

City of La Junta Services and Information A to Z

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TO THE CITIZENS OF LA JUNTA

Services and Information A to Z has been published by the City Manager's Office to assist you in understanding the services provided by the City of La Junta and where to obtain information.

We hope you will think of it as a supplement to your telephone directory and keep it in a convenient place for reference.

Please contact us if we may be of assistance.

Rick Klein
City Manager

LA JUNTA CITY GOVERNMENT
601 COLORADO AVENUE, P.O. BOX 489
LA JUNTA, CO 81050
WEBSITE: WWW.CI.LA-JUNTA.CO.US

Administrative offices in the Municipal Building are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for the Utilities Collections Office (where utility bills are paid) which has the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

City Council Members

City Council meets the first and third Mondays of each month, unless the Monday is a national holiday, then the meeting is on the following Tuesday. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Correspondence addressed to the La Junta City Council, Municipal Building, 601 Colorado Avenue, P.O. Box 489, La Junta, Colorado 81050, will be duplicated and forwarded to all City Council Members. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

Don Rizzuto Mayor Term Exp. 11/2009	706 Lincoln Ave La Junta, CO 81050	384-2025 H 384-8131 W
Jackie Abrams Ward I Term Exp. 11/2009	721 Cimarron Ave	469-8987 Cell
Eugene D. Mestas Ward I Term Exp. 11/2011	1203 Grace Ave La Junta, CO 81050	384-7447 H 384-4861 W
Cheryl Lindner Ward II Term Exp. 11/2011	16 E. 22nd Street La Junta, CO 81050	383-2045 H 384-2133 W
Billie Johnson Ward II Term Exp. 11/2009	2411 Santa Fe Ave La Junta, CO 81050	384-4109 H
Bob Freidenberger Ward III Term Exp. 11/2011	2122 College Dr. La Junta, CO 81050	384-9429 H 384-5431 W
Michael Moreno Ward III Term Exp. 11/2009	1024 Russell Ave La Junta, CO 81050	384-7606 H

UTILITIES BOARD MEMBERS

P. Lorenz Sutherland Chairman Term Exp. 11/2013	2413 Carson Avenue La Junta, CO 81050	384-5408 W 384-4641 H
Carl Otteman Vice Chairman Term Exp. 11/2009	37 Sierra Drive La Junta, CO 81050	384-6890 W 384-2371 H 469-2371
Allen W. Hill Commissioner Term Exp. 11/2011	1324 W. 6th St. La Junta, CO 81050	384-2222 W
Bob Freidenberger Council Rep Term Exp. 11/2009	2122 College Dr. La Junta, CO 81050	384-5431 W 384-9429 H
Don Rizzuto Mayor Term Exp. 11/2009	706 Lincoln Ave. La Junta, CO 81050	384-8131 W 384-2025 H

The Utilities Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Power Board Room of the Municipal Building. Correspondence addressed to the Utilities Board, Municipal Building, 601 Colorado Avenue, P.O. Box 630, La Junta, Colorado, 81050, will be duplicated and forwarded to all Utilities Board Members. Meetings start at 4:00 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

City Manager

Rick Klein384-2578

Assistant City Manager

Bill Jackson384-2578

Director of Public Safety

Bill Jackson384-2525

Chief of Police Operations, Todd Quick.....
384-2525

Chief of Fire Operations, Aaron Eveatt 384-2323

City Attorney

Phil Malouff, Jr.....384-5482

Municipal Judge

Doug Manley384-4447

City Treasurer/Director of Finance

Patty Hurt384-5991

City Clerk

Jan Schooley384-5991

Director of Electric Utility

Lloyd Smith384-8454

Director of Water & Wastewater Treatment

Joe Kelley384-7358

Director of Engineering

Dan Eveatt384-5991

Director of Purchasing

Peggy Powell384-7546

Director of Parks & Recreation

Brad Swartz..... 384-5991

Director of Library Services

Sandy Messick.....384-4612

La Junta City Government
601 Colorado Avenue
P.O. Box 489
La Junta, CO 81050
www.ci.la-junta.co.us

Administrative offices in the Municipal Building are open 8 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. See Library and Police Records alphabetical listing for hours open.



EMERGENCY	911
Ambulance Service	384-2323
Fire Department	384-2323
Police Department	384-2525
ANIMAL SHELTER	384-0347
CITY ATTORNEY	384-5482
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE	384-5991
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	384-2578
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ URBAN RENEWAL	384-3636
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	384-5991
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	384-6965
FINANCE	384-5991
Accounts Payable/Receivable	384-5991
Sales Tax	384-2546 or
Utility Bills	384-2606
FIRE DEPARTMENT	384-2323
Emergency Calls	911
Prevention	384-2323
HOUSING AUTHORITY	384-9055
INFORMATION	384-5991
LIBRARY	384-4612
MOTOR POOL	384-7662
MUNICIPAL COURT	384-0848
PERSONNEL	384-5486
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Administration	384-2525
Animal Control	384-2525
Emergency calls	911
Records	384-2525
To report a crime or incident	384-2525

PUBLIC SERVICE DEPTS.	
Aviation	384-8407
Cemetery Records	384-5991
Cemetery Shop	384-4241
Electric Service	384-2546
Engineering	384-5991
Golf Course	384-7133
Industrial Park Maintenance	384-5991
Parks	384-5991
Parks Shop	384-3609
Recreation	384-5991
Sanitation	384-5991
Senior Center	384-5486
Street Maintenance Shop	384-5991
Swimming Pool	384-7531
Traffic Control	384-2525
Trash Pick-Up	384-5991
Wastewater Treatment Plant	384-3633
Water Service	384-2546

PURCHASING 384-7546

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT	
Billing	384-2546
Emergencies after hours	384-2611

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ABANDONED VEHICLES, UNCLAIMED PROPERTY	
On public street-Police Department	384-2525
On private property-Code Enforcement	384-2525

ACCIDENTS	
Accident information – Police Dept.	384-2525

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM
The City of La Junta is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

ALLEYS

To request enforcement of environmental codes 384-2525
 Code enforcement – Police Department 384-2525
 Alley maintenance – Street Department 384-5991

AMBULANCE

The ambulance service for La Junta and surrounding area is provided by the La Junta Rural Fire Protection District.
 Emergency Calls 911
 Other 384-2323

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Officer – Police Dept. 384-2525

ANIMAL SHELTER

Located at 30227 6th Avenue in the Industrial Park. Hours are from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays. 384-0347

ANNEXATIONS

Information on procedures and pending annexations — Engineering Department 384-5991

APPEALS TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Information on variances, use by exception, and non-conforming uses-Engineering Dept 384-5991

AUCTIONS

City-owned property-Purchasing Dept. 384-7546
 Auctions inside City limits-Finance Dept. 384-5991

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BAND CONCERTS IN THE PARK 384-5991

Summer band concerts information may be obtained by contacting the Recreation Dept. By ordinance, the City prohibits anyone from having concerts in the park for commercial enterprise; also, if loud speakers are used, the person will be subject to regulation.

BICYCLES

Licensing provided at Police Dept. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$1.00 (non-expiring). Requirements: good brakes, front and rear reflectors, and headlights. 384-2525

BIDS/BIDDING

Information on City purchasing; bidding procedures for City projects 384-7546

BLOOD BANK

Information or to donate — Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center 384-5412

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Information about appointments to boards and commissions 384-5991
 Other information and agenda items, call the following:
 Aviation 384-5991
 Board of Adjustment 384-5991
 Community Development (Urban Renewal) 384-3636
 Housing Authority 384-9055
 La Junta Capital, Inc. 384-2578
 Library Board 384-4612
 Merit Appeals Board 384-5991
 Planning Commission 384-5991
 Recreation Advisory 384-5991
 Retirement Board 384-5991
 Senior Center Board 384-5991
 Tree Board 384-5991

BUDGET

The budget process begins in July and usually ends in October with Council adoption of the mill levy and appropriations ordinances. Citizens are encouraged to participate in informational meetings and public hearings. For dates and budget procedures contact the Finance Department. 384-5991

BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS – Engineering Department 384-5991

A building permit is required for any new construction, remodeling, changes of use or additions or structures, including signs, fences (over 6 feet), retaining walls, swimming pools, patio covers, etc.

To request electrical permits: State of Colorado 303-894-2300

To schedule inspections (state inspector) 383-9506

State Website:

www.dora.state.co.us/electrical

BURNING (OPEN) 384-2323

Fire Department

To request enforcement of City ordinances prohibiting open burning 384-2323 or 384-2525

BUS

See Public Transportation

BUSINESS INFORMATION – MINORITY, WOMAN-OWNED, DISADVANTAGED 384-2578

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CABLE TV 384-5487

Bresnan Communications, 2218 San Juan

CARDIAC PULMONARY RESUSCITATION 384-2323

A lifesaving technique you can learn. For information on CPR classes or 384-5486

CEMETERY

Cemetery records are kept in the City Clerk’s office. For information on purchase of cemetery plots call City Clerk’s Office – 384-5991
Cemetery Foreman 384-4241

CENSUS INFORMATION

Demographics are available from Community Development. 384-3636

You may also contact the State Demographer at the Local Affairs Office in 303-866-2156

Denver

or go online:

www.americanfactfinder.com

CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-UBC

Required and issued prior to occupancy of new buildings after final inspection and approved by the building department. 384-5991

CHILDREN’S STORY TIME

For information contact Woodruff Memorial Library 384-4612

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Citizen participation is encouraged and there are many opportunities. Public hearings are held on annexation, budget, Community Development Block Grants; and anyone can address Council during “Citizen Participation” on each Council or Utilities Board agenda. Or, if you would like to be scheduled, call or write 384-5991 and ask to be on the agenda.

The Planning Commission also holds public hearings and informational meetings. Citizens are encouraged to serve on boards, write letters and call concerns 384-5991 in to any department.

CITIZEN RESPONSE OFFICE

The City Manager’s Office responds to citizen requests or complaints should citizens feel other departments have failed to respond adequately. 384-2578

CITY COUNCIL

Your Council representatives are elected in odd numbered years. Council sets policy, approves budget, determines tax rate, hires the City Manager, Municipal Judge and City Attorney.

Information on past Council action 384-5991

Information on current Council action and agenda items 384-5991

Council Members are listed on Page 2.

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

The City Manager is the chief administrator over all city departments, implementing policies, decisions and directives of City Council. The Manager’s office is responsible for Council activities and coordinating special projects, public relations, employee negotiations and citizen response office.

384-2578

CLEAN-UP WEEKS

The City of La Junta has an annual city-wide free trash clean-up. For information contact the City Engineering Department.

384-5991

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of environmental codes, scrap motor vehicles, animal control, trash and weeds.

384-2525

Building – Engineering 384-5991

Electrical (State of Colorado) 383-9560

Fire codes & fire prevention 384-2323

Municipal & traffic – Police 384-2525

Zoning codes – Engineering 394-5991

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Administration and information 384-3636

COMPLAINTS

Animal violations 384-2525

City Manager’s Office 384-2578

Environmental code violations 384-2525

Fire and safety hazards 384-2323

Streets 384-5991

COMPLAINTS (continued)

Traffic 384-2525

Any department (see listing in front)

COURT (See Municipal Court)

CRIME RESISTANCE

Assists citizens with neighborhood watch programs; conducts security surveys; provides programs and speakers on rape prevention, kidnap, extortion and other programs designed to teach citizens to reduce their vulnerability to criminal attack. Promotes Operation I.D., encouraging citizens to mark valuables.

Police Department 384-2525

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DEAD ANIMAL PICK-UP

In streets only – Animal Control 384-2525

DEVELOPMENT IN LA JUNTA

Planning, subdivision, rezoning information – Engineering Department

384-5991

Economic Development Office is located at the Score Center in McDivitt Hall at Otero Junior College, 18th & Colorado Avenue.

384-6965

DOGS

License not required. Rabies shot required. Running at large prohibited. For other provisions contact Animal Control.

384-2525

DOG POUND (See Animal Shelter)

DRAINAGE

Questions concerning drainage problems should be directed to the Engineering Department.

384-5991

DRIVER’S LICENSE

Examination and testing (State) located in Courthouse. 384-2801

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE is located at the Score Center in McDivitt Hall at Otero Junior College, 18th & Colorado Avenue. 384-6965

ELECTIONS (CITY)

General elections are held on the first Tuesday in November on odd numbered years. For information on elections call the City Clerk’s Office. 384-5991

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

State of Colorado 383-9560

EMERGENCY CALLS

Fire and medical assist calls – Police 911

When reporting an emergency, give complete address and cross street, your phone number and name. Describe nature and extent of emergency.

EMERGENCY/DISASTER PLAN

The Police and Fire Departments work together with the Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center and Civil Defense. For information contact the Otero County Sheriff’s Department. 384-5941

EMPLOYMENT

Applications and job descriptions can be obtained from the Personnel Office which is located at the Senior Citizens Center. 384-5486

Colorado WorkForce Center
801 Chestnut, Rocky Ford 254-3396

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Calendar of Events maintained by Events Coordinator who works out of the SCORE Center at Otero Junior College. Go to www.lajuntaevents.com to check it out. 384-6977

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FINGERPRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHING – Police Records

384-2525

FIRE PREVENTION

Provides home safety fire inspections upon request and inspections of all commercial, school, church or other buildings. For information call the Fire Department. 384-2323

FIRE SAFETY CLASSES

Demonstrations and classes upon request. 384-2323

FIRE FIGHTERS (VOLUNTEERS)

The City has a division of Volunteer Fire Fighters. Volunteers are provided training, worker’s compensation and disability insurance. Volunteers must be 18 years or older, live in the city or fire protection district and train 6 hours per month. For information call 384-2323

FIRST AID COURSES

First Aid courses provided by the Personnel Department upon request. 384-5486

FLOOD PLAIN INFORMATION

Information regarding buildings and properties in the flood plain – Engineering Department. 384-5991

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GAS/TOXIC LEAKS

For emergency shutoff 911

GAZEBOS IN PARKS

Reservations 384-5991

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION

Information and permit applications for storage, manufacture or transport of hazardous materials – Fire Department 384-2323

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Information on historic preservation and designated landmark buildings:
 La Junta Heritage Foundation 384-2702
 Otero County Historic Society 384-7121

HISTORY OF LA JUNTA

Incorporated on April 23, 1881; a statutory city 1881-1967; election April 30, 1968 made La Junta a home rule city with council-manager form of government. Information on La Junta history, and photographs – Library 384-4612

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

La Junta Housing Authority (5th and Smithland) for low income and persons with disabilities. For information call 384-9055

HOUSING AUTHORITY

5-member board of commissioners appointed by City Council for 5 year terms. Managed by a Director hired by the board. Administers housing programs for La Junta. Office at 315 E. 5th Street. 384-9055

HOUSING REHABILITATION LOANS/GRANTS

Available to homeowner occupants with low income and moderate incomes (all ages). For information on programs – Tri-County Housing, Fowler 263-5168

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IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

For information and procedures on impounded vehicles, call the Police Dept. 384-2525

INCIDENTS

All incidents (in addition to emergencies) are handled by police patrol officers who can be reached by calling police dispatch. 384-2525

INFORMATION

City services – all departments listed in front of booklet, or call information 384-5991
 Library 384-4612
 Office of citizen response 384-2578

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PROCEDURES

For information and assistance call the City Clerk 384-5991

INSPECTIONS (see building permits)

Building 384-5991
 Electric – State of Colorado 383-9560
 Plumbing – State of Colorado 800-375-6415

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JOBS (see Employment)

JURY FOR MUNICIPAL COURT

Information on selection procedures and jury requirements 384-0848

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KEEPING UP TO DATE ON LA JUNTA CITY GOVERNMENT

City Council meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, except if the Monday is a national holiday, then the meeting is on the following Tuesday. For agenda items call 384-5991

See “Boards and Commissions” listings for numbers to obtain information on numerous city board activities.

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LEGAL ADVICE

The City Attorney assists citizens in the interpretation of city ordinances. The City Attorney does not provide legal advice or assistance to citizens involved in private disputes. 384-5482

LIBRARY HOURS/LOCATION

Open Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 522 Colorado Avenue. It offers popular adult and children’s materials, information services, programs for children, Internet access, and a wide variety of other services. There is an outside book-drop located at the end of the parking lot in the southwest corner of the building. 384-4612

LICENSES AND PERMITS

All licenses and permits are issued at the Municipal Building 6th and Colorado Avenue, except as noted for drivers licenses, marriage licenses and motor vehicle license plates. For information regarding fees, hours and procedures, call numbers indicated below:

- Beer permit – drinking beer in parks – Police 384-2525
- Block party permit-Police 384-2525
- Building permits-Engineering 384-5991
- Business licenses-Finance 384-5991
- Curb, gutter, sidewalk permits-Engineering 384-5991
- Demolition permit-Engineering 384-5991
- Driver’s licenses (Otero County Courthouse) 384-2801
- Electrical permits – State of Colo 303- 894-2300
- Explosives/storage/handling permit-Fire Department 384-2323
- Fence permit-Engineering 384-5991
- Gasoline storage/handling-Fire Dept. 384-2323

- Hazardous material transporting-Fire 384-2323
- Liquid propane storage permit-Fire 384-2323
- Liquor Licenses-City Clerk 384-5991
- Marriage Licenses – Otero County Courthouse 383-3020
- Motor vehicle license plates (Otero County Courthouse) 383-3020
- Occupancy permit-Engineering 384-5991
- Non-conforming use certificates-Engineering 384-5991
- Patio cover permits-Engineering 384-5991
- Plumbing permit (State of Colo) 303- 375-6415
- Retaining wall permit-Engineering 384-5991
- Roofing permits-Engineering 384-5991
- Sales/Use tax license-Finance 384-5991
- Selling alcoholic beverages-City Clerk 384-5991
- Sewer tap permits-Engineering 384-5991
- Sign permit-Engineering 384-5991
- Street closings (block parties)-Police 384-2525
- Street cuts and paving-Engineering 384-5991
- Swimming pool permits-Engineering 384-5991
- Tent permit-Fire protection 384-2323
- Use by exception permit-Engineering 284-5991
- Vending/Peddlers license-Finance 384-5991
- Zoning variances-Engineering 384-5991

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MAPS

- La Junta area map is available at: 384-5991
 - City Clerk’s Office 384-5991
 - Engineering Office 384-7411
 - Chamber of Commerce 384-5991
- Zoning map – Engineering 384-5991
- Election ward map-City Clerk

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CALLS

When in need of emergency medical assistance, quickly call 911 before trying to assist an individual. If at night turn on front light then give assistance until help arrives. 911

MEETING ROOMS

Available to community groups: Council Chambers accommodates approximately 125 persons. Power Board Room accommodates 20 persons. Charge for use of meeting rooms is as follows:

Regular working hours weekdays:
 1/2 day \$30.00
 All day \$50.00
 Evening hours: \$15.00 per hour.

Government entities will be excepted from these charges if they have made prior reservations which do not conflict with regularly scheduled uses. Make arrangements with City Clerk. 384-5991

Woodruff Memorial Library has a meeting room available to non-profit organizations. It accommodates approximately 25 people at tables or 60 with auditorium seating. It is available during library hours and there is no charge. Make arrangements with library staff. 384-4612

MILL LEVY
 The City Council establishes the mill levy for La Junta. For information call the Finance Director. 384-5991

MUNICIPAL CODE
 The official record of all ordinances enacted by City Council. The City Clerk is responsible for codification of all ordinances and has copies for review. 384-5991

MUNICIPAL COURT
 Hearings are held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 6th & Colorado Avenue. The court attends to and adjudicates cases involving violations of municipal ordinances, mostly traffic code violations. Court is in session each Wednesday at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. 384-0848

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NEWSPAPERS

La Junta Tribune-Democrat 384-4475
 Ag Journal 384-8121
 Back issues of Otero County newspapers are available on microfilm at the Library. 384-4612

NON-CONFORMING USES

Certificates of non-conforming uses are issued in cases of uses existing prior to adoption of new zoning ordinances. For information call the Engineering Dept. 384-5991

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OFFICER IN THE SCHOOLS

Establishes identification and communication with youth through presentations in the schools. 384-2525

ORDINANCES

All ordinances enacted by the City Council are available in the City Clerk's Office. 384-5991

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PARKS

For information on maintenance and recreational programs call the Parks Department. 384-5991

PERMITS

See "Licenses"

PLANNING COMMISSION

A seven member advisory board appointed by City Council. Reviews and makes recommendations to City Council on zoning issues and subdivisions.

PLANNING COMMISSION (Cont.)

Is responsible for holding public hearings and adopting comprehensive plan for the City. Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. For agenda items call the Engineering Department. 384-5991

POLICE RECORDS

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The records bureau maintains reports on all accidents and arrests; accepts fees and releases vehicles; assists citizens in matters pertaining to police records. 384-2525

POPULATION OF LA JUNTA

La Junta's population is approximately 7,678. Demographics are available from Community Development. 384-3636
You can also visit:
www.americanfactfinder.com

POT HOLES

Pot holes are repaired by the Street Department. Patching is done as weather permits. To report pot holes, call the City Engineer. 384-5991

PROPERTY (RECOVERED)

To check regarding possible recovery of lost or stolen items, contact the Police Department. 384-2525

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Citizen participation is important. Attend public hearings and have a voice in the decision making process. For information on dates and procedures, contact the following:

- Budget 384-5991
- Community Development 384-3636
- City Council agenda items 384-5991
- Planning Commission 384-5991
- Board of Adjustment 384-5991

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The City Manager's policy is that public information is the responsibility of each department. However the ultimate

PUBLIC INFORMATION (Cont.)

responsibility lies with the Manager's Office, which produces press releases, radio announcements and monitors department public information. 384-2578

Generally, City records are a matter of public information and available to citizens and the press. The exceptions are legal matters, police juvenile records, paramedic medical records, personnel records and utility records.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

For information and schedule call the Senior Center. 384-5486

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RECREATION

It is the goal of this department to offer a healthful and creative recreation program through activities which meet the needs of the citizens of the community. If you have a special skill or activity you would like to share with others, or for information on existing programs, call the Recreation Office. 384-5991

RECYCLING

La Junta participates in a voluntary regional recycling program. Locations of collection bins are as follows:

- Wal-Mart parking lot
- Parking lot south of tennis courts at 16th and San Juan
- City warehouse, 515 Lacy
- Vacant lot at 3rd and Adams

Items that can be recycled are steel and tin cans; clear glass and green glass; brown glass (separate bin). Newspapers, magazines, office paper and junk

RECYCLING (Cont.)

mail can go into the paper containers. No telephone books or brown paper bags.

For information on recycling call the City Clerk's office. 384-5991

REZONING

Applications and administration of rezoning requests are the responsibility of the Planning Commission. For information call the Engineering Office. 384-5991

RUBBISH

Owners and occupants of property in La Junta are required by ordinance to remove all accumulation of rubbish. Rubbish is defined as non-putrescent waste, both combustible and non-combustible, and includes ashes, cans, paper, wrappings, cigarettes, cardboard, yard clippings, leaves, branches, wood, waste building materials, glass, bedding, crockery, abandoned or unusable household furnishings and abandoned or unusable automotive or other mechanical parts or objects. To report violations, call Code Enforcement. 384-2525

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SALES TAX

For information concerning City sales tax rules, regulations and ordinances, contact the Finance Director. 384-5991

SCHOOL CROSSINGS

To report malfunctioning of signs and concerns about school crossings, contact the Police Department. 384-2525

SCHOOLS

The City is in East Otero School District R-1. Newcomers seeking information on primary, middle school and high school, should call the administration office. 384-6900

For information about junior college classes call Otero Junior College. 384-6831

SCRAP MOTOR VEHICLES (DERELICT VEHICLES)

It is unlawful to keep any derelict vehicle within the City except as follows:

- 1) Residential zones: In a fully enclosed garage or like structure. In a carport provided the vehicle is completely covered with a canvas or other opaque covering;
- 2) Commercial or industrial zones: In a fully enclosed structure or behind the principal structure and screened from adjacent properties and any public right-of-way.

A derelict vehicle is any vehicle not capable of being legally operated on the public streets under the motor vehicle laws of the State of Colorado. It includes all vehicles missing component parts and those vehicles which lack license plates. Code Enforcement 384-2525

SECURITY SURVEYS

To request a free security survey to ensure your home or business against criminals, contact the Police Department. 384-2525

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Located at 102 E. 2nd Street, the center offers recreation programs and nutritious meals. 384-5486

SANITARY SEWER TAPS
 Sewer tap permits and information on the City’s sewer lines are available from the Engineering Department. 384-5991

SANITARY SEWER INFORMATION/PROBLEMS
 The sewer department responds to problems regarding the City’s sewer collection system (including mains and manholes) on a 24 hour a day basis. Contact by calling the wastewater treatment plant, Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 384-3633 or 384-7358

Between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. problems should be reported by calling the power plant. 384-2611

SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS
 For construction of new sidewalks, curbs and gutters, the City requires a permit which is available in the Engineering Department. 384-5991

SIGN CODE
 For information on sign code requirements and a sign permit, contact the Engineering Department. 384-5991

To report damaged or missing signs, call the Engineering Department. 384-5991

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL
 On public streets, the City has three sand trucks and two graders. The policy is to cover the emergency snow route first, central business district second, arterial and collector streets third, and residential streets as time permits. 384-5991

SPEAKERS/SLIDE SHOWS/FILMS
 Book reviews – Library 384-4612
 Child abuse 384-2454
 City Manager 384-2578
 Crime Resistance 384-2525

Fire & Medical Emergency 384-2323
 Gangs – Police 384-2525
 History of La Junta – Library 384-4612
 Kidnap & Extortion – Police 384-2525
 La Junta Then and Now 384-2578
 Officer in Schools Program 384-2525
 Planning & Community Development 384-3636
 Sexual Assault – Police 384-2525
 Shoplifting 384-2525
 Youth Crime Problems 384-2525
 Youth Public Awareness Programs. 384-2525

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS
 Special Improvement Districts are established for the purpose of construction or repair of streets, storm sewers, sidewalks, or other public works projects. For information call the Engineering Department. 384-5991

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS
 The Finance Director provides information to the public and title companies regarding special improvement district assessments; and certifies to the County Treasurer for collection. 384-5991

SPRING CLEAN-UP
 See “Clean-up Week”

STOP SIGNS, STREET SIGNALS & TRAFFIC SIGNS
 The Traffic Engineer maintains and plans installation of traffic signs and signals. 384-2525

The Electric Department installs and maintains all traffic control lights. 384-8454

The Street Department installs and maintains signs. 384-5991

Malfunctioning signals should be reported to Police Dispatch. 384-2525

STREET CLOSINGS (BLOCK PARTIES & PARADES)

Requests for street closings (block parties) should be made to the Police Dept. 384-2525

STREET LIGHTS

If it is felt that if additional street lighting is needed in your neighborhood, the Electric Department has a rental light program available. Signatures of approval from those in the neighborhood who would be affected by the lights are required. Contact the Electric Utility Director. 384-8454

STREET MAINTENANCE

The City's streets are maintained by the Street Department. Streets are resurfaced on the basis of need, and the Engineering Department administers the street resurfacing program.

To report concerns about streets, contact the Engineering Department. 384-5991

STREET STRIPING

For the most part, the street striping program is conducted in the fall. Concerns about cross-walks and other street striping problems should be directed to the Engineering Department. 384-5991

STREET SWEEPING

One street sweeper cleans the City's streets on a continual basis throughout the year. However, the street sweeper cannot operate when the temperature drops below 26 degrees. Streets in the downtown area are swept beginning at 4 a.m. on Tuesday and Fridays as weather permits (excluding winter). 384-5991

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

The Planning Commission administers subdivision applications. Subdivision of property is required to ensure the

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES (Cont.)

accuracy of legal descriptions and to guarantee access to adjacent property owners. 384-5991

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TAXES

Taxes collected by the City include:

- Property Tax
- Sales/Use Tax
- Cigarette Tax
- Franchise Taxes
- Highway Users Taxes
- Miscellaneous Taxes

For information on collected revenues for budget years, contact the Finance Director. 384-5991

TOURS OF CITY FACILITIES

- Fire/Police Headquarters 384-2525
- Library 384-4612
- Senior Citizens Center 384-5486
- Wastewater Treatment Plant 384-7358
- Water Treatment Plant 384-7358
- Power Plant 384-8454

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Regulations as needed are in conjunction with the Engineering Department and Police Department. Requests concerning traffic changes or problems should be directed to the Police Dept. 384-2525

TRAFFIC TICKETS

Fines for a majority of routine cases of alleged traffic violations may be mailed or paid in person at the Traffic Violations Bureau located in the Municipal Building, 601 Colorado Avenue. However, anyone charged with such an offense has an option of entering a plea of not guilty and is entitled to a trial. 384-0848

TRANSPORTATION

La Junta City Transit, 102 E. 2nd Street (Senior Citizens Center). General public fixed route operated 8 times daily from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Wheelchair accessible. Fare: 50 cents. 384-5486

TRASH REMOVAL

The City removes all residents' garbage collection. For information on schedules and fees, contact the Engineering Department. 384-5991
 City trash compactor located at City Shops 600 W. 5th Street is open to the public Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 9 am to Noon and 1 pm to 4 pm. No metal, tires or trees accepted.

TREES, SHRUBS AND BEAUTIFICATION

Concerns about trimming of trees in the public right-of-way and maintenance of a beautification project should be directed to the Director of Parks and Recreation. 384-5991

TREE DUMP

Located on south side of Industrial Park. Call Engineering office for information 384-5991

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USES PERMITTED

To check regarding permitted uses in various districts, call the Engineering Department. 384-5991

UTILITIES

The City of La Junta provides sanitary sewer services, water, electricity and garbage and trash removal.

- Garbage and trash removal 384-5991
- Electricity 384-2546
- Gas – Kinder Morgan 1-800 936-7008
- Water 384-2546
- Cable TV – Bresnan Communications 384-5487

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VOLUNTEERS

Our community has many activities and programs that wouldn't be possible without the volunteer efforts of our citizens. Refer to "Citizen Participation." 384-5991

VOTING INFORMATION

For information on registering to vote, eligibility to vote, absentee registration, absentee voting ballots and where you may register, call the County Clerk. 383-3020

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WASTEWATER TREATMENT

In 1960 the City of La Junta established the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 3rd and Cooper. The facility is capable of treating 2.5 million gallons of sewage per day serving a population of 9,000. To schedule a tour of the plant, call the Director of Water & Wastewater Treatment. 384-7358

WATER

La Junta receives its water from 14 wells located in North La Junta. In 2004 a new reverse osmosis water treatment plant was built at 911 E. 6th Street. To schedule a tour of the plant, call the Director of Water & Wastewater Treatment. 384-7358

WATER TAPS

For information on procedures for acquiring water taps, contact the Engineering Department. 384-5991

WEED VIOLATIONS

The City code requires that all owners and occupants of land in La Junta to keep weeds cut and removed. To report a violation of the ordinance, call Code Enforcement.

384-2525

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YOUTH/JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM

Goals of these programs are to prevent young people from getting into trouble and to divert those who do have problems from the existing criminal justice system.

384-2525

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

See "Employment"

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ZONING

For information on the City's zoning regulations (copies available for 10 cents per page), zone districts in the City, and zoning (\$10.00 per book), contact the Engineering Department.

384-5991

ZONING APPEALS (BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT)

A five-member body established by City ordinance to serve as the appeals board for the City. Members are appointed by City Council and are authorized to grant zoning variances, use by exception, permits and act on appeals from administrative decisions on zoning. For information and scheduling, call the Engineering Department.

384-5991

Wild West Law in La Junta

La Junta first arose in 1873 in what was then Bent County Colorado. It was established by the end rail spur owned by the Kansas Pacific Railroad. In early 1875 the railroad went out of business and the town dried up and almost became extinct. In early 1876 the Santa Fe Railroad built its line where the Kansas Pacific had been and further west and south. La Junta rose from its own ashes and became a town once more. In 1881 La Junta was incorporated as a town in Colorado, Bent County.

In 1884 Jim Marshall and 16 others set up tents and a gambling operation on the town park where the County courthouse now stands. The town marshal was there gambling when Mayor J. C. Denny came by. The mayor fired the town marshal on the spot. Later the City Council re-hired the marshal by one vote. The mayor fired him again. This time the city council elected the famous Bat Masterson town marshal and Jim Marshall his deputy. The mayor did not want Masterson as town marshal because he was not a citizen of La Junta or Colorado, but of Dodge City, Kansas. The council overruled his objections. Bat had recently come from Pueblo where he had hired out as a gunman for the Santa Fe R. R. in its property war with the Denver Rio Grande R. R. The mayor then went to Pueblo to see the mayor there for some help. Mayor Denny returned with six "gunmen" who Bat fought on the Denver Rio Grande's side of the rail war. Among these gunmen were famous gun-fighter Ben Thompson and Colorado's own Jim Ketcher. Also reputed to be among them were Ed and Frank Miller and none other than Doc Holiday whom Bat knew from his friend Wyatt Earp, but disliked a lot. The mayor then made them deputy marshals under Masterson and paid them \$10.00 a day to pressure Masterson to quit. After five weeks Bat Masterson turned in his badge along with Jim Marshall. Bat had decided that he would either have to quit or be involved in a massive gun-fight with his own deputies. After Masterson quit he went to Las Animas where he was town Marshal for awhile before he moved to Denver where he hung up his guns and became a prize fight promoter.