

TOWN OF KIOWA: TALK OF THE TOWN

February 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

KWWA Monthly Board Meeting

February 11, 2025 5:30pm
Location: Town Hall @ 404
Comanche Street

BOT Monthly Board Meeting

February 11, 2025 7pm
Location: Town Hall @ 404
Comanche Street

Planning Commission

February 19, 2025 6pm
Location: Town Hall @ 404
Comanche Street

Community Open House for SH 86 Storm Drainage & Sidewalk Project Update

February 13, 2025 6-8pm
Location: Elbert County
Fairgrounds AG Building
@ 95 Ute Avenue, Kiowa

TOWN HALL CLOSED

February 17, 2025
President's Day Observed

HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY

MAYOR, TRUSTEES SWORN IN



At the first Kiowa Board of Trustees monthly meeting of the year, newly elected Mayor Terry Howard and newly appointed Trustee Connie Stahl were sworn into office.

Trustee Jonathan Shafer continues his term. We look forward to working with their leadership and enthusiasm for the continued success of our Town.



**WELCOME
NEW
BOARD
MEMBERS!**

The Town of Kiowa invites you to enter your best Kiowa photographs in our second annual Town of Kiowa Calendar Photo Contest!

We are looking for striking images that depict life in Kiowa—natural landscapes, wildlife, events, facilities, businesses, architecture, weather or even people living life in our Town. Winning photos will be included in our 2026 Calendar. Deadline is December 5, 2025!

If you have questions, call 303.621.2366 or email kiowa@townofkiowa.com



HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST AROUND KIOWA!

LION'S CLUB ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 2nd – 8am until 12 noon

Lion's Club under ECCO @ 336 Comanche Street

PINES AND PLAINS LIBRARIES

Kiowa Close Knit Crochet Group

Tuesdays, February 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th – 1pm

Location: 331 Comanche Street, Kiowa, CO 80117

Kiowa Book Club

Monday, February 24th – 7pm

Location: 331 Comanche Street, Kiowa, CO 80117

Book of the month: The Ride of Her Life by Elizabeth Letts

CO-86 Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements

The Town of Kiowa has hired Kimley-Horn and Associates to assist with Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements for CO-86. CO-86 serves as the main street of Kiowa and a vital regional connector. However, aging infrastructure has made navigating the street difficult. Challenges include icy conditions in the winter due to poor drainage and sidewalks that do not meet ADA standards making walking difficult.

Project Opportunities: This project provides the Kiowa and residents an opportunity to improve accessibility to the heart of town and create a unique community identity through improvements to the CO-86 streetscape.

Learn More: February 13th from 6-8pm
Location: Elbert County Fairgrounds
Agriculture Building

Learn more and take the Survey at:
<https://bit.ly/CO-86Improvements>



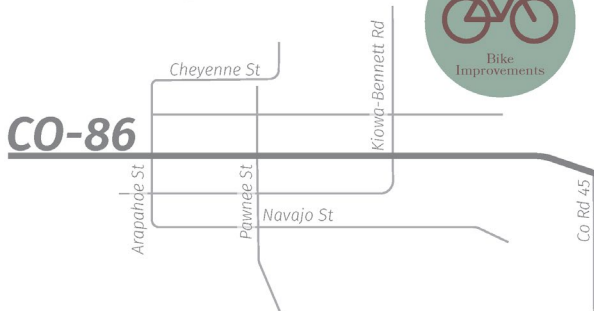
Drainage Improvements



Sidewalk Improvements



Bike Improvements



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

The Town of Kiowa has hired Kimley-Horn and Associates to assist with Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements for CO-86. CO-86 serves as the main street of Kiowa and a vital regional connector. However, aging infrastructure has made navigating the street difficult and unsafe, especially in the harsh winter months, as well as sidewalks that do not meet ADA standards, making mobility unsafe for all that live here or visit.

Project Opportunities: This project provides Kiowa and residents an opportunity to improve accessibility to the heart of town and create a unique community identity through improvements to the CO-86 streetscape.

Learn More: February 13th from 6-8pm
Location: Elbert County Fairgrounds – AG Building
Light refreshments will be provided.

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Free Community Events for 2025

Kiowa Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Fawn Valley Park, Saturday, April 19th @ 11am to 1pm
(Snow Day will be Saturday, April 26th)

Music in the Park Summer Concert Series

Nordman Park, Saturdays May 24, June 7 & 21, July 12 & 19 - 4 to 6:30pm

Kiowa Fireworks Event

Elbert County Fairgrounds, TBD - 9pm

Annual Colorado Day Ice Cream Social

Nordman Park, Friday, August 1st – 5:30-7:30pm

Kiowa Fall Fest

Nordman Park, Saturday, October 11th - 11am to 4pm

Kiowa Christmas Event featuring ECCO Christmas for Kids Kick-Off and Craft Fair

Elbert County Fairgrounds – AG Building, Saturday, November 29th – 11am-3pm

Kiowa Lighted Car Parade and Mayor's Tree Lighting

Kiowa Town Hall, Saturday, November 29th

Line-up for parade at 4:30, Parade starts at 5pm, Tree Lighting @ 6pm

CALLING all VENDORS
RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!

SEEKING HOLIDAY CRAFT VENDORS FOR THE KIOWA FALL FEST AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS. NO BOOTH RENTALS.

PLEASE CALL 303-621-2366 OR EMAIL KIOWA@TOWNOFKIOWA.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.



A community event sponsorship goes beyond a single venue or event. It reaches further by strengthening community relations and allowing our events to flourish. It is our goal to ensure that community event sponsorships not only help enhance our events but also provide valuable exposure for each sponsor. Go to <https://townofkiowa.colorado.gov/our-sponsors> for more information on how to get involved today!



The **Kiowa Main Street Board of Directors** is a group of passionate individuals who work hard and dream big about the future of our community. Our Board of Directors leads the Main Street mission to revitalize downtown through programs, events, and initiatives that seek to increase our quality of life, support small business, encourage tourism, preserve our historic assets, and so much more.

Members of the Main Street Board of Directors have the responsibility of leading our organization, serving on a committee, supporting fundraising efforts, volunteering at events, celebrating our accomplishments, and problem-solving obstacles we may face along the way.

Each member of our Board is guided by a different passion and brings a separate set of skills to the table; our diversity is what makes our Board work.

Interested in joining the very first Kiowa Main Street Board of Directors?

Submit an application, available via email or on the Town's website at <https://townofkiowa.colorado.gov/main-streets-board-of-directors> no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025, to be considered for nomination.

Our nomination panel will review all applications and recommend up to (7-9) individuals to receive an official invitation to join Kiowa's very first Main Street Board of Directors. It all starts with YOU!

All applications are due no later than 4pm on Thursday, February 27th. All official invitations to join the Board of Directors will be extended no later than March 14th with the expectation that they will be accepted no later than March 28th.

All 2025 members of the Main Street Board of Directors are active as of April 2025.

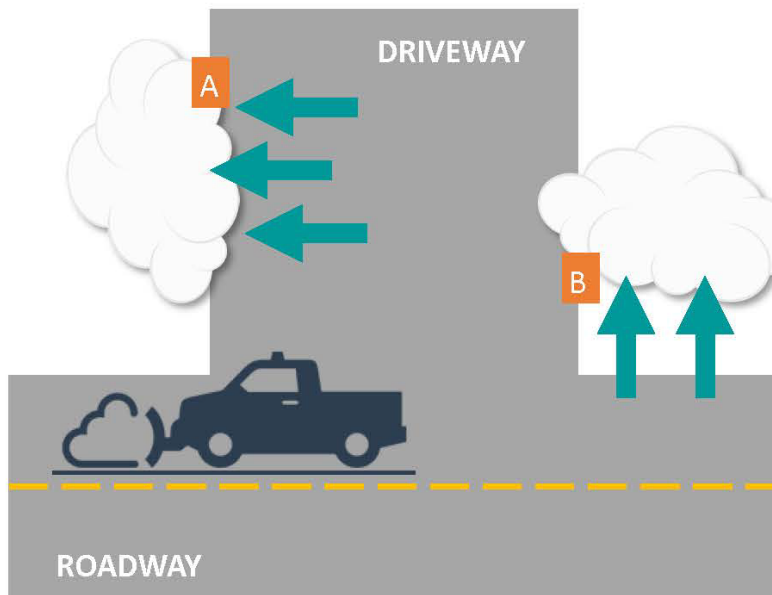
The **Town of Kiowa Board of Trustees** is seeking to fill ONE (1) Board Trustee position to serve a 4-year term. Applications to the Board can be picked up at: Kiowa Town Hall, 404 Comanche Street, requested by emailing sdavidson@townofkiowa.com.

For more information contact Town Clerk Sasha Davidson at 303-621-2366 or go to: <https://townofkiowa.colorado.gov/employment-volunteer>



DRIVEWAY SNOW REMOVAL

Recommendations for removing snow from your property



YES! Move snow from your driveway onto your **own** property.

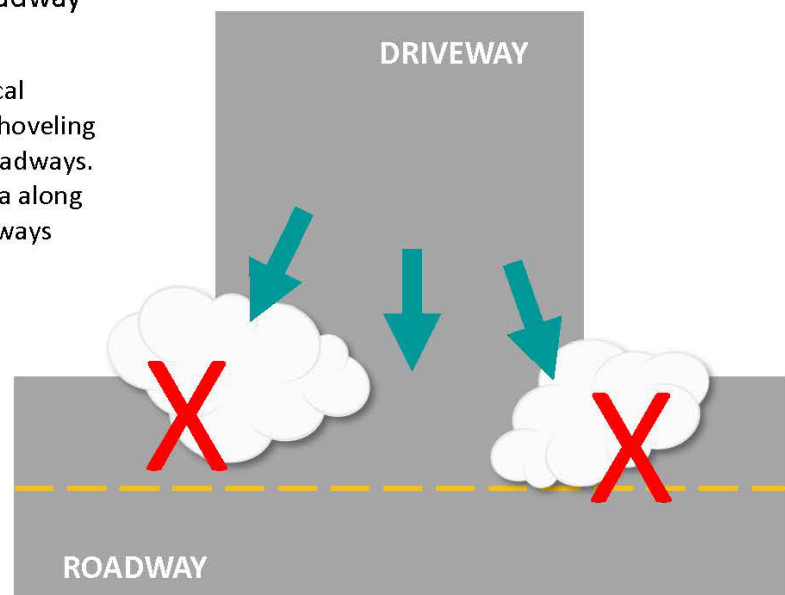
A If standing on your property, facing the road, move snow to the right or left of your driveway.

B Clear the area of your property next to your driveway and near the roadway. This gives plows a place to push snow and helps reduce the chance of a snow berm being created across your driveway.

NO! DO NOT push snow into the roadway or right-of-way. It is illegal!

Colorado law (CO Statute 43-5-310) and many local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. This includes the ditch and right-of-way area along the roadside. Pushing snow on public roadways creates many hazards for CDOT snow plow operators and the general public including:

- drainage problems,
- drifting,
- sight obstruction,
- hindered accessibility,
- slippery areas and
- frozen ruts or bumps that can contribute to motor vehicle or pedestrian crashes.



Kiowa Water and Wastewater Authority (KWWA) Happenings!

2025 RATE INCREASE ON WASTEWATER

Wastewater utilities have a responsibility to safely and reliably treat the wastewater that flows through the plant as well as a responsibility to our customers to ensure that the use of funds is lawful and efficient. Proper fiscal management means that revenues not only meet day-to-day expenses but also prepare the system for potential emergencies and future capital projects.

Unfortunately, after an evaluation of the Authority's current rate structure, assessment of the last few years budget versus actual expenses, and a difficult discussion on future projections, it was determined at the January monthly meeting of the Board of Directors that while the current water rates are sustainable for the time being, the wastewater rates are not. Thus, the 3% automatic annual increase that was previously approved by resolution in 2024 will be reflected on the upcoming February billing.

If you have any questions regarding what that looks like on your upcoming billing, please feel free to call Utility Billing Clerk, Sasha Davidson, at 303-621-2366.

Unauthorized tampering with KWWA District systems and/or meters is illegal and will result in a fine of not less than \$2,000 per incident, in addition to the actual cost of damage, expense, and loss of the systems and/or meters. If you have knowledge of any incidents of tampering, you can submit an anonymous tip by either emailing kiowa@townofkiowa.com or calling 303-621-2366.

Per Resolution 2018-03

ATTENTION

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN AFTER-HOURS WATER EMERGENCY, SUCH AS A BROKEN WATER LINE, FROZEN METER, HIGH PRESSURE INCIDENT, ETC., PLEASE CALL DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF DISPATCH AT 303-660-7500. DO NOT CALL 9-1-1 UNLESS IT IS A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY. WHEN YOU CALL, ADVISE DISPATCH YOU RESIDE IN THE TOWN OF KIOWA AND HAVE THEM REFER TO THE A BOLO IN PLACE PERTAINING TO WATER EMERGENCIES.

Town Council

Theresa “Terry” Howard, Mayor

Tammy Hart, Mayor Pro Tem

Baillie Wineland, Trustee

Jonathon Shafer, Trustee

Trevor Smith, Trustee

Connie Stahl, Trustee

VACANT, Trustee

Town Staff

Kimberly Boyd, Town Administrator

Sasha Davidson, Town/Utility Billing Clerk and Notary

Planning Commission

Wendy Frenzel, Chairperson

Todd Lane, Co-Chairperson

Lori Rafferty, Commissioner

Sandy Kalisch, Commissioner

Shannon Lane, Commissioner

Julie Mizak, Commissioner

Hours of Operation

Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 4:00pm

**** NOTE ****

The office is closed to walk-in traffic at noon on Thursdays for staff development.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Closed

***Hours may vary due to inclement weather and holidays.*

NOTE: If you are trying to make water and sewer payments outside our normal hours of operation, payments can be left in the drop box available on the east side of our building or fast and easy through our online option at <https://www.xpressbillpay.com/#/>.

Contact Us

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Or, visit our website:

<https://townofkiowa.colorado.gov/>



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