



Johnstown ---COLORADO

THE COMMUNITY THAT CARES

The Town of Johnstown's 2024 Annual Report highlights a year of growth, progress, and community collaboration. As the community that cares, we've worked diligently to enhance the quality of life for all residents while preserving the charm and character that make Johnstown unique.

Throughout the year, the Town has undertaken critical initiatives to improve infrastructure, expand services, and strengthen connections among neighbors. From launching new programs, to engaging residents in master planning efforts, every project reflects our commitment to thoughtful development and long-term sustainability.

This report provides an overview of key accomplishments across all departments, celebrating the collective efforts that have shaped Johnstown's success. It also showcases the successes of 2024, from infrastructure improvements to innovative programs, demonstrating the positive impact of our investments and partnerships on the community.

Thank you for being part of our journey in making Johnstown a vibrant, welcoming, and forward-thinking community. Together, we are writing the next chapter of our story, rooted in what matters most: our people.

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Strategic Plan

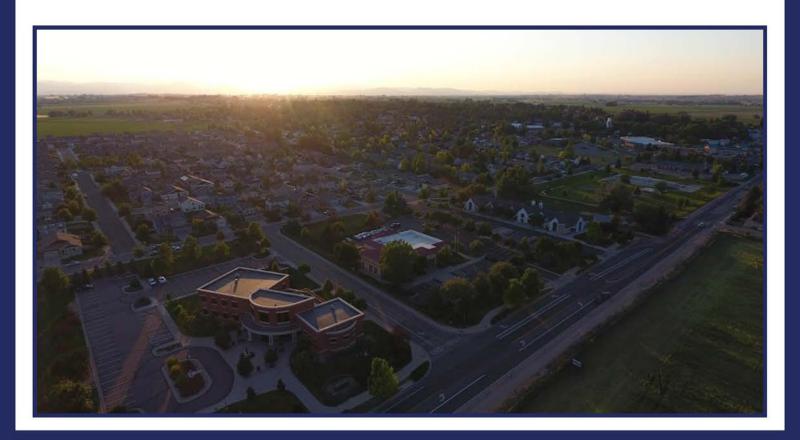
The Town of Johnstown's Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap for achieving our goals, improving Town services, and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Mission

Enhancing the quality of life of our residents, businesses, and visitors through community focused leadership.

Vision

Johnstown will be/will be known for connecting community with opportunity.



Organizational Excellence and Public Trust



The Town of Johnstown continues to prioritize organizational excellence and foster public trust through strategic initiatives that enhance transparency, efficiency, and financial stewardship. The accomplishments highlighted below reflect our ongoing commitment to these principles.

Enhanced Digital Platforms for Public Engagement and Services

To better serve our residents and improve accessibility to Town services, we successfully launched two major digital platforms in the past year:

Online Building Permit Platform:

This new platform revolutionizes the permit application process, allowing residents and contractors to submit, track, and manage their building permits online. The system streamlines workflows, reduces wait times, and increases transparency, ensuring a smoother experience for all users.





New Town Website

The launch of the redesigned website reflects our dedication to improving communication with our community. The website features user-friendly navigation, enhanced search functionality, and improved accessibility to important resources and updates. It serves as a comprehensive hub for residents to stay informed and engaged with Town initiatives and services.





Exemplary Financial Stewardship

Bond Rating Excellence

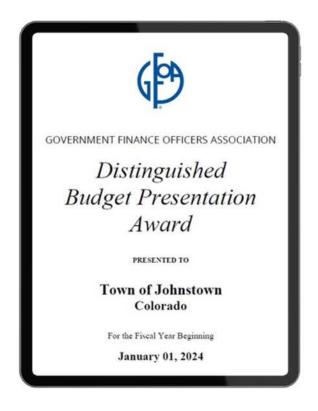
Johnstown's strong AA bond rating highlights the Town's prudent financial management and creditworthiness. This rating allows us to secure favorable financing terms for future capital projects, ensuring continued investment in community infrastructure. Achieving a AA rating signifies a very strong capacity to meet financial commitments.

Organizational Excellence and Public Trust



Distinguished Budget Award

The Town of Johnstown received the Government Finance Officers
Association (GFOA) Distinguished
Budget Presentation Award for the first time in 2024. This recognition highlights our commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in financial planning and reporting.



Property Tax Refund

In 2024, the Town successfully implemented a property tax refund initiative to provide financial relief to eligible residents. This program reflects our dedication to responsible financial management while giving back to the community.

New Auditing Services

To enhance transparency and accountability, the Town introduced new auditing services, ensuring greater oversight of financial processes and reinforcing trust in our financial stewardship.

Organizational Excellence and Public Trust



Commitment to Effective Governance and Collaboration

2024 Election & Home Rule Charter Amendments

In the 2024 election, Johnstown voters approved three key Home Rule Charter amendments. These amendments establish a formal water policy, clarify qualifications for Town Council candidates, and designate the official source for population counts used in districting. These updates ensure that our governance remains effective, equitable, and aligned with the Town's long-term goals.



Boundary Agreement with the Town of Milliken

The Town of Johnstown and the Town of Milliken formalized a boundary agreement to mitigate duplication of services, establish a buffer area between the communities, and strengthen collaborative relationships between the two municipalities. This agreement enhances long-term planning and promotes efficient service delivery.

Customer Service Training

The Town has implemented enhanced customer service training for staff, reinforcing our commitment to professionalism, responsiveness, and a high standard of service for residents and stakeholders.

Safe & Welcoming Community



The Town of Johnstown is dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all residents and visitors. Significant achievements this year include:

Enhancing Public Safety

Community Service Officer Unit

The implementation of the Community Service Officer (CSO) Unit within the Johnstown Police Department enhances public safety by addressing non-emergency incidents and supporting patrol operations. This addition allows officers to focus on higher-priority calls and fosters stronger community connections.



Community Camera Registration Program

This initiative encourages residents and businesses to register their security cameras with the police department. By fostering collaboration between law enforcement and the community, the program helps deter crime and supports investigative efforts.

Safety Audit Success

The Town passed its bi-annual safety audit with a score of 99 out of 100, reflecting the unwavering commitment of our internal teams to excellence in safety and operations.

Safe & Welcoming Community



Building Community Connections

JT Ballers Program Launched

The Johnstown Police Department, with support from SCHEELS, launched the JT Ballers program, a community outreach initiative where officers distribute sports balls to kids and teens during their shifts. This program fosters positive relationships between officers and the community by encouraging engagement through sports and recreation.



Johnstown Meteorite Monument and Centennial Celebration

In partnership with the Johnstown Historical Society, the Town commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Johnstown Meteorite landing with the creation of a monument and a community celebration. This historic event highlighted our Town's unique heritage and brought residents together to honor a remarkable milestone.



Healthy and Resilient Community



The Town of Johnstown's commitment to economic growth and long-term resilience is reflected in the following initiatives. With an annual growth rate of 6.92%, Johnstown continues to attract businesses, create jobs, and enhance economic opportunities for residents.

Supporting Local Businesses

Facade Grant Program

The Town awarded \$30,000 in funding to local downtown businesses to improve their storefronts. These enhancements not only beautify the area but also contribute to the economic vitality of our downtown district.



Biz Walk Program

Town representatives met with nine local businesses and major employers through the Biz Walk program. This initiative focuses on business retention by addressing concerns, providing resources, and strengthening relationships with the local business community.

Major Employer Addition

Buc-ee's joined the Johnstown business community in 2024, becoming a major employer and further strengthening local economic opportunities.



Healthy and Resilient Community



Workforce Development and Regional Growth

Regional Job Fair

In partnership with area communities, the Town co-hosted a regional job fair to connect local job seekers with employers. This event supports workforce development and fosters economic growth in our region.

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Regional Industry Growth Clusters

BIOSCIENCE & MEDICAL DEVICES

DISTRIBUTION & E-COMMERCE

FABRICATION & PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING

FOOD PROCESSING & MANUFACTURING

PLASTICS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Natural and Built Environment



The Town of Johnstown remains dedicated to preserving and enhancing our natural and built environments, ensuring a sustainable and vibrant community for future generations.

Environmental Sustainability and Beautification

2024 Tree Voucher Program

As a proud Tree City USA, the Town provided 171 trees to residents to expand Johnstown's tree canopy. This program underscores our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and beautification.











Addition of 50 Acres of Open Space

The Town expanded its green space by acquiring the Yelek property on CR 16, adding 50 acres of open space for residents to enjoy and further enhancing our natural environment.

Environmental Sustainability and Beautification

Centennial and Letford Park Master Planning

The Town initiated master planning efforts for Centennial and Letford Parks, focusing on the preservation of open space and the strategic investment in community assets. These efforts will ensure the parks meet the needs of residents for years to come.

Natural and Built Environment



Playground Upgrades

The Town completed significant upgrades to playgrounds at Eddie Aragon Park and West Lake Park, providing modern, safe, and engaging recreational spaces for children and families to enjoy.



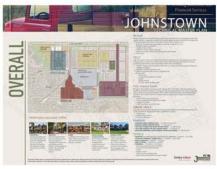


Downtown and Community Development

Downtown Master Plan

This project, launched in 2024, seeks to create a long-term vision for the future of Downtown Johnstown, with a focus on revitalization, improved infrastructure, and community-centered spaces.







Quality Infrastructure and Facilities



Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

LowPoint Wastewater Treatment Plant

The completion and ribbon-cutting of the LowPoint Wastewater Treatment Plant marked a major milestone for the Town. This state-of-the-art facility provides enhanced wastewater treatment capabilities, supporting the needs of our growing population.







North Sewer Interceptor

The North Sewer Interceptor project replaced an aging lift station with a newer, more reliable facility capable of handling a larger service area. This project supports the Town's wastewater collection system and enhances capacity and operational efficiency.

South Water Tank

The new South Water Tank adds 1.5 million gallons of storage, supporting the Town's water distribution and ensuring adequate supply during peak summer months and for fire protection.



Quality Infrastructure and Facilities



Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Central Wastewater Treatment Plant

The construction of the Central WWTP is ongoing and is expected to be completed at the end of 2025. This new facility will further enhance the Town's ability to handle wastewater needs as the community grows.





Water Treatment Plant Expansion

The groundbreaking of the WTP expansion took place in 2024, increasing the plant's capacity from 6 million gallons per day (MGD) to 12 MGD. This expansion, expected to be completed in 2026, will ensure that the Town can meet the increasing demand for water in the coming years.



Quality Infrastructure and Facilities



Road Maintenance and Public Works

In-House Road Patching Program

The public works team launched an in-house patching program, resulting in the laying of 500 tons of asphalt to maintain and improve local roads.





Infrastructure Enhancements

The Town completed several infrastructure improvements, including ADA-compliant sidewalks, mill and overlay projects to enhance road conditions, and concrete replacements for drain pans and sidewalks, all aimed at improving accessibility, safety, and convenience for residents.

Public Safety Infrastructure

Police Department Expansion

The expansion of the Town's Police Department Headquarters is underway, increasing the size of the facility by roughly 25%. This \$6.5m project is coupled with a \$1 million grant for construction, ensuring the department has the space and resources needed to serve a growing community.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2024, the Town of Johnstown remains committed to fostering growth, enhancing the quality of life for our residents, and ensuring a bright future for our community. Through strategic investments in infrastructure, public safety, economic development, and environmental sustainability, we are building a stronger, more resilient community.

We look forward to continuing these efforts in the coming year, working together to create a safe, vibrant, and thriving Town for all. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these successes, and we are excited for what lies ahead.

