

Services And Information A to Z



**LA JUNTA CITY GOVERNMENT
601 COLORADO AVENUE—P O BOX 489
LA JUNTA CO 81050**

WEBSITE: www.lajuntacolorado.org

City of La Junta Services and Information A to Z

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



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	Administrative offices in the Municipal Building are open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 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

Joseph Ayala Mayor Term Exp. 11/20235	1514 San Juan Avenue La Junta CO 81050 joe.ayala@lajuntacolorado.org	719.468.1597
Damon Ramirez Ward 1 Term Exp. 11/20215	510 Bradish Avenue La Junta CO 81050 damon.ramirez@lajuntacolorado.org	719.469.1771
Paul Velasquez Ward 1 Term Exp. 11/20237	1313 Bradish Avenue La Junta CO 81050 paul.velasquez@lajuntacolorado.org	719.469.0522
Chandra Ochoa Ward 2 Term Exp. 11/20237	722 Colorado Avenue La Junta CO 81050 chandra.ochoa@lajuntacolorado.org	719.980.5030
Jeremiah Stoker Ward 2 Term Exp. 11/2025	1802 Cimarron Avenue La Junta CO 81050 jeremiah.stoker@lajuntacolorado.org	719.469.3594
Maureen Rikhof Ward 3 Term Exp. 11/20237	710 Lincoln Avenue La Junta CO 81050 maureen.rikhof@lajuntacolorado.org	303.525.6865
Lisa Pantoya Ward 3 Term Exp. 11/2025	1020 Russell Avenue La Junta CO 81050 lisa.pantoya@lajuntacolorado.org	719.469.2105

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, P O Box 489, La Junta, Colorado 81050, will be duplicated and forwarded to all City Council Members. Meetings start at 6:00 p.m.

UTILITIES BOARD MEMBERS

Gary Cranson Chairman Term Exp. 11/20235	705 Edison Avenue La Junta CO 81050 gary.cranson@lajuntacolorado.org	719.384.8488
Patrick Berg Commissioner Term Exp. 11/20279	9 College Court La Junta CO 81050 patrick.berg@lajuntacolorado.org	719.469.3142
Mike Bourget Commissioner Term Exp. 11/2027	P O Box 979 La Junta CO 81050 mike.bourget@lajuntacolorado.org	719.221.6453
Paul Velasquez Vice-Chair/Council Rep Term Exp. 11/20237	1313 Bradish Avenue La Junta CO 81050 paul.velasquez@lajuntacolorado.org	719.469.0522
Joseph Ayala Mayor Term Exp. 11/20235	1514 San Juan Avenue La Junta CO 81050 joe.ayala@lajuntacolorado.org	719.468.1597

The Utilities Board meets the third 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 Klein	719.384.2578
Assistant City Manager	Bill Jackson	719.384.2578
Director of Public Safety	Bill Jackson	719.384.2525
	Chief of Police Operations, Todd Quick	719.384.2525
	Chief of Fire Operations, Brad Davidson	719.384.2323
City Attorney	Phil Malouff Jr.	719.384.5482
Municipal Judge	Doug Manley	719.384.4447
City Treasurer/Director of Finance	Aliza Libby-Tucker	719.384.5991
City Clerk	Melanie R. Scofield	719.384.5991
Electric Utility Superintendent	Chris Arguello	719.384.7251
Director of Water & Wastewater Treatment	Tom Seaba	719.384.7358
Director of Engineering	Martin Montoya	719.384.5991
Director of Purchasing	Jennifer Smith	719.384.7546
Director of Parks & Recreation	Brock Hinkhouse	719.384.5991
Director of Library Services	Heather Maes	719.384.4612

Administrative offices in the Municipal Building are open 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. See Library and Police Records alphabetical listing for hours open.



FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Ambulance Service	384.2323
Fire Department	384.2323
Police Department	384.2525
CITY ATTORNEY	384.5482
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE	384.5991
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	384.2578
DOG POUND	384.0347/384.2525
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/URBAN RENEWAL	384.3636
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	384.5991
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	384.6965
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	384.2323
FINANCE	
Accounts Payable/Receivable	384.5991
Sales Tax	384.5991
Utility Bills	384.2546
FIRE DEPARTMENT	384.2323
Emergency Calls	911
Prevention	384.2323
HOUSING AUTHORITY	384.9055
INFORMATION	384.5991
LIBRARY	384.4612
MOTOR POOL	384.7662

FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

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 DEPARTMENTS	
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

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

ABANDONED VEHICLES, UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

On public street (Police Department)	384.2525
On private property (Code Enforcement)	384.2525

ACCIDENTS

Accident information (Police Department)	384.2525
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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 areas is provided by the La Junta Rural Fire Protection District.

Emergency Calls	911
Other	384.2323

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Office (Police Department)	384.2525
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ANNEXATIONS

Information on procedures and pending annexations (Engineering Department)	384.5991
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APPEALS TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Information on variances, use by exception, and non-conforming uses (Engineering Department)	384.5991
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AUCTIONS

City-owned property (Purchasing Department)	384.7546
Auctions inside City limits (Finance Department)	384.5991

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

BAND CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Summer band concerts information may be obtained by contacting the Recreation Department. 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.

384.5991

BICYCLES

Licensing provided at the Police Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The 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:

Airport Advisory Board	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
Tourism Board	384.5991

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

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)

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

384.5991

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)

Fire Department

384.2323

To request enforcement of City ordinances prohibiting open burning:

384.2323

384.2525

BUS

See Public Transportation

BUSINESS INFORMATION— MINORITY, WOMAN-OWNED, DISADVANTAGED

384.2578

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

CARDIAC PULMONARY RESUSCITATION

A lifesaving technique you can learn. For information on CPR classes:

384.2323

384.5486

CEMETERY

Located at 402 W. Potter Drive. Cemetery records are kept in the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building. For information on purchase of cemetery plots, call the 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 Denver

303.866.2156

Or you can 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 schedule, call or write and ask to be on the agenda.

384.5991

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, con't

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

384.5991

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 rates, hires the City Manager, Municipal Judge and City Attorney. Information on past Council action or 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.

384.5991

Building-Engineering

384.5991

Electrical (State of Colorado)

383-9560

Fire codes & fire prevention

384.2323

Municipal & traffic-Police

384.2525

Zoning codes-Engineering

384.5991

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

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

Traffic

384.2525

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 attacks. Promotes Operation I.D., encouraging citizens to mark valuables.

Police Department

384.2525

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

384.2525

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

DOG POUND

Located at 30227 6th Avenue in the Industrial Park. Hours are from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Saturday and Sunday

384.0347
384.2525

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Located at the Score Center in McDivitt Hall at Otero Junior College, 18th & Colorado Avenue.

384.6965

ELECTIONS

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—Medical Assist—Police

911

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

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Under direction of the Fire Chief.

384.2323

EMPLOYMENT

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

384.5486

Colorado Work Force Center is located at
308 Santa Fe Avenue, La Junta

384.3191

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Calendar of Events is maintained by the Events Coordinator. Check it out at www.lajuntaevents.com.

384.5991

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.

383.2323

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.

384.2323

FIRST AID COURSES

First Aid courses provided by the Personnel Department upon request.

384.5486

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

FLOOD PLAIN INFORMATION

Information regarding buildings and properties in the floor plain, contact the Engineering Department.

384.5991

GAS/TOXIC LEAKS

For emergency shutoff

911

GAZEBOS IN PARKS

Reservations

384.5991

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION

Information and permit applications for storage, manufacture or transport of hazardous materials, call the 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

La Junta Historic Preservation (Engineering Dept.)

384.5991

HISTORY OF LA JUNTA

Incorporated on April 23, 1881; a statutory city from 1881—1967; the April 30, 1968 election made La Junta become a home rule city with a council-manager form of government. Information on La Junta history and photographs may be obtained from the Library.

384.4612

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

La Junta Housing Authority (5th and Smithland Avenue) for low income and persons with disabilities.

384.9055

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Housing Authority Board consists of five commissioners appointed by City Council for 5 year terms. Is managed by a Director hired by the Board. Administers housing programs for La Junta. Office is located at 315 E. 5th Street.

384.9055

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

HOUSING REHABILITATION LOANS/GRANTS

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

263.5168

IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

For information and procedures on impounded vehicles, call the Police Department.

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 are listed in front of the booklet, or call:
Information Office

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

JOBS (See Employment)

JURY FOR MUNICIPAL COURT

Information on selection procedures and jury requirement.

384.0848

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

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.

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

The library is located at 522 Colorado Avenue and is open Monday—Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and is closed on Sundays. 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 the numbers indicated below:

Animal permits—City Clerk	384.5991
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 permit—State of Colorado	303.894.2300
Explosives/storage/handling permit—Fire	384.2323
Fence permit—Engineering	384.5991

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

LICENSES AND PERMITS, con't

Gasoline storage/handling—Fire	384.2323
Emergency Management—Fire	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 permit—Engineering	384.5991
Plumbing permit—State of Colorado	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
Sing 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	384.5991
Vending/Peddler license—Finance	384.5991
Zoning variances—Engineering	384.5991

MAPS

La Junta area map is available at:

City Clerk's Office	384.5991
Engineering Office	384.5991
Chamber of Commerce	384.7411

Zoning map—Engineering	384.5991
Election ward map—City Clerk	384.5991

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CALLS

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

911

MEETING ROOMS

Available to community groups:

The Council Chambers accommodates approximately 125 persons.

The Power Board Room accommodates 12 persons.

Charge for use of meeting rooms is as follows (governmental agencies are exempt from these charges):

Weekdays during regular working hours:

1/2 day \$30.00

All day \$60.00

Meeting rooms are not available after 5:00 p.m. or on weekends. Make arrangements with the City Clerk.

384.5991

The Woodruff Memorial Library has a public meeting room with a 36 person capacity. All individuals and groups are welcome to use the facility. There is no fee for use by local clubs and non-profit groups. Businesses, individuals, and all other groups will be charged a fee of \$10.00 per hour or portion of an hour (maximum \$75.00/day). Proof of non-profit status may be requested. The room must be reserved in advance and is available during library hours. Special arrangements may be made for limited use during other hours when the library is not open to the public.

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

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

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 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

384.0848

NEWSPAPERS

La Junta Tribune-Democrat

384.4475

Ag Journal

384.8121

Back issues of the Otero County newspaper 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 Department.

384.5991

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

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 subdivision. Also serves as La Junta Historic Preservation Board. 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

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

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 7,024. 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 responsibility lies with the Manager's office, which produces press releases, radio announcements and monitors department public information.

384.5991

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

PUBLIC INFORMATION, con't

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. Contact the City Clerk's office to request public records.

384.5991

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

For information and schedule, call the Senior Center.

384.5486

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

City warehouse—515 Lacey Avenue

Vacant lot at 3rd and Adams Avenue

Across from the City Shop on West 5th Street

Parking lot south of tennis courts at 16th and San Juan Avenue

Items that can be recycled are steel and tin cans; clear glass, green glass and brown glass. Newspapers, magazines, office paper and junk mail can go into the paper containers. **NO TELEPHONE BOOKS OR BROWN PAPER BAGS.** For more information on recycling, call the City Clerk's Office.

384.5991

Recycling of plastics is handled through Clean Valley Recycling. For information on their hours and locations, call 719.468.4279 or 719.469.9678.

REZONING

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

384.5991

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

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

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 the Primary School, Middle School or the 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.

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

SCRAP MOTOR VEHICLES (DERELICT VEHICLES) con't

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. Contact Code Enforcement.

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SECURITY SURVEYS

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

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SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

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

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SANITARY SEWER TAPS

Sewer tap permits and information on the City's sewer lines are available from the Engineering Department.

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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.

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

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SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS

For construction of new sidewalks, curbs and gutters, the City requires a permit which is available in the Engineering Department.

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SIGN CODE

For information on sign code requirement and a sign permit; or to report damaged or stolen signs, contact the Engineering Department.

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ALPHABETICAL LISTING

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.

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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
Officers 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.

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SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS

The Finance Director provides information to the public and title companies regarding special improvement district assessments; and certified to the County Treasurer for collection.

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SPRING CLEAN-UP

See Clean-up Week

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

STOP SIGNS, STREET SIGNALS & TRAFFIC SIGNS

The Traffic Engineer maintains and plans installation of traffic signs and signals.
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The Electric Department installs and maintains all traffic control lights.
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The Street Department installs and maintains signs.
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Malfunctioning signals should be reported to Police Dispatch.
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STREET CLOSINGS (BLOCK PARTIES & PARADES)

Requests for street closings (block parties) should be made to the Police Department.
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STREET LIGHTS

If it is felt that 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 requested. Contact the Utilities Office.

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STREET MAINTAINANCE

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.

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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.

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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 4:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays as weather permits (excluding winter).

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ALPHABETICAL LISTING

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

The Planning Commission administers subdivision applications. Subdivision of property is required to ensure the accuracy of legal descriptions and to guarantee access to adjacent property owners.

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TAXES

Taxes collected by the City include:

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

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

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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 Department.

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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.

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ALPHABETICAL LISTING

TRANSPORTATION

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

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TRASH REMOVAL

The City removes all residents' garbage collection. For information on schedules and fees, contact the Engineering Department.

The City trash compactor located at the City Shops, 600 W. 5th Street, is open to the public Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. No metal, tires or trees accepted.

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TREES, SHRUBS AND BEAUTIFICATION

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

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TREE DUMP

Located on the south side of the Industrial Park. Call the Engineering Office for information.

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USES PERMITTED

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

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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
Water	384.2546
Sewer	384.2546
Gas (Source Gas)	800.563.0012

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

VOLUNTEERS

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

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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.

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WATER TAPS

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

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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 or the City Clerk's Office.

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WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS

Available at the library 24/7.

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ALPHABETICAL LISTING

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.

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

See Employment

ZONING

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

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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.

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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 in 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 as town marshal and Jim Marshall as 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 was 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 gunfighters 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 quit or be involved in a massive gunfight 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.