

COUNTY HUB

Yuma County Employees Newsletter

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Local Plan Submitted to State

A local task force comprised of the Yuma County Commissioners and staff, local hospital medical and administration teams, and local city leaders have developed and submitted a plan to begin the process of reopening Yuma County and lifting various COVID restrictions progressively over the coming weeks. The plan

is currently being assessed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, so all State orders currently remain in effect in Yuma County.

Our local plan looks to put local government officials and local healthcare leaders into the driver's seat in determining what is most appropriate and most in line with our resources and remove the one-size-fits all lens. We look forward to receiving feedback and approval from the State to allow Yuma County officials to assess the appropriate path forward for Yuma County and our residents.

New Road & Bridge Foremen Announced

Following the onboarding of new Road & Bridge Supervisor Tom Andersen, the leadership structure within the Road & Bridge Department was assessed and realigned. Road & Bridge is proud to welcome the below employees into the ranks of the Yuma County Leadership team effective May 4.

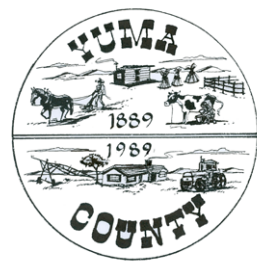


Justin Lorimer will be leading the road grader team as the new Blade Foreman. Justin has been a blade operator with Yuma County for over a decade and brings a wealth of knowledge to the role. In a supporting role to Justin, Clinton Metzler will be overseeing laydown projects and guiding road repair projects under Justin's direction.

Jeremy Lund is our new Truck Foreman. While Jeremy is comparatively new to the Yuma County team, he has time and again proven himself to be well suited for his new leadership role.

Sean Malay will continue in his role of Fleet Foreman but will additionally serve in the role of Assistant Road & Bridge Supervisor.

Kent Twiss will continue to be the Maintenance Foreman and Don Marr will continue to serve as the Mining & Reclamation Foreman.



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Appreciating Local Law Enforcement

The first full week in May is designated as National Correctional Officers Week, followed immediately by National Police Week, which spans May 10-16. Yuma County wishes to thank Sheriff Combs, Undersheriff Gilliland, Sergeant Wells, and Sergeant Janisch for their leadership and want to express our gratitude to each and every member of the Sheriff's Office team for their hard work and professionalism. Yuma County is an anchor institution in our region in many respects and our county law enforcement team is no exception. Please take time this month to thank our local law enforcement team for all they do for us.

Oil and Gas Rulemaking Suit Continues

The lawsuit against the State of Colorado Air Quality Control Commission to which Yuma County is a party continues its path through the court system. The Air Quality Control Commission has filed a motion to dismiss the claim on the proposed grounds that the counties do not have the authority to file a lawsuit against the Air Quality Control Commission. Attorneys from the various counties representing the Western and Rural Local Government Coalition are currently preparing a response which is due to the courts by May 8.

Up next in the Senate Bill 19-181 COGCC rulemaking process are some very vital rules associated with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission mission change. With the passage of Senate Bill 181, the mission of COGCC changed from fostering the oil and gas industry in the State of Colorado, to regulating it. The next round of rulemaking will define the overall tone of what that looks like. After a hard-fought discussion, mission change rulemakings have been postponed until July to allow the new Commission to be seated and, hopefully, allow greater public participation in the process when in-person testimony can resume.

Offices See Changes

Dates to Remember:

- 5-1 Timesheets Due
- 5-7, 5-20 Payables Deadlines
- 5-7 Pay Day
- 5-18 BOCC Meeting
- 5-25 Memorial Day—County Offices Closed
- 5-29 BOCC Meeting

Most offices and departments in Yuma County have seen a number of changes since mid-March as a result of regulatory attempts to respond to COVID19 restrictions. Perhaps some of the most volatile guidance has been issued to our unsung Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor's Offices. Throughout the last several weeks, numerous iterations of rules, exceptions to rules, completely new rules, and unanswered questions have kept our Elected Officials and their professional organizations on their toes. If you or your friends, family, or neighbors are unsure about how business in these departments is being conducted, we encourage folks to call the respective offices to see what modifications they're currently working under.

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