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# LYONS LINK



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MARCH

- 5 Board of Trustee Meeting
- 19 Board of Trustee Meeting
- 31 Hunters Education Course

### APRIL

- 2 Board of Trustee Meeting
- 3 Municipal Election
- 7 Town Hall Art Show Opening
- 10 Active Adult 50+ Art Class
- 16 Board of Trustee Meeting

### MAY

- 7 Board of Trustee Meeting
- 19 Clean Up Day
- 20 Community Wide Yard Sale
- 21 Board of Trustee Meeting
- 28 Town Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Register online for rec programs  
[www.townoflyons.com/157](http://www.townoflyons.com/157)

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Town of Lyons Municipal Election is scheduled for April 3rd. Ballots get mailed the week of March 12th. All ballots must be returned by April 3rd 7pm. Remember to vote!



## GARDEN IN A BOX PROGRAM

Lyons has partnered with ReSource Central to offer Lyons utility customers a limited number of \$25 discounts on the Garden in a Box program. The gardens are 14-30 water-saving perennial plants that come with pre-planned planting instructions. A variety of garden types are being offered with prices starting at \$84. For complete information, visit [www.townoflyons.com/gardeninabox](http://www.townoflyons.com/gardeninabox)



## SPRING ART SHOW

Calling artists of all ages and skill levels: Spring is around the corner, and with it, a new season for the Town Hall Art Show! Photography, fabric art, wall sculpture, paintings, collage, graphics, mosaics – whatever your style, we welcome you to display your Spring-themed work at Town Hall. Bring hangable art pieces to Town Hall on Friday, April 6, anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. This art show will be hung from April 6 through July 13.

Then, all are welcome to the Spring show's side-splitting opening reception, as wisecrackers, stand-up comics, and jolly joke-tellers take the floor! This open-mic comedy shtick segment will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 at Town Hall – so start rehearsing, comedians! There will be select wines by the glass available for sale, benefiting arts endeavors in Lyons, as well as a community Tapas (finger foods only) potluck. More info at [www.lyonscolorado.com](http://www.lyonscolorado.com).

Celebrate Lyons Arts!



## DISCOUNT DOG DAYS

The Town of Lyons will be offering discounts on dog licenses everyday thru the month of April at Lyons Town Hall Monday-Friday from 8am-4:30pm. Annual dog licenses are valid from May 1 to April 30 of each year. Discounted prices will only be available in April. Those who are unable to come into Town Hall during normal business hours may visit the Town of Lyons website to download the application and may place it, along with proof of rabies vaccination and the necessary fees in the green utility drop box in front of Town Hall.

2018 Dog Licensing Cost Information:

1st dog license: \$30.00...but with discount is \$20.00!

2nd and additional dog license:\$20.00... but with discount is \$10.00!

Note: The town will need proof of your dog's current rabies vaccination, so be sure to bring an extra copy for the town to keep.

303-823-8250  
[communications@townoflyons.com](mailto:communications@townoflyons.com)

P.O. Box 49  
Lyons, CO 80540





## HUNTER EDUCATION

*Volunteers from the State of Colorado Division of Wildlife will be teaching a hunter education course.*

In Colorado, any hunter born after January 1, 1949 is required to take a 15-hour course. Hunter Education certificates are valid in all states and are good for life (unless laws are violated). Areas to be touched on during the course include: survival, ethics, conservation, wildlife management, the law, field care of game, game identification, and the philosophy of hunting. To sign up for the course please call 303- 823-8250 and leave a message with all names of those who will be attending and contact information.

**Age:** 7 and older

**Fee:** \$10 per student

**Dates:** Saturday Mar 31  
(8am-5pm) &  
Sunday Apr 1  
(9am-3pm)

**Location:** Walt Self Building

**Instructor:** Mike Hora

**Class Size:** 10 Minimum | 40 Maximum



## YEAR TO DATE SALES TAX

Fiscal Year 2017 Sales Tax collections were \$1,155,708.

This is up 15% over Fiscal Year 2016



## MOMMY (CARETAKER) AND BABY/TODDLER FITNESS CLASS

*Exercise with your little one*

Please join Theresa Brighton in getting your exercise with your little one in tow! We'll work on strength, cardio and flexibility in this easy-going environment. Register today!

[www.townoflyons.com/rec-programs](http://www.townoflyons.com/rec-programs)

**Fee:** \$5 per class

**Dates:** Mondays in March

**Times:** 10:30-11:30 am

**Where:** Walt Self Building BASEMENT

**Size:** Minimum 7 | Maximum 10



## BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for recreational summer league youth baseball will be offered through the Longmont Baseball League (LBL) for Lyons boys ages 6-18 this year. Anyone interested must register with the LBL and their staff will do all they can to create teams that consist of all Lyons players. This will allow Lyons kids to practice together on the same team here in Lyons with Lyons coaches. If a full roster is not filled in a given age group with all Lyons players, then children closest in proximity to Lyons will be used to fill the roster. All games will be played in Longmont this year while Bohn Park Fields are constructed. Anyone interested in registering their child, coaching for a Lyons team, sponsoring a Lyons team, or learning more about the league visit [www.townoflyons.com/baseball](http://www.townoflyons.com/baseball)



## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

With winter upon us, remember sidewalks are required to be shoveled within 24 hours after a snowstorm.



## ECOPASS PROGRAM TO CONTINUE IN 2018!

The Town of Lyons EcoPass program has been renewed for 2018! This program helps support RTD EcoPasses for Lyons residents. There has been a slight increase in the annual fee to \$40 per pass (the pass has a retail value of over \$2,000). Additionally, there is now a \$120 cap per household, meaning if four or more related members of a household apply for an EcoPass, the price will not exceed \$120.

The Lyons EcoPass provides residents with free use of any RTD bus and light rail services. This includes the "Y" service from Lyons to Boulder, buses to the airport, and buses and light rail in and around Boulder, Longmont and Denver. To view all the RTD transit routes and schedules here, or to register or renew your pass visit [www.townoflyons.com/EcoPass](http://www.townoflyons.com/EcoPass)



## NEW! ENERGYSMART IQ SOLAR GRANT

Boulder County works to make sustainability accessible to ALL which is why EnergySmart is offering solar grant opportunities to income-qualified homeowners throughout Boulder County.

Learn more about the NEW 2018 EnergySmart IQ Solar Grant, income qualification limits, and application process for this limited-time grant. Visit <http://www.energysmartyes.com/> Don't delay; the deadline is March 15, 2018!



## SHOUT OUT!

Lyons High School Senior Keegan Bean is the 2A State Wrestling Title for 182 lb weight class. Congratulations!

## STORMWATER UTILITY

In January the BOT approved an ordinance creating a Stormwater Utility enterprise fund. Residential customers in town limits will pay a flat monthly fee per parcel. All other customers' fees are also calculated per parcel, even if they do not have any impervious surface area. Rates pay for the construction and maintenance of the stormwater system to better protect Lyons during storms and floods. The fee is used to support flood infrastructure, maintenance, regulatory compliance and storm water quality monitoring and hazard protection. Most of the stormwater challenges are a result of off-site flows from outside of Town, which can be attributed to Lyons geography. As a result, the Town decided that all properties should pay the same fee, regardless of coverage, impervious area, or other criteria. Every parcel within the Town shall be assessed \$10 monthly fee for operations and maintenance of the storm drainage system, and for storm drainage capital improvements. Visit [www.townoflyons.com/stormwater](http://www.townoflyons.com/stormwater)



## SPRING FORWARD

Reminder to spring ahead on Sunday, March 11 2018 and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



# Short-term Rentals in Lyons

## Reference Guide

### Short-term Rentals 101: March 29

In 2017, after several public hearings by the Planning and Community Development Commission and the Board of Trustees, the Board moved to regulate short-term rentals (STRs) located within Lyons town limits, through a licensing system. On Thursday, March 29, beginning at 5:30 p.m., Town Planner, Paul Glasgow will host a **Basics of Short-term Rentals** at Town Hall. This crash course will offer an overview of the STR application process and why it's important, along with how the Town will work with applicants to become licensed. The STR licensing application period will be from April 1 to April 30, with enforcement beginning in May 2018. Please join us for this Basics of STRs, to understand the new regulations and get your questions answered!

### Why?

Short-term rentals serve an important role in Lyons' tourism and local economy, allowing a mix of lodging options across Town. Article 7 of Chapter 6 of the Lyons Municipal Code (LMC) sets standards for STRs, with the underlying intent that the impacts of STRs do not adversely affect the residents and character of a neighborhood. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the *Good Neighbor Guidelines*, as a general code of conduct reference.

### STRs Basics

To use or operate a dwelling unit as a STR within the Town, a Lyons STR license must be obtained. To obtain the required license, STRs must meet the following standards:

- The proposed STR must be the principal residence of the owner, and the owner must occupy the premise of the STR for at least nine (9) months per calendar year
- The owner must self-certify that design and safety standards are met
- The owner must obtain a Colorado sales tax license and collect, report, and pay sales tax (or a contract from a third-party agency to collect, report, and pay sales tax on the applicant's behalf)
- The owner must submit the required application form, safety certification form, and associated fees

### Required Forms and Fees

Applicants must submit a *Lyons STR License Application* form, along with the \$100 license fee, and a \$75 new application fee. Following the STR's first licensed year, the renewal application fee will be \$50. In addition to the license application, applicants must also submit the *Self-Certification Checklist*, to confirm that the proposed premise meets health and safety regulations. Submitted STR license applications will be reviewed for compliance, in accordance with the Lyons Municipal Code, and a decision on the application's approval will be made within 45 days.

### Accessibility

Recognizing the need for accessible rental units, the Town of Lyons will waive the STR license fee if the applicant's rental is accessible. Applicants applying for the Accessibility Fee Waiver must complete the *Accessibility Form* and provide information on the accessibility of their units in all advertising.

## STR Operations

The following summarizes operating procedures for Lyons STRs; the list should be used as a source of quick reference, not as a comprehensive list. See LMC Sec. 6-7 for *all* regulations.

- STRs are permitted in the following zone districts: A-1, A-2, E, EC, R-1, R-2, C, CD, and CEC
- RVs, campers, tents, or other temporary structures may not be used as a STR
- No short-term rental may have more than two (2) adults per bedroom or sleeping room, subject to a maximum of eight (8) overnight guests, regardless of age, unless a greater occupancy limit is approved by conditional use review
- No more than two (2) vehicles may be parked overnight on a public street outside of a licensed short-term rental property
- Functional smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be present in all STR bedrooms and other rooms
- STRs are to comply with all Town regulations governing the property in which it occurs, including zoning, noise, nuisance, lighting, and building codes

## Prohibited Activities

The following are prohibited while a short-term rental is in use:

- Outdoor sleeping, or installation of tents, canopies, or other temporary arrangements
- An outdoor activity on the STR premise that draws an attendance of more than twice the number of permitted occupants – STRs may be used for overnight lodging only
- Solicitation, advertising, or use of an STR for the purpose of holding a party, special event, social gathering, wedding or similar use
- Cooking or kitchen facilities in guest rooms, sleeping rooms, or bedrooms
- Owner occupancy of an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) while the principle dwelling unit is in use as an STR
- Parking of short-term rental occupant vehicles in alleys or in such a manner as to block emergency access

## Signage and Advertising

- All signage and advertising must comply with applicable provisions of Article 16-9 of the LMC
- Every advertisement for a short-term rental, whether online or in print, shall include the Town of Lyons business license number and the maximum occupancy permitted in the short-term rental

## More Information

More information on STR licensing, including the application and forms, new codes, and helpful resources, can be found at [www.townoflyons.com/shorttermrentals](http://www.townoflyons.com/shorttermrentals).

## Contact

With questions regarding short-term rentals in Lyons, please contact the Town of Lyons Community Development department, at [pglasgow@townoflyons.com](mailto:pglasgow@townoflyons.com).

For inquiries regarding building permitting and regulations, please contact Michael Theisen at [michaeltheisen@caaprofessionals.com](mailto:michaeltheisen@caaprofessionals.com).