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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: February 24, 2023
RE: Info Update

TID BITS:

- Plan Jam was a success. Thanks for coming. The winter weather most likely impacted our turnout, but we still had ~34 members of the community stop by to view our plans and provide feedback. Ayres and CPS will be putting that feedback to work over the next few weeks, and the respective plans will be coming to Town Council for final approval in the near future.
- ICYMI: The Town Council's decision to proceed with an RFP to find a tenant for the Wasson McKay house made the paper this week: [Parachute offering \\$1 yearly lease to parties interested in opening shop in historic Wasson-McKay Place | PostIndependent.com](#). We hope to have the RFP posted by early March.
- Congratulations to Brett Jaromin in Public Works for recently completing his Water Treatment Operator D license.
- The Drop In Co Work space is almost ready to open. It will officially be available for rentals beginning March 1st.
- Also opening on March 1st is the neighboring Grand Valley Mercantile store. If you haven't seen it already, be sure to stop in and check it out.
- The State of the Community, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, is right around the corner on March 8th. It will be at the Rifle Grand River Hospital convention center from 11am – 1pm. Myself and Mayor Rugaard will be presenting Town updates. Please let us know if you would like to attend, and we will get you registered.
- YouthZone is hosting a Trauma Response training for community leaders on March 10th, and the Town Council is invited. Check your TOP email for details, and let us know if you would like for us to get you registered.
- We are working with our newly hired contractors CGRS to get the fuel station project underway. They will be on site next week conducting the initial SP-001 inspection, and a lot of the necessary electrical work has been started.
- We held our optional pre-bid meeting for the water tank recoat project on Thursday. Two contractors participated, and bids will be due on Monday, March 6th. All of the details are available on our website.

- The remainder of the street signs that were due for replacement have been swapped out for the new and improved versions.
- We are once again recruiting for a vacancy for Planning Commission. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please have them submit a cover letter and resume to Lucy at lspalenka@parachutecolorado.com.
- Our downtown beautification grant application will be available soon. Each grant awards 1st street businesses up to \$5,000 to beautify their storefront or landscaping. Stay tuned for details.
- You will likely see contractors at the Wasson McKay house in the coming weeks. They will be installing conduit and security cameras.
- I am taking a few days off next week, and I will be out of the office starting Tuesday, February 28th through Friday, March 3rd.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)
 - Chamber of Commerce 'State of the Community' – Wednesday, March 8th Rifle Grand River Health
 - YouthZone Trauma Response Training – Friday, March 10th
 - The Drop In Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting – TBD, March, 2023
 - 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
 - Grand Valley Days – August 18 – 20, 2023