

40 NORTH

Yuma County Employees Newsletter

In this issue:

- FSA Enrollment Deadline
- Democracy In Action
- 2018 Election Special
- 4H Courthouse Tour
- Assessors Inventory
- Treasurer Tax Payments

Treasurer's Tax Payments

Spring is an especially busy time of year for the Yuma County Treasurer's Office as they send statements for, receive, and process annual tax payments for the County. For 2017, taxes are 82% collected on the 33,456 parcels in Yuma County. In the month of April, Treasurer Dee Ann Stults and staff including Deputy Treasurer Chrystal Hammond, processed an average of 300 tax payments per business day.

In addition to collecting taxes and other duties, the Treasurer's Office oversees County funds and ensures compliant financial recordkeeping for public funds.

Assessing Yuma County

Every year, Yuma County Assessor Cindy Taylor and her crack team of appraisers hit the roads to inventory land and buildings in Yuma County. No easy feat, the team inventories properties currently on the tax roll along with new construction across the County.

Yuma County utilizes activity notices instead of building permits to address construction within the unincorporated areas of the County, which can be obtained through the Land Use Department. When activity notices are not completed, the Assessor's Office relies on their inventory process as well as information from travelling staff such as Patrol Deputies and Road & Bridge workers to spot new construction and ensure an accurate valuation of Yuma County.

The 2019 fiscal year will be a reappraisal year, meaning all properties in the County will receive notices of valuation, not just those that were in the inventory rotation. Property owners will then have a protest period and the opportunity to meet with the Board of Equalization to discuss values that they would like to challenge, after which Taylor will certify the values to taxing entities for purposes of setting mill levies and will deliver the tax roll to the Treasurer's Office for collection.

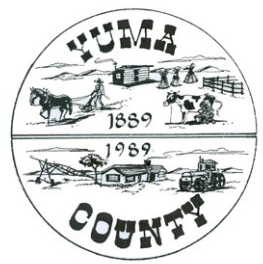
The most recent Abstract of Assessment and Levy of Taxes can be found at <http://www.yumacounty.net/forms/2017Abstract.pdf>.

Wauneta 4H Visits Yuma County Courthouse

On May 31, the Wauneta 4H Club toured the Yuma County Courthouse and visited with representatives from many of the offices and departments with the intent of learning the scope of county government and the value of active participation. Club members participated in a County Commissioners meeting, toured the Clerk & Recorder's vault, and were introduced to GIS. Among their activities, members also interacted with numerous County staff and learned about County services such as Extension Services and County road management practices as well as the duties of both the Assessor and the Treasurer. Members were also able to meet with two of the K9 dog-handler teams from the Sheriff's Office.

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all of the Elected Officials, Department Heads, and staff who took time out of their day to support the education and growth of the youth in our community.

"Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." ~Greek Proverb



40 NORTH

Yuma County Employees Newsletter

Primary Election June 26

Yuma County Primary Elections will be held June 26, 2018. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and mail ballots may be submitted in place of an in-person vote. The Yuma County Clerk’s Office, the organization responsible for administration of our elections, has been diligently working on providing an accurate and impartial election behind the scenes for months. Among their many steps are the recruitment and training of election judges, creation and mailing of ballots, processing of mail ballots received, and administration of polling places on and before election days. Sample ballots can be obtained from the Clerk & Recorder’s Office and will be published in local papers.



Democracy: Active Participation Required

Democracy functions best with high levels of participation from citizens, and there are so many ways to participate...

1. **VOTE!** Voting is an easy and effective way to participate in the democratic process. The County Clerk’s Office is where to find our resident experts on the process.
2. **Educate yourself.** Even when they’re running for the same party, candidates have opin-

ions and priorities that vary widely. Information on candidates can be obtained from sources like Ballotpedia at <https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado> but be wary of your source and always be sure that sources of political information are reputable and accurate.

3. **Participate directly** as an Election Judge, Delegate, or campaign member or get wild and run for local boards or offices.

Flex Spending Account Sign-up Deadline

The fiscal year for flexible spending accounts, also known as Section 125 Cafeteria Plans, runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year. Enrollment for next year’s participation is due to the County Finance Office no later than June 29.

Flexible spending accounts allow employees to save for medical and/or child care expenses on a pre-tax basis. If you have ongoing medical or childcare expenses and think a Section 125 plan might be a valuable benefit for you, stop by the Finance & Administration Office for more information before June 29.

Dates to Remember:

- 6-1 Fair Tickets on Sale
- 6-4 to 6-8, County Auditors On Site
- 6-8, 6-19 Payables Deadlines
- 6-15 BOCC Meeting
- 6-18 Payroll Deadline
- 6-26 Primary Elections
- 6-29 BOCC Meeting
- 6-29 Section 125 Enrollment Deadline

Have an idea for content? Information that needs shared? Email to administrator@co.yuma.co.us for inclusion in next month’s newsletter.