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TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager  
CC: Town Staff  
DATE: February 4, 2022  
RE: Info Update

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#### FIBER. IT'S NOT JUST FOR BREAKFAST.

Garfield County presented an update of their regional broadband plans at the quarterly Manager's meeting on Thursday. In a nutshell, the County is taking the lead on leasing and installing a middle mile network of fiber optic cable along the I70 corridor. This network will connect our region to a broader fiber network around the state from Grand Junction to Denver. They will be submitting a DOLA grant in the near future to help fund the installation of this network, as well as the construction of a "Carrier Neutral Location (CNL)" facility here in Parachute. The CNL will help bring in future internet providers and more/better internet service to our residents and businesses. We will be working with them to identify the ideal location for this facility, and the Town Council will be asked to sign a letter of support at the Council meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### TID BITS:

- We have been notified that a group is mobilizing to place a county-wide question on the November ballot to establish a new tax for mental health funding. Staff will be looking into this, and we will request and update for Town Council.
- We are working with Garfield County to update / amend our existing License Agreement for the use of the Una Bridge river take-out to accommodate our future plans for a vault restroom and boat ramp.
- The Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District's grant award luncheon was last Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The Town was presented with two mini grant awards: \$25,000 for a police vehicle and \$25,000 for a public works truck.
- Our leak detection notification letters went out this week.
- Town Clean Up day is right around the corner! We are aiming for either the last Friday / Saturday in April, or the first Friday / Saturday in May. We will be going through an approval process with the BOCC to request discounted landfill tipping rates.
- Save the date for the return of Rockmageddon: Friday, June 3 – Saturday, June 4. We are very excited to bring it back after a two-year hiatus.

- Public Works staff left bright and early Thursday morning to attend Ice Driving Training on the lake in Georgetown.
- Due to no agenda items to review, the Planning Commission meeting for next week, February 10<sup>th</sup>, has been cancelled.
- On behalf of the Town, I will be writing a letter of support for the Grand Valley Fire District's FMLD grant application to install Mobile Data Terminals in their apparatus.
- Town staff will be invited to attend CPR training on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Let us know if you would like to join.
- Public Works has been resurfacing the picnic tables at Cottonwood Park.
- Councilmember Claudia Flores-Cruz has requested a tour of our local marijuana retail stores for her staff at the Family Resource Center. This will help them better understand the retail products, and what they consist of, so they can be identified if/when they end up in the hands of the underage individuals they are in contact with. We will be touring 2-3 stores on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate, please let me know. The more, the merrier.
- Save the date: the annual Energy & Environment Symposium is April 13-14, 2022. Please let us know if you would like to attend, and we can make the necessary arrangements.
- I am going to continue my efforts to meet with community stakeholders, businesses, and residents. If there is a particular organization or person you would like for me to meet, please let me know or make the introduction. I appreciate it.