

**2023**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



**TOWN OF  
WELLINGTON**

**Town of Wellington**  
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Wellington, CO  
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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Shirrell Tietz**  
Trustee



**David Wiegand**  
Trustee



**Ashley Macdonald**  
Mayor-Pro Tem



**Calar Chaussee**  
Mayor



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Trustee



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Term expires: April 2026

#### **Ashley Macdonald, Mayor Pro Tem**

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#### **Jon Gaiter, Trustee**

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#### **Rebekka Dailey, Trustee**

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Term expires: April 2024

#### **Brian Mason, Trustee**

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#### **Shirrell Tietz, Trustee**

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Term expires: April 2026

#### **David Wiegand, Trustee**

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Term expires: April 2026

**The Board of Trustees meets at 6:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month.**

## Town Leadership Team

Patti Garcia  
Kelly Houghteling  
Bob Gowing  
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Cody Bird  
Stephanie Anderson  
Ethan Muhs  
Billy Cooksey  
Ross LaGenese

Town Administrator  
Deputy Town Administrator  
Public Works Director  
Deputy Public Works Director  
Planning Director  
Human Resources Director  
Town Clerk  
Parks & Recreation Manager  
Library Director



# BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

## MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting location and information is available on the agenda before the start of the event. To access all Board and Commission meeting information, visit:

**[wellingtoncolorado.gov/129/AgendasMinutes](http://wellingtoncolorado.gov/129/AgendasMinutes)**

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Work with matters concerning the application of zoning regulations.

#### Monthly Meetings

- 4th Thursday, as necessary
- 7 p.m.

### PARKS & REC ADVISORY BOARD (PROST)

Advise on the improvement and operation of the Town's park, rec, open space, & trails.

#### Monthly Meetings

- 2nd Wednesday
- 6 p.m.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Review the Town's budget and monthly financial reports.

#### Monthly Meetings

- 3rd Monday
- 6 p.m.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Navigate policies related to planning, land use regulation, and community development.

#### Monthly Meetings

- 1st Monday
- 6:30 p.m.



# Town Highlights

## **Community Livability Report Sheds Light on Resident Opinion**

The Town partnered with the National Research Center for a community livability report, presenting insights from 502 residents with an 18% response rate.

## **Website Revamped**

A year-long effort dedicated to redesigning the website, ensuring ADA compliance, and enhancing user-friendliness.

## **Town Awarded \$608,000 for Wastewater Fund**

Secured \$608,000 in Congressional Direct Funding for the enhancement of the Viewpoint Lift Station.

## **Improving Public Access through Expanded Hours**

Enhanced public access to the Municipal Services Building, introducing extended hours from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm in summer and 7:30 am to 5:00 pm in the winter.

## **Town Launches Development Activity Online Map**

The Town launched a development map to find information about development-related projects, including upcoming public meetings, project status, and a brief project description.

## **Town Collaborates on Emergency Preparedness**

Collaborated with the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management for community Town Hall, an informative session discussing community emergency preparedness.

## **Cost-Efficient Move: Sheriff's Office Relocated**

Relocated the Sheriff's office to the old Town Hall, cutting rental costs and creating additional space for downtown businesses.

## **New! Strategic Plan Tracker**

Implemented the inaugural tracking system for strategic planning on the Town website, providing the public with more information.

## **Northern Water Grant Blossoms into Demonstration Garden**

Secured Northern Water grant for a demonstration garden at the Municipal Services Building, offering valuable information on water-wise plant choices for the community.

## **Town Engages Residents in Fiscal Dialogue**

The Town hosted the 3rd annual Budget Boo-nanza. This family-friendly event was an opportunity to inform the public on the 2024 budget. Around 91 participants attended.



## Events Draw Crowds, Fostering Small Town Feel

Annually, the Town host numerous events that draw the community together such as 4th of July, Egg Hunt, Parade of Lights, Veterans Day, Clean-up Day, Town-wide Garage Sale and more!

## Election Excellence: Setting the Stage for 2024 Election

Staff worked diligently to prepare for the April 2024 mail-ballot election with municipal counterparts, Larimer County elections leadership, and the Board of Trustees.

## National Night Out

Town partnered with Larimer County Sheriff's Office for first-ever community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

## Library's Growing Impact

In 2023, the Wellington Public Library gained 405 new patrons, while circulating 35,463 resources—a testament to its growing community impact.

## Tree-Mapping Initiative

The town initiated a comprehensive tree mapping project in Wellington to improve long-term maintenance and deepen our understanding of the tree canopy.

## Proactive Maintenance Improves Community Safety

Staff enhanced safety at Centennial Park and Wellington Community Park by addressing playground issues, upgrading surfaces, and upgrading park lighting.

# By the Numbers



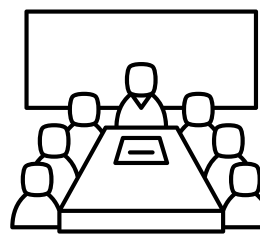
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80 open records requests fulfilled, totaling 82 hours

# 225



Number of municipal court cases processed with increased efficiency



# 4,824

minutes spent at Board of Trustees Regular Meetings and Work Sessions



## **Innovative Solution Revamps Splash Pad**

Town staff saved time and money by finding an innovative solution to repair the aging splash pad. This upgrade will improve safety, efficiency, and reduce operating costs.

## **Accessibility Improvements at Library**

The Library upgraded tables that are height adjustable making it more accessible for people in a wheelchair.

## **Library Expands Reach**

Wellington Public Library expanded its reach with programming, resources, increased grant funding, events, and heightened access for all patrons and residents serving as a model for rural libraries across Colorado.

## **Park 'N Play Days**

Parks & Rec hosted four Park 'N Play events at local parks through town. A free event for the whole family!

## **Wellington Recreation Offers New Programming**

Exciting new programs were offered in 2023 such as indoor pickleball, high school-aged baseball, saddles-to-paddles, and taekwondo. Adaptive recreation programs will be added in 2024.

## **Innovative Turf Tank Saves Time & Money**

The Turf Tank is a GPS paint robot that paints sports fields & main street markets which saves over 150 staff hours and \$2,500 annually.

## **Staff Recruitment & Retention**

Successfully recruited and hired 10 full-time staff members and 11 seasonal staff members. Additionally, established a Wellness Committee and Safety Committee. Facilitated multiple all-staff meetings to promote team collaboration and communication.





## Main Street Launches “Love Where You Live” Campaign

Main Street kicked off the Love Where You Live campaign, uniting the community to celebrate hometown pride.

## Wellington Welcomes New Businesses in 2023

Three new businesses are set to open including Streamline Crane, Wellington Business Center Lot 4, and Smokin' Cowboy.

## Business Retention & Expansion

Business retention is a major component of economic development and four commercial businesses expanded: High West Storage, AWC Frac Technology, Advance Tank and Alvarium Learning Center.

## Main Street Sees Impressive Event Turnout

Wellington Main Streets Program hosted numerous events including Wellington Brewfest, Main Street Market, and Trick or Treat Downtown. The Market showcased 30 local businesses and had 1,000+ attendees.

# Development Activity

856

Total Building Permits Issued

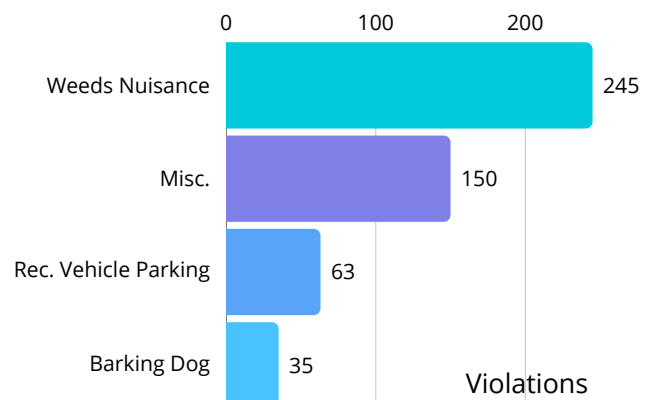
|               | new | alteration |
|---------------|-----|------------|
| Single Family | 65  | 162        |
| Commercial    | 3   | 12         |
| One Stop      | 527 | 53         |

4,015

Total Building Inspections

|             | new | alteration | open stop |
|-------------|-----|------------|-----------|
| Residential | 691 | 1,406      | 691       |
| Commercial  | 121 | 112        | 31        |

# Neighborhood Services Activity





## MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS



### **Water Reclamation Facility Expansion Project**

The project is set to be completed in late Fall 2024. This expansion will keep up with growth, new regulatory compliance, and update aging infrastructure. Construction highlights: All structures completed, encompassing vital components such as Administration, Headworks, Step-Feed Aeration Basins, and UV/Blower facilities. Additionally, essential infrastructure like clarifiers, digestors, and an Orbal Anaerobic Reactor have been successfully erected, alongside various vaults and misc. structures.

### **Drinking Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project**

The project is set to be completed in the Fall of 2024. The project aims to expand capacity and efficiency, meeting current and future demand while adhering to new regulations and improving water quality. Construction highlights: All buildings erected, including the Filter Building, Chemical Building, and the Ozone Building. In addition, structures include various treatment process and raw water pumping structures and equipment.

### **Operations & Maintenance Highlights**

- 304 million gallons of safe drinking water delivered to customers.
- 228 million gallons of sewer wastewater treated and safely released back to the environment.
- 35,000 linear feet of sewer collection system jetting maintenance.
- Flushed 100 fire hydrants.
- Exercised 300 water valves.
- 1,530 miles of streets plowed for snow and ice control.
- 130 miles of streets swept.

### **Old Town Streets Repair Project**

The Team designed and constructed 2,350 linear feet of curb, gutter, sidewalk and constructed 3,000 linear feet of street repaving.

### **Main Street Revitalization Project**

The Town received \$1.8 million in grant funding to improve Cleveland Avenue including drainage, sidewalk, and ADA improvements. Stay tuned for design updates through 2024.