

COUNTY HUB

Yuma County Employees Newsletter

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BOCC Publishes Public Statement on Retail Marijuana

Recently, some local conversations have been held regarding the potential establishment of retail marijuana facilities in Yuma County. Based on the public comment and influx of requests for information received, the Commissioners determined at their February 28, 2020 meeting that clarification was needed to solidify the Yuma County position on retail

marijuana as well as to outline the ideal communication channels for comments and requests for information.

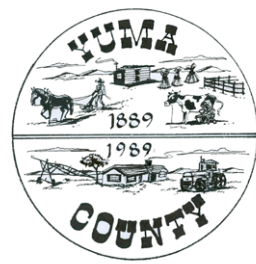
The press release has been forwarded to local news outlets and has been published to social media by a number of County offices, as well as being posted to the County's official bulletin board inside the courthouse south entryway.



Local Caucuses and County Assemblies

Local political caucuses are scheduled to be held by precinct on March 7, 2020. Caucuses are meetings for registered voters of a specific political party where delegates to County Assemblies are selected. The Yuma County Clerk and Recorder's Office posted caucus locations and contact information for party chairs on their Facebook page on February 19. Those looking to find their caucus location or gain additional information are encouraged to contact their party chair.

Caucuses will be followed by County Assemblies. County Assemblies select party candidates for the primary election. The Republican County Assembly is scheduled to be held March 15, 2020 at 3:00 pm at 4th & Main in Wray. The Democratic County Assembly is scheduled for March 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Yuma County Fairgrounds Concessions Building in Yuma.



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IRS Publishes New W4s

In line with various tax law changes implemented at the federal level, the IRS has published a new form W4 for employees to establish income tax withholding levels. The new form does away with withholding allowances and the number of household members and focuses on income levels to determine withholdings. A copy of the new W4 can be obtained [here](#).

It is important to note that employees are **NOT** required to file a new W4 annually, or at any time, unless an update to deductions is desired. If you do not wish to change the rate at which taxes are being withheld for your income, we will continue using the W4 on file unless and until you determine the need for a change.

Because the new W4 is drastically different at a conceptual level, the IRS has published a list of FAQs on the new document, which can be found [here](#). If you have questions about what elections are appropriate for your situation, you are encouraged to contact a tax professional for assistance.

Changes to Retirement Share Class

In February, Colorado Retirement Association (CRA), formerly known as CCOERA, announced changes to three funds within its plan offerings. The changes are effective March 31 and involve the share class for the fund. A share class is a designation assigned to types of stock shares within a mutual fund and may impact the rights and other factors associated with the shares held.

Additional information on the change is available on the CRA website at <https://www.cra-online.org/funds-and-portfolios/how-share-class-changes-benefit-participants/> and a copy of the original notification release to employees can be found [here](#).

Dates to Remember:

- 3-2 Payroll Deadline
- 3-6 Payday
- 3-6, 3-24 Payables Deadlines
- 3-8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3-13 BOCC Meeting
- 3-17 St. Patrick's Day
- 3-31 BOCC Meeting

Timesheet Due Dates

Now that schedules have adjusted to the new pay dates and we're nearing the completion of finance software implementations, the Finance Office is pushing out reminders to supervisors and staff on timesheet due dates.

All employees are reminded that time sheets need to be reviewed and submitted prior to 9:00 am on the first working day following the end of a month. Delayed timesheets may result in pay being issued on base salary, but may delay issuance of overtime or other variances if information is not available at the time of processing.

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