

# ♥ FEBRUARY 2024 ♥ TOWN OF LA JARA NEWSLETTER

HAPPY  
*Valentine's*  
DAY

## Water and Sewer Rates

The water and sewer rates have increased and will reflect on the bill that you receive in February (January's w/s bill). Water increased by 1% and sewer increased by 5%. The rates increasing will not have a drastic change on your water bill.

## 2024 Election

The 2024 election is coming up April 2nd. We have a lot of amazing individuals that will be running to fill a few spots on the board. Keep an eye out for the March newsletter, it will have all the information on the election and the candidates that are running. Read more on page 2.

## December 2023 Christmas Light Winners

A small committee went out during the holiday season and picked a few houses that were decorated. The houses that they picked were Larry Sismore, Jenna Burris, Crystal Gardunio, and Amanda and Lee Cornum. There is no specific order as to who took first or who to last. All of these individuals will be receiving a small gift box from us here at the Town of La Jara.

## Dog Licenses

If you have a fur friend remember to get them registered. When you come in to renew your dog license don't forget to bring in your dogs rabies vaccination record with you. For dogs that are not spayed or neutered the cost will be \$15.00, if your dog is spayed or neutered it will be only \$5.00. Do not forget that this is a yearly thing that must be done at the beginning of every year.

## Online Bill Pay

Due to minor set backs we were not able to make our online payment system available to customers as of January. We do have hopes that we will be able to make it available to the public within the next couple of months. For updates check our website ([townoflajara.colorado.gov](http://townoflajara.colorado.gov)), newsletter, Facebook, or simply give us a call for information regarding online bill pay.

### NEWS, UPDATES, ETC

- ♥ Court February 5th @6:30pm
- ♥ Council Meeting February 8th @6pm
- ♥ Office will be closed February 19th.
- ♥ Dog License renewals due for the year of 2024
- ♥ Business license renewals are due by March 1st anything later will be charged a \$25 late fee.
- ♥ 2024 Election will take place April 2nd.
- ♥ Northerner's Senior Center food distribution March 21 @ 9am



## 2024 Election

The La Jara Regular Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. This will be a polling place election, meaning that you will have to come and vote in person at La Jara Town Hall, 221 Broadway from 7 am to 7 pm. If you are not able to vote in person on April 2nd you may request an application for an Absentee Ballot by calling La Jara Town Hall at 274-5363.

There will be one question referred to the voters on the ballot. The Board of Trustees are asking voters to consider amending the town code to allow ordinances to be published by title only rather than publishing the entire ordinance in the local newspaper. Publishing ordinances in the newspaper can be rather costly and to reduce the publication costs Colorado Revised Statutes (§31-16-105) provides that citizens can vote to allow for ordinances to be published by title only. All ordinances are always available to view at Town Hall or are available on the website at [townoflajara.colorado.gov](http://townoflajara.colorado.gov).

## 2024 Mobile Care & Share

As many of our community members rely on the Mobile Care & Share food truck, it has come to our attention that there will not be one for the months of February and March. In the month of March the Care and Share program will revisit their schedule to see if they will be coming to La Jara during the months of April through June. But a reminder that it is not promised that we make their schedule. Also we would like to inform our citizens that the Town of La Jara does not have anything to do with the planning or scheduling of the Care and Share. The information provided to us is the same information that we put out for all of you. If you are in need of food there is an alternative option which is the La Jara Food Bank at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

### WSLV Small Business Micro Grant - La Jara

**Grants: up to \$2,000**

Deadline for Application: February 29th

#### GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The WSLV Small Business Micro Grant program is designed to provide financial assistance to eligible businesses and entrepreneurs in the areas of Center, Saguache, Del Norte, and La Jara. **This fund provides small grants to support local small businesses and entrepreneurs with innovative and impactful projects to help them grow their businesses, build capital, and retain and/or create jobs.**

#### Learn More and Apply!

For more information or to download the application please visit our website or contact us: 719-274-0553 or [townmanager@townoflajara.com](mailto:townmanager@townoflajara.com)



### CARE AND SHARE FOOD AVAILABLE

**Monday 5, February 2024**

at 9:45 AM

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church  
- La Jara, Hwy 285

### *DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTION*

No One Will Be Allowed in the Building for Any Reason!

STAY IN YOUR CARS UNTIL YOU RECEIVE  
YOUR FOOD

### La Jara Food Bank

Open

**Wednesdays 2:30 – 5:00 PM**

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, La Jara Hwy 285

STAY IN YOUR CARS UNTIL WE ASK YOU  
TO ENTER ONE AT A TIME.

Questions: 719-588-0961

Sponsored by: Care and Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado, La Jara Catholic Church, the generosity of donors and the Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley



**Reminder: The Care & Share  
at the Catholic Church is  
different then the one at the  
La Jara Town Hall.**