom & not Morgan County!!



LEAP PROGRAM

The Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a federally funded program that helps eligible hardworking Colorado families, seniors and individuals pay a portion of their winter home heating costs. Our goal is to help bring warmth, comfort and safety to your home and family by assisting with heating costs.

The LEAP program works to keep communities warm during the winter (November through April) by providing assistance with heating costs, equipment repair and/or replacement of inoperable heating tools. While the program is not intended to pay the entire cost of home heating, we aim to help alleviate some of the burdens that come with Colorado's colder months. In most cases, the energy assistance benefit is paid directly to the household energy supplier.

In most cases, if you are approved for LEAP, payments are made directly to your primary heating fuel vendor and a notice will be sent to you informing you of the benefit amount. Other benefits provided by LEAP include repair or replacement of a home's primary heating system, such as a furnace or wood-burning stove. The program does not provide financial assistance for any type of temporary or portable heating.

If this program interests you, please call 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) for more information.

<https://cdhs.colorado.gov/leap>



COLORADO
Department of Human Services

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JAN 12th 7:00 PM
JAN 26th 7:00 PM
FEB 9th 7:00 PM
FEB 23rd 7:00 PM

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

JAN 11th 7:00 PM
FEB 8th 7:00 PM

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

JANUARY 26th 6:00 PM
FEB 23rd 6:00 PM

PUBLIC ACCESS

- ◇ Town Board of Trustees / Planning & Zoning Commission agendas and packet materials are available for online at townofwiggins.colorado.gov.
- ◇ Town Board of Trustees / Planning & Zoning Commission 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 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.
- ◇ Due to limited seating capacity in the Board Room as a result of Covid-19, the public is encouraged to attend and participate in meetings via the Zoom link found on the Town's website.

Snow Removal



As winter conditions are occurring, please remember to limit parking on the street to assist snow plow drivers with snow removal operations. This will prevent your vehicle from being blocked by snow berms.

The Public Works Department strives to remove snow from streets as quickly as possible. However, primary streets are given priority attention and then the residential streets are cleared.

HOMEOWNERS - Per the Health & Safety Ordinance, homeowners are required to remove snow located on residential sidewalks within 24 hours after snowfall has stopped.



Planning & Zoning Commission Vacancies

The Board of Trustees recently passed a resolution to create a citizen led Planning & Zoning Commission to make Land Use Application recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The Town invites interested residents to apply for these positions. Applications may be found on the Town's home webpage.

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

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



Town of Wiggins 2022 Board of Trustee Election

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- ◆ Mayor - 2 Year Term
- ◆ Trustee - 4 Year Term (3 Positions)

Nomination petitions are available at Town Hall.

The petitions may be circulated beginning January 4, 2022 and must be returned no later than January 24th, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

(NO DIGITAL NOMINATION PETITIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED)

TOWN'S NEW WEBSITE

townofwiggins.colorado.gov



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



The Town has a new payment tool to assist residents with their water and sewer payments. Residents have options on how to make payments:

⇒ **By Mail to:** 304 E Central Ave, Wiggins, CO 80654

⇒ **Dropoff at:**

* Town Hall at 304 E Central Ave, Wiggins

or

* After hours in black drop-box by the flag pole.

⇒ **Online:** townofwiggins.colorado.gov

* Click on "Pay Online" and follow the prompts.

* TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT FOR THE FIRST TIME - Click the "Sign-In" link and "register" to view bills, payment history, set up payments.

* TO DO A ONE TIME PAYMENT - Click on the "Utility" button.

* Account number & name will be required to create an account **OR** for making one time payments online.

* **DO NOT USE A DECIMAL POINT WHEN ENTERING ACCOUNT NUMBER.**

ADVANTAGES TO ONLINE PAYMENTS

- ◆ You can see your payment amounts.
- ◆ You can make a one time payment.
- ◆ You can set up automatic payments.
- ◆ You can see payment history.

TOWN DIRECTORY

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Parks & Recreation

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Beau Warden

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Business License Reminder

ALL Business Licenses must be renewed each calendar year per a Town Ordinance. Applications may be found on the Town's website: [Town Clerk Page](#). The application, Certificate of Sales Tax (if applicable) must be returned via:

- Mail: 304 E Central Ave, Wiggins, CO 80654
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- Fax: 970-483-7364

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(THIS ORDINANCE ALSO APPLIES TO SOME HOME OCCUPATION BUSINESSES. CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK AT 970-483-6161 FOR MORE INFO.)

Thank You for Shopping Small

Many thanks to the Wiggins community for shopping small this holiday season! With your continued support to our mom & pop owned shops, restaurants, and personal service businesses in Wiggins, you are supporting your neighbors, shop keeps, restaurant owners and all their hardworking staff. *Thank you!!*



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 7:00 am at Colorado Land Company located at 227 Main Street, Wiggins.

The next meeting dates are:

January 11th, 2022

February 8, 2022

Check out the Wiggins Business Alliance Facebook page for more information at <https://www.facebook.com/Wiggins-Business-Alliance-109330090719885/>



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