

TOWN OF LA JARA NEWSLETTER



La Jara's Birthday

By Trustee Rendon

Did you know???

The name La Jara refers to brambly thickets of wild roses common along the La Jara Creek. The original La Jara was about 6 miles west of its current location on the old road between Conejos and Del Norte, circa 1870. The first post office was a stage coach in 1875, until 1884 when it was moved to the new town of La Jara. Our town began as a point on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad in 1880 with only a water tank. This spot is where the Townhall is currently located and was called El Tanque. La Jara was Incorporated March 11, 1902.

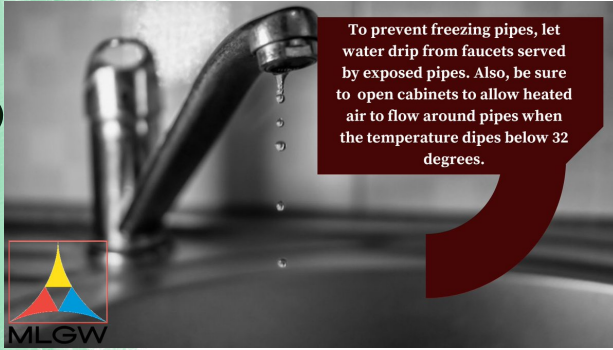
Easter Scavenger Hunt

This year The Town of La Jara would like to try something a little different. We will be putting an Easter Scavenger hunt together for our adults in our community. This scavenger hunt will include the history of our town. everyone will have from April 1st or so to April 8th to complete this and will be gifted their prize at the children's Easter egg hunt. Our Mayor and Trustee Rendon are working very hard on this. Our hope is to get our adult/elder folks more involved in our community. For more information call us or check out our Facebook for more info. Reminder, details are not set yet, this is still a work in progress but updates will be posted as we receive them.

IMPORTANT NEWS & UPDATES,

-  Care and Share March 8th at 2:00pm
-  \$25.00 late fee for any business license after March 1st
-  La Jara's Birthday March 11, 1902
-  Children's Easter Egg Hunt April 8, 2023 more info will be post on Facebook shortly.
-  St. Patricks Day March 17
-  Court March 6th @ 6pm
-  Board Meeting March 9 @6pm





To prevent freezing pipes, let water drip from faucets served by exposed pipes. Also, be sure to open cabinets to allow heated air to flow around pipes when the temperature dips below 32 degrees.

No Winter Discounts

The new rates that went into effect October 2022 does not allow us to give any sort of discount for winter rates. During our Open House sessions held in June we discussed the rate study and the impact that adjusting for winter usage had on the budget. It was recommended to discontinue adjustments on your bills for letting your water trickle. In the last newsletter we compared a house hold that uses 19,000 gallons and how the amount for that is \$87.55 and how repairing any plumbing issues from a broke pipe could cost \$150 to \$500. Paying just a little extra on a water bill will save you a lot more then paying for damage that a frozen line may cause.



Our New CWP



Our maintenance/ public works supervisor Thomas Dufresne is now a Colorado Certified Water Professional (CWP). Thomas has been with the town for 1.5 years.

Thomas started out with the town as a seasonal worker, he later then got hired as a full-time employee for the Town. October 2022 Thomas was promoted to Maintaince supervisor. As of February 2023 Thomas was certified in Class S Treatment Operator, also designated as a Colorado Certified Water Professional. Thomas brings many assets to the town and we are more than grateful to have him on our team.

Housing on South Main

In February we had an Community Engagement meeting to discuss the need for housing. At the meeting there was no final decision made as to what the outcome would be. As of now there is nothing set in stone about housing, it is still a project set in the works and is something that will take time to get a final decision.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement: To provide, maintain, and improve sustainable and affordable public infrastructure. To provide public health, and water quality equal to or above state regulations. to provide and maintain wastewater at state regulations to protect public health in an environmentally responsible manner.