

# TOWN OF LA JARA NEWSLETTER

## 4 Day Work Week

Over the last several months we have been discussing the Town Hall moving to a four day work week. On October 12, 2023 during the board meeting the board approved the four day work week. Starting November 6, 2023 our new hours will be: Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm and will remain open during the lunch hour and office will be closed Fridays.

## Online Bill Pay Solution

The board of trustees approved an online bill payment solution. The new system should be available the first of the year. The system will allow customers to check account information and pay utility bills. The online bill payment solution provides another option for citizens to pay their bills, however we will continue to accept walk in payments of checks, cash, credit or debit card at the Town Hall.

## Water Rates

Starting January 1, 2024 water and sewer rates will increase. The bill you receive at the beginning of February will reflect the increase. Water will go up by 1% and Sewer will go up by 5%.

Water Rates	Residential In Town	Residential Out of Town	Commercial in Town	Commercial Out of Town
Base Rate Per EQR	\$19.44	\$29.16	\$24.30	\$29.16
Sewer Rates	\$44.10	\$66.15	\$55.12	\$66.15

## Mayor Medina


Mayor Medina had the opportunity to meet with Derek Kawakami, the Mayor of the island of Kauai, when she was on vacation in early October. He, along with his staff, were very welcoming and they had a great visit. Mayor Medina shared that we have some of the same challenges even though we are miles apart.



## Northener's Senior Center


- Dime Bingo Monday's and Wednesday's @ 10 am
- Yoga Tuesday's and Thursday's @ 10 am
- Casino Second Tuesday of every month.
- For more info call Brenda at (719) 274-4029

## NEWS, UPDATES, ETC

 Court November 6th @6:00pm






 Council November 19th @6pm

 Care and Share November 16th @11am

 Office will be closed November 23rd for Thanksgiving



## 5 P's OF COLD WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

<b>PROTECT PLANTS</b>	 Cover cold-sensitive plants to protect them from dangerous temperatures.
<b>PROTECT PETS</b>	 Bring outdoor pets inside or provide a warm shelter for them.
<b>PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY</b>	 Use safe heating sources indoors. Do not use fuel burning devices such as grills; they release deadly carbon monoxide.
<b>PROTECT PEOPLE</b>	 Dress in warm layers and wear a hat and gloves.
<b>PROTECT PIPES</b>	 Cover pipes and allow outdoor faucets to slowly drip to prevent them from freezing and breaking.



## Drop Box

As many of you know our drop box was out of commission for a few days at the beginning of October. During those few days it was getting a makeover. One of our very own community members Tamra Carraher used her amazing talent to give the drop box this new colorful look. We could not thank her enough for her hard work and making the drop box more noticeable for our customers. On the section that says hello all community members are allowed to post a poem or something positive to the sheet.



## Care and Share

The Care and Share for November is scheduled for the 16th from 11am to 12 pm. December is scheduled for the 14th from 11 am to 12pm. We would also like to thank our volunteers that come out every month and help with the distribution, David Dexter, Arnold Rendon, Brenda Hutchins, Lynette Depriest, Valarie Lopez, and Evalin Martinez.

## Contact Information Needed

As we get closer to the new year we ask that all of our customers submit an updated contact form. You can find this form attached with your water bill. The form will just consist of up to date phone number, email, and mailing address. You can also come in and fill the form out in the office. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us at (719) 274-5363.

## Fall Clean Up

### For La Jara Residents Only

The fall clean-up will take place November 2nd-4th and November 9th-11th from 9am to 4pm. The same rules will apply. Dumpsters are only for leaves, grass clippings and small branches only no bigger than 4 inches in diameter.

Items that are NOT accepted are Batteries, tires, appliances, paint, dirt, metal, concrete, House trash or hazardous material.

Keep an eye out for any updates on changes in schedule. Feel free contact us with any questions or concerns you may have about the fall clean up at (719) 274-5363.

2023

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Maintenance On Call Thomas: 719-496-6497	2 Maintenance On Call Thomas: 719-496-6497	3 Maintenance On Call Thomas: 719-496-6497	4 Maintenance On Call Thomas: 719-496-6497
5 Maintenance On Call Thomas: 719-496-6497	6 Maintenance On Call Rodney 719-580-9797	7 Maintenance On Call Rodney 719-580-9797	8 Maintenance On Call Rodney 719-580-9797	9 Maintenance On Call Rodney 719-580-9797	<b>CLOSED</b> 10	11 Maintenance On Call Rodney 719-580-9797
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19 Maintenance On Call Thomas: 719-496-6497	20 Maintenance On Call Rodney 719-580-9797	21 Maintenance On Call Rodney 719-580-9797	22 Maintenance On Call Rodney 719-580-9797	<b>CLOSED</b> 23	<b>CLOSED</b> 24	25 Maintenance On Call Rodney 719-580-9797
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