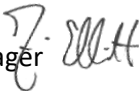




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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager 
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: March 24, 2023
RE: Info Update

CR 300 ROAD CLOSURE TOMORROW, SATURDAY, MARCH 25th

As of press time, it appears the weather is going to cooperate with our Cardinal Way water line extension project. Tomorrow, Saturday, March 25th, (weather permitting) the contractors are planning a full closure of CR 300 for approximately 12 hours to allow for the waterline installation across the roadway. During this time, motorists will be directed to a detour via Cardinal and Grand Valley Way and should anticipate delays. This has been determined to be the best method to keep traffic delays to a minimum and complete the work safely. The road will be reopened as quickly as possible by utilizing road base and temporary cover. The roadway will then be repaired when Love's and XLNT complete the street improvements at the intersection for the new Travel Store. The project has been phased to minimize impacts and costs and to prevent any cuts to the newly laid asphalt roadway.

We are working in earnest to communicate these impacts and the 3/25 road closure to the community. Please help us spread the word. The link below will take you to our website with more details and a detour route map:

[ROAD CLOSURE | Town of Parachute \(colorado.gov\)](#)

HOME RULE VS NEW HOUSING RULES

As you may have heard, the Governor and several State Legislators announced sweeping legislation yesterday that would usurp local land use controls and discretion to regulate things like neighborhood density, lot sizes, ADUs, etc. Their goal is to make it easier for developers to build more housing units, regardless of local community plans and land use regulations. From what I understand, Parachute falls below the thresholds that this bill targets. We would be unaffected by this legislation, but we are tracking it closely with our various legislative committees such as CML and AGNC. Needless to say, they are gearing up for fierce opposition to this bill that, as CML stated, "would take away a century of municipal authority over land use and zoning."

TID BITS:

- Rockmageddon will ROCK! We have finalized the lineup of concerts for this year's event, and it will be bigger than ever with multiple acts spread out over the course of Friday and Saturday

nights. Stay tuned for the formal announcement and save the date: June 1-4, 2023. You don't want to miss it.

- There was a significant vandalism incident at the Parachute Inn this week. Fortunately, per usual, our PD was on scene quickly to prevent further damage and handled the situation perfectly. The new owners have been notified, and they are working on making temporary repairs / boarding up the broken windows.
- We are getting ready to kick off an educational and proactive noxious weed campaign. Our goal is to inform our community and large landowners of the Town's regulations against weeds and noxious weeds – before they become a problem this spring. To this end, we will also be offering a "Most Improved Yard" award this summer with prizes. Stay tuned for details.
- The public works shop access road recently received some upgrades and blading. Meanwhile, the well at the shop is acting up again and running dry. We are looking into the issue of getting water back to the building.
- The next edition of the Town's newsletter will be sent out next week. Be sure to get receive it by subscribing online: [Town of Parachute Newsletters | Town of Parachute \(colorado.gov\)](#)
- The Drop In Cowork Grand Opening is next Wednesday, March 29th at 3pm. ICYMI: the Post Independent / Citizen Telegram included a write up of the event yesterday: [Parachute hosts grand opening of new co-work space 'The Drop In' next week | PostIndependent.com](#)
- Speaking of upcoming events, we are working with Garfield County Public Health and Early Morning Orchards to bring a produce stand / small farmers market on Monday evenings to Parachute this summer. Proceeds will benefit the Family Resource Center, who will be volunteering and staffing the produce stand. Stay tuned for details.
- The RFP for Phase 2 of the Downtown Development Plan is now available on BidNet and our website. Bids are due April 10th. It is getting a lot of early interest from firms across the country.
- We are also busy drafting RFPs for our annual Road and Sidewalk maintenance. The Town Council should anticipate reviewing contracts for approval at the May meeting.
- The RFP for possible tenants in the Wasson McKay house is now LIVE and available on our website, [parachutecolorado.com](#). The site walk and open house is scheduled for Monday, March 27th.
- We are hiring! Two seasonal public works positions have been posted on our website. Please help us spread the word.
- We have published the TOP scholarship application for GVHS students. We will be awarding \$2,000 in scholarships this year, and Mayor Rugaard will present the awards at the ceremony on May 17th.
- If you know of anyone that might be interested (and qualified) to serve on Planning Commission, please have them submit a cover letter and resume to Lucy at lspalenka@parachutecolorado.com.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)
 - The Drop In Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting – March 29, 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