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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

- 2 Board of Trustee Meeting
- 3 Municipal Election
- 7 Town Hall Art Show Opening
- 10 Active Adult 50+ Art Class
- 16 Board of Trustee Meeting
- 28 Boulder Junior Cycling Race
- 29 Townwide Power Outage

MAY

- 7 Board of Trustee Meeting
- 12 Community Wide Yard Sale
- 19 Clean Up Day
- 21 Board of Trustee Meeting
- 28 Town Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Register online for rec programs
www.townoflyons.com/157



MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Town of Lyons Municipal Election is scheduled for April 3rd. Ballots were mailed the week of March 12th. All ballots must be returned by April 3rd 7pm. Remember to vote!



POWER OUTAGE TOWN UTILITY CUSTOMERS ONLY

Early on Sunday, April 29, the Town of Lyons will conduct routine, 10-year maintenance protocols on the Town's electric substation. During this time, residents and businesses will experience an electrical blackout for an estimated 2 to 4 hours, scheduled to occur between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am. Water and sewer services will continue to operate as normal.

The health, safety and welfare of the community are the Town's top priorities. We are working with the Boulder County Sheriff's department, who is providing extra law enforcement personnel in Lyons during the outage. The Lyons Fire Protection District will also have extra personnel on site for Fire/EMS. Lyons Fire is equipped with generators to maintain power in their building during the power outage; during this time, residents may go to the fire station in the case of an emergency.

If the maintenance experiences unanticipated issues or requires additional time, the Town will send continuous communications via email, website, and social media. For this and other emergency reasons, we advise residents to charge cell phones prior to the blackout, to ensure you receive notifications related to the outage. This may also be an opportune time to replace and test batteries in smoke detectors and home security systems, if you haven't within the last year. For more details please visit www.townoflyons.com/PowerOutage



STORMWATER UTILITY

In January the BOT approved an ordinance creating a Stormwater Utility enterprise fund. All property owners in town limits will pay a flat monthly fee per parcel. This will pay for the construction and maintenance of the stormwater system to better protect Lyons during severe storms and future floods. The fee is used to support infrastructure, maintenance, regulatory compliance, storm water quality monitoring and hazard protection.

Most of the stormwater challenges are a result of flows from outside of Town, which can be attributed to Lyons geography. As a result, the Town decided that all properties should pay the same fee, regardless of coverage, impervious area, or other criteria. Beginning April 1st, every parcel within the Town shall be assessed \$10 monthly fee which has been added to utility bills starting this month. Visit www.townoflyons.com/stormwater



SEWER RATES

December, January and February water usage determines what your residential sewer rate will be for the year. New rates are on this bill. Please check the Lyons Municipal code for more details. If you have questions please contact Adicus@townoflyons.com.

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WATER FACT

The City of Longmont just upgraded the Town of Lyons master water meter and the old meter measured 1.5 billion gallons of water used over the past 13 years.



DISCOUNT DOG DAYS

The Town of Lyons will be offering discounts on dog licenses thru the month of April at Lyons Town Hall (Monday-Friday from 8am-4:30pm). Annual dog licenses are valid from May 1 to April 30 of each year. Discounted prices will only be available in April. Those who are unable to come into Town Hall during normal business hours may visit the Town of Lyons website to download the application and may place it, along with proof of rabies vaccination and the necessary fees in the green utility drop box in front of Town Hall.

2018 Dog Licensing Cost Information:

1st dog license: \$30.00...but with discount is \$20.00!

2nd and additional dog license: \$20.00... but with discount is \$10.00!

Note: The town will need proof of your dog's current rabies vaccination, so be sure to bring an extra copy for the town to keep for our records.



DO YOU KNOW ?

In Dec, Jan and Feb last year the average residential water usage rate was 3,000 gallons per month. What is yours this year?



SPRING ART SHOW

Calling artists of all ages and skill levels: Spring is around the corner, and with it, a new season for the Town Hall Art Show! Photography, fabric art, wall sculpture, paintings, collage, graphics, mosaics – whatever your style, we welcome you to display your Spring-themed work at Town Hall. Bring hangable art pieces to Town Hall on Friday, April 6, anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. This art show will be hung from April 6 through July 13.

All are welcome to the opening reception on Saturday, April 7th from 6:30-8:30pm at Lyons Town Hall. There will be an open-mic comedy shtick segment with side-splitting, wisecracking, stand-up comics, and jolly joke-tellers will take the floor! There will be select wines by the glass available for sale, benefiting arts endeavors in Lyons, as well as a community Tapas (finger foods only) potluck. More info at www.lyonscolorado.com.



ARBOR DAY

Colorado's Arbor Day is the third Friday in April- April 20th, 2018. The Town of Lyons Ecology Board encourages residents to plant new trees on their property in strategic locations to begin to subsidize the number of older trees that won't be with us much longer or may have been damaged due to recent storms, drought or disease. The Town of Lyons Ecology Board and Lyons Parks & Recreation will once again be holding a tree giveaway for elementary school aged children. Students interested in being part of the tree giveaway may pick up an entry form at the Lyons Elementary School office, Lyons Town Hall, or on the Town of Lyons website. Winners will be announced during morning announcements on Friday April 20th, and a list will be posted to the Town's webpage. LES students will be able to pick their tree up from the school. All students participating will be invited to help plant a tree in the school grounds.

The Town of Lyons Ecology Board in conjunction with the LES 4th graders will be working on placing a tree tag on trees throughout town as part of a project that seeks to quantify the benefits of individual trees. This project aims to educate the public on the environmental and economic values that trees provide. The students identified each tree, measured its circumference and then calculated its values you see displayed on the orange tags.



EMERALD ASH BORER DETECTED IN LYONS

State forestry officials have confirmed the presence of emerald ash borer (EAB) – an invasive, highly destructive tree pest – in the Town of Lyons. It represents the fourth community with EAB in Boulder County, where the pest was first detected in 2013. An arborist recently identified an ash tree on private land in the vicinity of 4th Avenue and Broadway Street in Lyons as potentially infested with EAB. The property manager notified members of the interagency Colorado EAB Response Team, which took a sample and was confirmed by Colorado State University experts as being EAB. The infested tree and surrounding trees also are being examined by experts from the CDA and Colorado State University Extension. Most trees in the immediate vicinity are on private property so assessment of other nearby ash will require coordination with private property owners.

An estimated 15 percent or more of all urban and community trees in Colorado are ash species susceptible to being killed by EAB – and a majority of these trees are on private land. EAB attacks and kills both stressed and healthy ash trees and is so aggressive that trees typically die within two to four years after becoming infested.

It is unknown whether EAB arrived in Lyons by natural spread or via accidental human transport, such as in firewood or other raw ash material. Populations of the insect are capable of spreading a half-mile each year on their own, and the City of Boulder is less than 15 miles to the south.

For more information please visit www.townoflyons.com/EmeraldAshBorer



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LYONS SOFTBALL SPIRIT-WARE

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