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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: Town Staff
DATE: March 11, 2022
RE: Info Update



PARACHUTE INN

The deadline for the Parachute Inn to close and vacate, per their plea agreement through Municipal Court, is today. We received a formal request for a 30-day extension for three of their tenants / families that do not have alternative accommodations. This request has been approved and will be addressed in court on Monday.

Meanwhile, the new owners are still under contact and continuing their due diligence. We expect to receive their special use review application in April / May.

LOVES

We have received the building plan submittals for the Loves Travel Stop. This is a major milestone in their development process, and we will begin the review ASAP. They still plan to begin utility / grading work next month, most likely before their final permits have been issued. They are also still working through FEMA floodplain permitting and CDOT ROW permitting, but those are expected to be issued within a couple of weeks.

HALFMOON SUBDIVISION

The Town submitted comments to Garfield County regarding a referral review of a planned subdivision in Battlement Mesa. In our letter, we requested that the County consider annexation into the Town of Parachute through the Land Use Review process. This, of course, would require a lot more analysis, and would ultimately need to be approved by the Town Council, but staff believes it is worth having the conversation.

TID BITS:

- GO LADY CARDS! The Grand Valley HS girls' basketball team are playing in the state championship semi-finals today at 7 p.m. They received an excellent send off from the Town on their way out of town on Wednesday, complete with an escort from PD and the Fire District.
- We have set a date for a new Town Council introduction / orientation on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. We will send out the agenda next week.

- We have received another downtown beautification grant request of \$5,000 for exterior upgrades to the Nalinis building.
- The Town was happy to provide breakfast and lunch to the counseling and resource staff that have been available to students at the middle school after last week's tragedy.
- Christmas came early for public works. They are busy receiving and installing the new equipment that was budgeted for this year including two "Portacool" cooling units for the shop.
- We now own the domain townofparachute.com! This extra domain redirects to the official town website and it will help users, community members and business owners find our website easier.
- Spring is right around the corner, and the community will be ready for irrigation water soon. This year, everyone may need to be patient due to some repairs that need completed at the holding pond.
- Our Cardinal Way Parklet construction RFP received zero responses. We are evaluating options and following up with contractors to see if we can still accomplish the project this year. In the meantime, we have requested an extension for the associated grant through CDOT.
- Staff met with Colorado Parks and Wildlife this week to discuss the possibility of a land swap. This would hopefully give us more control over the boat ramp area next to Cottonwood Park and would be a win-win for the State and Town. Details will be forthcoming.
- Please don't have a heart attack, but if you do, Town Hall is a safe place to do so. Most of our staff completed CPR training this week.
- We have submitted our reimbursement request to GCFMLD for the TOP Adventures facility grant.
- We are working to get the PATS bus that was involved in the accident fixed. It will be out of commission in the meantime.
- Fliers for Rockmageddon are going up and we are cranking up our promotions. We are also pleased to announce the concert will include the band Them Dirty Roses as the headline act. The Jason Abbott Band is opening. Buy your tickets online at rockmageddon.com. ATCKWBT
- Almost all Town email accounts have successfully been enrolled in Multi-Factor Authentication to help prevent TOP accounts from being hacked. Next week, we will begin installing a software called "Threatlocker" that can detect and prevent ransomware / malware before it is installed.
- Mark your calendars:
 - Grand Valley Town Hall Meeting: March 29, 2022
 - Parachute Pick Up is Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30
 - Rockmageddon: Friday, June 3 – Saturday, June 4.
 - Grand Valley Days will be August 19, 20, and 21st
- 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.
- See you next week at the Town Council meeting. After some last minute tweaks this morning, the agenda packet is posted and ready for review.