

Town of Gilcrest  
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# GILCREST NEWS



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## BOT MEETINGS

February 1st  
February 15th

## COURT DATE:

February 9th  
1:00 pm  
304 8th St, Gilcrest, CO

## UTILITY BILLS DUE:

February 25th

## WATER SHUT OFFS

(PAST DUE ACCOUNTS):

February 22nd

## WELD FOOD BANK

February 10th  
Begins at Noon

Subject to change or cancellation  
due to weather related issues.  
To confirm a distribution, please  
call 970-356-2199

## MUNICIPAL OFFICES

### CLOSED

February 21st  
In observance of  
Presidents' Day



## GIFT CARD DRIVE FOR VICTIMS OF THE MARSHALL FIRE



210 homes in the Town of Superior's old town neighborhoods were destroyed by the Marshall fire on December 30th. The Gilcrest Town Board is sponsoring a town wide gift card donation drive, during the month of February, asking residents to support the Town of Superior victims of the Marshall Fire by donating Gift Cards. The Town of Gilcrest will match the dollar amount of donated gift cards up to \$1,500.

If you would like to help, gift cards of any denomination can be mailed to PO Box 128, Gilcrest, CO 80623, or brought by Town Hall at 304 8th Street during business hours.

Please deliver the cards by March 1st so the Town Board can approve the Town's match and the recipients at the March 1st Board meeting, and get the gift cards delivered.

## Sewer Rate Increase

The Town Board adopted a 5% increase in the sewer rates which will show up in the utility bills this February. The increase will result in typical residential sewer bill increasing by \$2.81 from \$56.18 per month to \$58.99 per month. In addition to the general increases in the costs of sewer treatment, the Town received a State Revolving Loan for improvements to the sewer plant in 2015 with terms requiring the Town maintain rates and fees at levels that will generate enough revenue after operating expenses to cover annual debt service at 1.10 times.

In addition, the Town completed an engineering study of the sewer collection system last year and identified numerous sewer mains, manholes and pump stations in need of repairs. These repairs need to be completed prior to the Town taking on any town wide street paving project. The Town is in the process of applying for grants and financing for these repairs and improvements this year. We believe the majority of the cost of the project can be completed with grant money, but some additional financing will be needed and the sewer fund needs to have operating revenues adequate to cover operating expenses plus the ability to take on additional financing.

Costs for receiving and delivering water are also increasing, but the Town Board through the budgeting process determined water rate increases would not be necessary in 2022.

## Trash Hauling Fee Increase

The Town contracts with B&C Refuse for residential trash collection and passes along the cost to residents in the utility bills. The Contract allows B&C to pass along increases in their cost to dump at the landfill. The Utility bill you receive in February includes a \$1.00 per month per address increase to cover Waste Management increases in the landfill fees charged to B&C. The new standard fee will be \$24.00 with a senior fee of \$22.95.

For the purpose of this discount a senior citizen is defined as a head of family sixty-two (62) years or older. A person desiring senior citizen status shall be required to make application to the Town Clerk and will be required to provide suitable proof of age. This discount shall apply only if their trash removal service is limited to two (2) cans per week. If there are more than two (2) cans, then the regular rate shall apply. The senior citizen discount shall apply to residential service addresses only.



**Police Department  
Non-Emergency**

**970-356-1212**