

TOWN OF KIWOWA: TALK OF THE TOWN

October 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

KWWA Monthly Board Meeting

October 8, 2024 – 6pm
Location: Town Hall @ 404 Comanche Street

BOT Monthly Board Meeting

October 8, 2024 – 7pm
Location: Town Hall @ 404 Comanche Street

Planning Commission Meeting

October 16, 2024 – 6pm
Location: Town Hall @ 404 Comanche Street

Kiowa Fall Fest 2024

Saturday, October 12, 2024
Nordman Memorial Park
12pm-4pm

TOWN HALL CLOSED

Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day

KIOWA FALL FEST

Looking for businesses to come out and support our community and get out some great marketing for your business in the process. We provide the space, you set up a table displaying your business and hand out candy to all the little trick'r treaters! It's a win-win for all!

Please call 303-621-2366 for more information.



Please bring your non-perishables for donation to the Kiowa Creek Food Bank and help another family in need this holiday season!



Taking 2025 Entries!

The Town of Kiowa invites you to enter your best Kiowa photographs in our 4th 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 2025 Calendar. Deadline is December 14th!

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



The Town of Kiowa is looking to fill their board in the 2025 new year! Kiowa has two trustee 4-year terms to fill and one trustee 2-year term, but no one came forward to put their name in the hat for the general election on November 5, 2024.

This is YOUR town – join us and help make Kiowa great!

If interested, please call 303-621-2366 today for more information.



HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST AROUND KIOWA!

LION'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 6th – 8am until 12 noon

Lion's Club under ECCO @ 336 Comanche Street

****All proceeds go back to the Lion's Club Scholarship Fund****

PINES AND PLAINS LIBRARIES

Kiowa Book Club

Monday, October 28th – 7pm

Location: 331 Comanche Street, Kiowa, CO 80117

Book of the month: Starling House by Alix Harrow

Kiowa Close Knit Crochet Group

Tuesdays, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th – 1-3pm

Location: 331 Comanche Street, Kiowa, CO 80117

BACK THE BADGE - **SOLD OUT!**

Saturday, October 19th – starts at 4pm

Location: Messer Event Center, 33955 CR 37, Kiowa

PROJECT UNDERWAY IN KIOWA!

Kiowa Sidewalks and Drainage Project and Kiowa Bridge Replacement

Both are in the engineering and design phase at this time with construction expected to begin Spring 2025. Both are anticipated to be 3-year projects.





With school back in session, we need to be aware of children going to school and follow all the rules. But how about children and adults doing their part?

I was taught to look both ways before crossing the street, to cross only at a crosswalk and to wait for the “walk” signal (now a person symbol) to cross at a light. I see parents walking their children to school crossing in the middle of the street without looking, ignoring “no parking” signs, double parking to allow children to exit and not looking both ways before crossing the street. Children have to be taught these things. Who’s supposed to do this, the crossing guards? Not their job.

Parents take some responsibility. And everyone needs to stay off the phone and pay attention.

Vandals have been stealing the sprinkler heads off the Town sprinklers in Nordman Memorial Park and damaging the sprinkler lines and costing the Town unnecessary repair costs. We need your help in identifying these criminals.

Please report any suspicious activity to the Elbert County Sheriff’s Office by calling the Douglas County Regional Communications Center non-emergency line at 303-660-7505.



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Municipal court is now back in session in Kiowa. The first court docket will be held on Wednesday, October 8th at 9am, here at Town Hall (404 Comanche Street). If you have received a pink summons from code enforcement, please heed the date on that summons and appear accordingly to avoid any unnecessary, escalated action on your part.

Judge Paul King retired in 2018 after serving for 18 years as a District Court Judge in the 18th Judicial District. Currently, he also serves as municipal court judge for the towns of Hugo and Limon.

Kiowa Water and Wastewater Authority (KWWA) happenings!

The Authority is a not-for-profit municipal water and wastewater provider and due to this KWWA raises rates only when absolutely necessary. Continued increases in the costs to deliver safe, reliable water have prompted KWWA's board of directors to approve changes to the Authority's rates and regulations that took effect with a 9 % increase on the September 2024 bills. The new base rates are as follows:

Residential - \$115.43

Commercial - \$136.39

Government - \$156.10

School - \$151.55

As part of the changes, KWWA customers will see another rate increase of 3% again on the February 2025 bill to meet the start of January's water use.

Have you seen the blue signs at the hydrants? Those signs mean the fire hydrants in your area are slotted for blow out and the signs will tell you when. There are 50+ hydrants in Kiowa so this process is being broke up in three sections. Be assured these blowouts will not affect your water delivery or quality in any way.

Temperatures are dropping and winter is coming! Make sure you winterize your sprinkler systems. Also, examine leaky exterior faucets, as well as in the kitchen, bathrooms, and utility rooms. Time spent now to address drips will cost considerably less than a broken/frozen pipe in winter. Disconnecting hoses helps prevent frozen pipes and can eliminate emergency repairs!

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

*Rick Kolm, Mayor
Trevor Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
Tammy Hart, Trustee
Baillie Wineland, Trustee
Jonathon Shafer, Trustee
Terry Howard, Trustee
VACANT, Trustee*

Planning Commission

*Wendy Frenzel, Chairperson
Todd Lane, Co-Chairperson
Shannon Lane, Commissioner
Julie Mizak, Commissioner
Lori Rafferty, Commissioner
Sandy Kalisch, Commissioner*

KWWA Board

*Teresa Parker, Director
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Bret Wager, Director
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Town Staff

*Kimberly Boyd, Town
Administrator*

*Sasha Davidson, Town/Utility
Billing Clerk and Notary*

Contact Us

Phone: 303-621-2366
Fax: 303-621-2595
Or visit our website:
<https://townofkiowa.colorado.gov/>

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/#/>.



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