



# The Trapper's Express

A Monthly Publication for the Citizens of Fort Lupton  
City of Fort Lupton's February 2014 Newsletter

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**"Fort Lupton is an open canvas, come paint your future with us"**

The City of Fort Lupton is changing the water/sewer billing cycle. The following will change:

The water meter reading date will be a week before the last working day of each month.

The water/sewer billing file will be sent to our billing company on the last working day of each month.

The due date of each bill will be around the 20th of each month.

The City will slowly adjust the billing schedule over the course of 2014 to reach our goals by November of 2014. A water/sewer billing schedule follows to assist you. A Utility Billing calendar will be placed on our website under the Finance Department for your assistance as well.

Meters Read	Billing File Sent	Payment Due	Shut-off Notices Sent	Water Shut-off
11/27/2013	12/18/2013	1/7/2014	2/3/2014	2/20/2014
12/31/2013	1/17/2014	2/7/2014	3/3/2014	3/20/2014
1/31/2014	2/14/2014	3/7/2014	4/1/2014	4/17/2014
3/7/2014	3/19/2014	4/8/2014	5/1/2014	5/15/2014
4/9/2014	4/21/2014	5/13/2014	6/2/2014	6/19/2014
5/12/2014	5/22/2014	6/11/2014	7/1/2014	7/17/2014
6/13/2014	6/23/2014	7/14/2014	8/1/2014	8/21/2014
7/16/2014	7/24/2014	8/13/2014	9/2/2014	9/18/2014
8/18/2014	8/25/2014	9/17/2014	10/1/2014	10/16/2014
9/19/2014	9/26/2014	10/20/2014	11/3/2014	11/20/2014
10/21/2014	10/27/2014	11/19/2014	12/1/2014	12/18/2014
11/21/2014	11/26/2014	12/19/2014	1/2/2015	1/15/2015
12/24/2014	12/31/2014	1/20/2015	2/2/2015	2/19/2015

Shut-off notices are mailed to customers with past due balances the first working day of each month. The notice has the past due amount, the due date, and the shut-off date in red boxes. The deadline to pay a past due bill is 5:00 pm the day before shut-off day. Payments made after 5:00 pm the day before shut-off day, including payments made online, cannot be processed by the Finance Department before shut-offs begin at 7:00 am on shut-off day. Anyone paying after 5:00 pm the day before shut off day will have their water turned off. Anyone who has paid their bill after 5:00 pm the day before shut-off day or on shut-off day will be scheduled for turn-on once the payments have been processed. The turn-on list will be given to Public Works at 1:00 pm on shut-off day for reconnection

**There will be no exceptions to this process.**

**New Privacy Law**

To comply with Colorado Revised Statute 24-72-204 (IX) the Utility Billing department will be following the procedures below:

1. The identity of anyone asking for account information including account balances and past due balance will be verified with picture ID. Only the person(s) listed on the account as owners or renters will be given information.
2. No information will be given out on the telephone. Please know your account number and balance when you call.
3. Owners will need to fill out and have notarized the "Third Party/New Renter Disclosure Form". This form can be found at [www.FortLupton.org/content/utility-billing](http://www.FortLupton.org/content/utility-billing) or the form can be obtained at City Hall.
4. The "Third Party/New Renter Disclosure Form" will need to be filled out and notarized to grant anyone other than the owner access to account information. Spouses and other family members not listed as owners at the time the account was set up will need to be authorized as a "Third Party" by the owner to receive information, including account balances.

**THE POLICE BLOTTER*****Ken Poncelow, Chief of Police***

2014 is going to be a wonderful year. This year we will see tremendous growth in both the size and the population of your city. We will have a new Marriot Hotel and many new businesses coming to town. We have opened the new Family Resource Center which brings in non-profit service providers. The Fort Lupton Food bank is improving its services. The Out Post Church has moved to its newly remodeled building. The middle school is getting its face lift. Also, the Chamber of Commerce is becoming more active.

There is a group working on the "Fort Lupton Old Fashioned Fourth of July Festival" at the direction of the City Council. Please make plans to attend this family-friendly celebration of our nation's founding on the Fourth. There will be food, games for kids and adults, music and entertainment, and of course, one of the best firework displays in the county. A great deal of time and effort is going into this and it will be a fantastic event. This will definitely be a time for our community to come together and enjoy.

Finally, for this edition of Trapper's Express, we are still looking for volunteers to help out with the Restorative Justice project and several other endeavors around town. Watch the new city website for upcoming dates and events. If you care about our city, especially our kids, and have some spare time, please call me to get involved. ***WE NEED YOUR HELP!***

As always, I am at your service.

**ACTIVE ADULTS CALENDAR**

Active Adults over 60 are invited to a weekly luncheon held on Mondays, 11am – 1pm. Call 303-857-4200 by the previous Thursday for required reservations. Donation is \$3 per person. We play bingo the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month after lunch.

Rowdy Bunch Coffee meets every Wednesday from 7:30am to 9:30am in the senior lounge. We enjoy donuts, fruit and laughter. There is no charge.

**February**

February 19 - Colorado Home & Garden Show – See what's new for spring and summer planting. We will have lunch at Gala Gardens. Fee TBA.

February 26 – Indian Hot Springs Pool – We will soak in the mineral pool, then have lunch at one of the local eateries, then browse Idaho Springs shops. 9:00am - 4:00pm. \$18 fee includes transportation and admission. Lunch is on your own.

February 27 - Book discussion group. Drop in. 11:30am-12:30pm.

February 28 - Wishbone Restaurant – Come join us for our favorite chicken restaurant. 11:00am - 3:00pm. Fee \$3 plus lunch.

**March**

March 3 - Miracle Ear hearing assistance and tests. 11am - 1pm.

March 6 - Wings Over The Rockies Air and Space Museum - 9:00am - 4:00pm. Fee \$12 plus lunch.

March 10 - Senior medical foot care service - Appointment required. 8:00am – 3:00pm. Fee \$30.

March 13 - Weld County AAA Legal Counseling - By appointment only. Free to all people 60+.

March 14 - St. Patrick's Day Luncheon - Reservations required. 11:00am - 1:00pm. Admission is FREE.

March 21 - Leenie's Southern Café - 11:00am – 2:00pm. Fee \$3 plus lunch.

March 27 - Cowboy Day in Colorado Springs - Start with breakfast at McDonalds, then tour the PRCA Rodeo Hall of Fame and Museum, box lunch at Garden of the Gods and a 30 minute walking tour. Then Michael Garman Gallery and Magic Town. 7:30am - 6:00pm. Fee \$22 plus breakfast.

March 27 - Book discussion group. Drop in. 11:30-12:30pm.

**Please call 303-857-4200 if you have any questions about the Active Adults events & activities. Reservations are required unless otherwise noted.**

**CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Monday, February 17** City Hall and the Police Records Department will be closed in observance of Presidents Day. The Recreation Center and Police Department will be open.