

TOWN OF KIOWA: TALK OF THE TOWN

January 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

KWWA Monthly Board Meeting

January 14 – 5:30pm
Location: Town Hall @ 404 Comanche Street

BOT Monthly Board Meeting

January 14 – 7pm
Location: Town Hall @ 404 Comanche Street

BOT & KWWA Joint Special Meeting & Workshop

January 28 – 6pm
Location: Town Hall @ 404 Comanche Street

Planning Commission Monthly Meeting

January 15 – 6pm
Location: Town Hall @ 404 Comanche Street

TOWN HALL CLOSED

January 1
New Year's Observed

January 20
Martin Luther King Day Observed

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

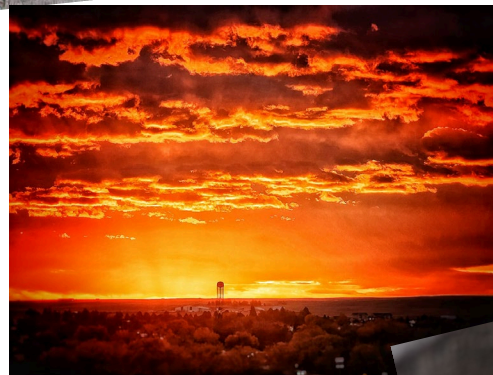
The votes are counted! Congrats to the winners in the 4th Annual Town of Kiowa Calendar photo contest! We were looking for striking images that depict life in Kiowa—natural landscapes, wildlife, events, facilities, businesses, architecture, weather or even people living life in our Town - these photos delivered! Each finalist will receive a free Town of Kiowa 2025 Calendar. Congrats to all the winners! Cannot wait to see what you all submit for 2026! Calendars will be available for purchase at Bino's Pizza starting Tuesday, January 2nd for \$20. All proceeds from the 2025 calendar will go toward the 2025 Park Project.

Congratulations to our finalists from our 2025 Calendar photo contest! Top finalists were (top to bottom):

Linda Barnes – **1st PLACE (COVER)**,

Adrian Caparzo – **2nd PLACE**,
and

Heather Juenemann – **3rd PLACE**.



365 days left to enter!

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!

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



**JOIN
OUR
BOARD!**

Town of Kiowa currently has one position open on the Board of Trustees with a term that will run for 4-years.

For more information, or to apply, please call 303-621-2366 ext 1 or visit our website at

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



ECCO's 2024 Christmas for Kids was a HUGE success thanks to YOU!

Elbert County Community Outreach (ECCO) 2024 Christmas for Kids was able to raise enough donations in toys and money to touch the lives of over 306 families this past holiday season! That may not sound like much to a lot of folks but it's everything to those they helped. ECCO's mission was in giving, contributing, and helping those who may need a little extra help during the holiday season. They have a sincere belief that no child should go without Christmas! All donations stayed in Elbert County!

For more information on how you can get involved with the everyday efforts of ECCO, call Erica Johnson, Executive Director, at 303-621-2599

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST AROUND KIOWA!

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

Sunday, January 5th – 8am until 12 noon

Lion's Club under ECCO @ 336 Comanche Street

PINES AND PLAINS LIBRARIES

Kiowa Close Knit Crochet Group

Tuesdays, January 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th – 1pm

Location: 331 Comanche Street, Kiowa, CO 80117

Kiowa Book Club

Monday, January 27th – 7pm

Location: 331 Comanche Street, Kiowa, CO 80117

Book of the month: Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto

MAIN STREETS COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, January 7th – 5:30pm

Elbert County Fairgrounds – AG Building

@ 95 Ute Avenue, Kiowa



2025

EVENTS SCHEDULE

**APR
19**

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG
HUNT**

Fawn Valley Park, Kiowa

**SUMMER MUSIC IN THE
PARK**

Nordman Memorial Park, Kiowa

**MAY-
JUL**

4TH FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Location TBD at this time.

**JUL
4**

**AUG
1**

**COLORADO DAY ICE CREAM
SOCIAL**

Nordman Memorial Park, Kiowa

KIOWA FALL FEST

Nordman Memorial Park, Kiowa

**OCT
11**

**NOV
29**

**KIOWA CHRISTMAS
EVENT**

Kiowa School Gym and Town Hall, Kiowa



MORE INFO:

**[HTTPS://TOWNOFKIOWA.COLORADO.GOV/
LOCAL-EVENTS](https://townofkiowa.colorado.gov/local-events)**



Projects going on in Kiowa for 2025!

Kiowa Sidewalks and Drainage Project

Over the course of 30+ years, winter icing has severely deteriorated the sidewalks, curbs, gutter, and street along the main drag of downtown Kiowa, along both sides of CO-86. The Town is making much needed and overdue improvements to the sidewalks, drainage along the SH-86 corridor through town, as well as designing ways to reduce speeding through town and introduce a bike lane to create safer mobility for all.

This project is being funded through the award of state and federal grants received in 2024, coupled with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds the Town received during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2021.

Engineering and design began in 2024. This is an anticipated 3-year project from design to construction. Join us for the first Community Meeting on Thursday, February 13th at 6pm, Elbert County Fairgrounds - AG Building (95 Ute Avenue).

Kiowa Bridge Replacement Project

Engineering and design began in 2024. Construction will begin at or around May 2026 and this is an anticipated 3-year project. The total preliminary budget on this project is projected at \$12.5 million and will be completely state funded.

Kiowa Town Parks Project

In October 2024, the Town Board of Trustees approved through resolution and entered into an agreement with Fischer Project Management and Consulting Services ("FPM Grants") for the purpose of managing a turnkey approach to all aspects of achieving complete revision of both town parks: Nordman Memorial Park and Fawn Valley Park. No revisions or updating have been conducted to the parks in 20+ years. FPM Grants will manage this project from concept through completion/closure to include research and identification of funders to vendor selection, community input meetings, applications for funding, coordination of all funding related to the project, final reporting and project closeout.

Partnership with local residents, businesses and nonprofits will be CRUCIAL to the success of all the projects listed above. There will be numerous opportunities throughout the year to attend the numerous community meetings related to such - watch for the flyers and notifications!



KIOWA RESIDENTS & BUSINESS OWNERS ~

AS WE MOVE INTO THE NEW YEAR, BIG CHANGES ARE ON THE HORIZON FOR
KIOWA - STARTING WITH KIOWA TAKING ACTIONS TO BECOME A MAIN
STREET COMMUNITY.

PLEASE JOIN US ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH AT THE ELBERT COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS (AG BUILDING) 5:30-7:30PM TO LEARN ABOUT WHAT IT WILL
MEAN FOR KIOWA TO BECOME A MAIN STREET COMMUNITY AND HOW IT
WILL BENEFIT YOU! THIS IS FOR YOU AND YOUR INPUT IS IMPERATIVE -
KIOWA PROUD!!

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.



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KIOWA MAIN STREET OPEN HOUSE





Tuesday, January 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Fairgrounds (AG Building)

WHAT IS MAIN STREET?

Main Street is the heart of your downtown!

Main Street is also a movement committed to strengthening communities through preservation-based economic development in our traditional downtowns.

The Main Street Approach focuses on:

-  **ORGANIZATION** — Getting everyone working toward the same goal through community engagement.
-  **PROMOTION** — Marketing a positive image of downtown and encouraging consumers and investors to live, work, shop, play, and invest in the Main Street district.
-  **DESIGN** — Putting Main Street into top physical shape, from rehabilitating historic buildings to attractive window displays and landscaping.
-  **ECONOMIC VITALITY** — Strengthening existing economic assets while expanding and diversifying its economic base to create jobs, respond to consumer needs.

WHEN? January 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

WHERE? AG Building at the Fairgrounds (95 Ute Avenue)

WHO? YOU! The Main Street Approach works best when the community leads the vision.
Join the Town of Kiowa and staff from Colorado Main Street to learn more!

LEARN HOW MAIN STREET COULD WORK FOR KIOWA!



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**Kiowa Water and Wastewater Authority
(KWWA) happenings!**

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.

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

Town Council

Terry Howard, Mayor

Trevor Smith, Mayor Pro Tem

Tammy Hart

Baillie Wineland

Jonathon Shafer

2- Vacancies

Town Staff

Kimberly Boyd, Town Administrator

*Sasha Davidson, Town Clerk and
Notary*

Planning Commission

Wendy Frenzel, Chairperson

Todd Lane, Co-Chairperson

Lori Rafferty

Sandy Kalisch

Shannon Lane

Julie Mizak

Hours of Operation

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

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

Phone: 303-621-2366

Fax: 303-621-2595

Or, visit our website:

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



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