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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff 
DATE: February 3, 2023
RE: Info Update

PARACHUTE PLAN JAM – Wednesday, February 22nd.

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!

KENTUCKY DERBY DAYS = GRAND VALLEY DAYS

Mr. Burke recently attended the Parks Association planning meeting, and they have selected a theme for the 2023 Grand Valley Days – Derby Days! Other planning details are in the works, but the dates are set in stone: August 18 – 20, 2023. Get your big hats ready. It will be a good time.

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:

- ICYMI: Aidan's Flag Presentation to the Town Council was in the Post Independent / Citizen Telegram yesterday: [Grand Valley High School freshman proposes town flag designs for Parachute | PostIndependent.com](#). There was a typo included in the original version of the story that mistakenly used former Mayor Roy McClung's name instead of Mayor Rugaard. We immediately reached out to the editor and had the online version corrected. They will be running a correction in next week's paper as well.
- We met with the Colorado Tourism office this week. They were able to show us some great pointers and tips to help promote Parachute and our events to tourists on Colorado.com
- We met with the Polco team to kickoff the Community Survey process. We are expecting the final survey results will be ready in May, and we will plan to present them to the Town Council in June. Community members should look for the survey in March – April.
- I am pleased to present the official new logo for The Drop In Co Work space:



- Speaking of the Co Work space, we are busy finalizing an AGNC grant to help fund the space. The application is due on the 10th, and we expect to know the result sometime in March. Stay tuned.
- GJ Adventures is gearing up for another summer season of operating "Parachute Adventures." We met this week to discuss operational plans and other good ideas for the summer season. They will be eager to hire local staff, including GVHS students. If you know of any students looking for a summer job, be sure to send them their way.
- We are working with the business that was "red-tagged," and we have a good plan to get them back up and open ASAP.
- We presented the draft trails plan to the LoVa Board on Monday. They had some good insight and were overall very supportive of the effort.
- Speaking of planning, the Planning Commission meets next week on 2/9. The agenda packet is posted online, and includes updates on the Trails Plan, DDP, and the Land Use Code Revision Recommendations. We will also be swearing in our newest member, Cole Manupella.
- The Town Council meeting is also right around the corner – Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall Council Chambers. There will be a Ordinance on the agenda, so it has been publicly noticed as a public hearing.
- Our PD has been extremely busy with the icy roads and traffic accidents this week. Tell your friends and neighbors to please SLOW DOWN.
- The new public works truck has finished being outfitted and is ready for duty. We are still waiting on the new Police Car to be outfitted with equipment. Both vehicles were 2022 purchases.
- We met with Country Holdings LLC, and their partners, which are under contract for the 72 acres surrounding Spring Lake this week. They are eager to get started on their project once they close on the property in mid-February.
- A Battlement Mesa deer attacked one of our police cars this week. It is wanted for assaulting a police car, which is out of service, pending repairs.

- Bids for our two RFPs are due Monday, February 13th. Details can be found online at parachutecolorado.com
- We posted an additional RFP on Tuesday for the water tank recoating project. An optional pre-bid meeting is on Thursday, February 23rd, and bids will be due on Monday, March 6th. All of the details are once again available on our website.
- Save the Dates!:
 - The Discovery Café will be hosting a meet and greet with the community on Wednesday, February 8th at the Drop In 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 have teamed up with Align Media to help our local businesses improve their marketing game. If you know a local business owner that might be interested in Digital Marketing Assistance, have them complete a request form, here: [Local Business - Visit Parachute.](#)
- We have finished the final paperwork to be reimbursed for our GCFMLD grant money for the new Public Works truck.
- 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 TOP Staff Family Barbecue – Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 5:30pm – Cottonwood Park