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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: January 27, 2023
RE: Info Update

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Mayor Rugaard, myself, and Mark King had the pleasure of attending the annual GCFMLD Awards luncheon in Rifle today. The FMLD presented over \$2.7 million dollars in traditional and mini grants, of which we were the proud recipients of four awards from 2022: Spring Mini Grant for a Public Works Truck (\$25,000), Spring Traditional Grant for the Water Line Extension (\$101,000), Fall Mini Grant for a Police Vehicle (\$25,000), and the Fall Traditional Grant for the Fleet Fuel Station Project (\$130,000). We were very grateful to accept these awards on the Town's behalf, and the plaques will be added to our wall of fame.

YOU CAN'T WIN THEM ALL

Although we have been very successful with our grant applications recently, we were recently informed by CDPHE that we did not receive the water quality grant of \$25,000 for our Water Line Extension project near Love's. This project was discussed as part of the 2023 budget, and additional funds were included in 2023 to cover budget overages. Without the grant, our back-up plan is to use ARPA funds to help cover the cost overages. With any luck, this project will be completed in the spring.

PARACHUTE PLAN JAM

Save the date and don't miss Plan Jam on Wednesday, February 22nd from 4-7pm at the Drop In CoWork space – 135 E. 1st Street. Plan Jam will feature the two planning efforts that are currently underway – the Downtown Development Plan and the Trails Plan. We are combining both community engagement opportunities into one exciting evening. Our intent is to make it as easy as possible for members of the community to attend and provide feedback on both plans in one evening. It will be an open house format, so anyone is welcome to attend whenever works best for them. Ayres will be unveiling some initial design concepts for the 1st Street Corridor, and CPS will be there to present the ~90% version of the Trails Plan before it goes to Council for consideration and adoption. Please spread the word, and we'll see you there!

PARACHUTE PICK UP

Speaking of fun events, the annual Parachute Pick Up is right around the corner – April 28th and 29th. This year, we are planning to dedicate Friday, April 28th to community volunteering and projects, as well as the COGA picnic, and only accept trash drop offs on Saturday, April 29th from 8am – 3pm. This will allow all Town staff and community members to work together on beautifying Parachute on Friday, as well as allow ample time for community members to clean up / out their own properties and make drop offs on Saturday. We also hope that this will help cut down on the amount of refuse received from commercial operators and contractors. No matter what, we know this is a very valued community event that brings everyone together and helps keep our Town spotless. The picnic is free, courtesy of COGA. We will also continue to accept trash, appliances, and yard waste free of charge, but we will not be able to accept any hazardous waste, tires, or refrigerators (or any cooling appliances such as air conditioners). A food donation to Lift Up is encouraged with each drop off on Saturday. We are working to finalize the rules and will have fliers and the website updated soon.

TID BITS:

- Align has designed some possible logos for the Drop In Cowork space. The two below are the finalists. Let us know if you have any opinions or feedback on which one is your favorite:



- We unfortunately had to red-tag a business on 1st Street this week. Despite our best efforts, the operator still hasn't gotten a business license and was doing renovations inside of the store without the proper permits. We are planning to work with them to get them back up and running as quickly as possible.
- Public Works responded to a water line break this week on E. 2nd Street
- We will be hosting the Girl Scouts for cookie sales at the TOP Adventures lot once again. The current over-under on how many pounds I will gain is at 12.
- The fire district was doing more mitigation work and burning slash piles near Cottonwood park this week.
- We are meeting with the CO Tourism Board next week to discuss ways to refresh and update Parachute's presence on some of the state's marketing materials. They also have some grants that we might be able to utilize.
- Mike and I will be attending the LOVA board meeting in New Castle on Monday to present our draft Trails Plan.
- We have initiated conversations to revise and update our IGA with the Sheriff's Office and School District to add an additional School Resource Officer to our community for the next school year. All three entities value the partnership and collaboration on the effort.
- Construction has officially resumed in the Riverside subdivision.
- We are doing some research to hopefully improve our mail and postage purchases for outgoing mail.
- We held a photo shoot for the new Cowork space this week. Special thanks to Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Flores Cruz for rounding up some volunteer models from the High School. The photos will be used for the new website.
- Chief Stewart was the honorary guest speaker at Kiwanis this week. Rumor has it that it was a heck of a party.

- CDOT has informed us that they plan to continue the I70 overlay and repaving project this summer (2023). They will be paving the next section of I70 from Parachute towards DeBeque, approximately 5 miles west of Parachute.
- Save the Dates!:
 - The Discovery Café and the Family Resource Center will be hosting a meet and greet with the community on Wednesday, February 8th at the CoWork space at 6pm.
 - The CRV Chamber of Commerce is making plans to host the State of the Community on Wednesday, March 8th in Rifle.
 - We are planning to host a grand (re) opening of the Wasson McKay Park space on Thursday, May 4th. Save the date for now as we work out the final details.
- We held our first small business digital marketing consultation this week. If you know a local business owner, have them complete a request for assistance, here: [Local Business - Visit Parachute](#)
- Bids for the Cardinal Way sidewalk and streetscape improvements and the fleet fuel station are due soon. We held an optional pre bid meeting for the fuel station project on Thursday, and there were 6 different firms present. All interested firms and contractors can find project details on our website, and it is advertised in the Post Independent.
- Speaking of RFPs, we plan to issue an additional RFP for the water tank recoating project early next week. Bids will be due in March, and the Town Council can expect to be asked to approve the contract on March 16th.
- We are working on getting our newest Planning Commission member, Cole Manupella, oriented into the new role.
- We sent six of our old computers off to be properly and securely disposed of.
- We have submitted our Colorado Trust grant for the PATS bus shelters. Fingers are crossed.
- Ting internet and ProVelocity recently finished installing fiber to the Wasson McKay house. We will be installing security cameras at the property in the next few weeks.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:

(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)

 - Discovery Café Meet & Greet – Wednesday, February 8th at 6pm - The Drop In | Parachute CoWork
 - Parachute Plan Jam – Wednesday, Feb. 22nd 4 – 7 p.m. – The Drop In | Parachute CoWork
 - Chamber of Commerce ‘State of the Community’ – Wednesday, March 8th Rifle Grand River Health
 - Parachute Pick Up – April 28 – 29, 2023 – Cottonwood Park
 - Wasson McKay Park Grand (RE)Opening – Thursday, May 4, 2023
 - Rockmageddon – June 1 – 4, 2023
 - Summer Staff Family Barbecue – Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 5:30pm – Cottonwood Park