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TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager  
CC: Town Staff  
DATE: APRIL 1ST, 2022  
RE: Info Update



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#### STAFF SHORTAGES:

Due to staff shortages, we have decided to pay Mr. Hurlburt for the use of his sheep this summer as park maintenance employees. The sheep will be used in the parks to keep the grass short. Since the sheep will need to be fenced in, we will be constructing barbed wire fences around the Rest Area, Cottonwood, and Beasley Park lawns. The sheep will be much cheaper than a full-time staff person, and the manure will help the grass grow.

Due to supply chain issues, the fencing materials and sheep are not expected to arrive until November. Due to inflation, we expect that both will be significantly over budget.

... April Fools!

But seriously, we have a vacant full time seasonal Parks Maintenance position that we are looking to fill. If you know of any candidates, please direct them to our website... otherwise, we might be using sheep to cut our grass this summer.

#### TID BITS:

- The final PD investigation report for the bus accident and tragedy has been finalized. It has been sent to the District Attorney, which is standard for any death in Garfield County. A couple of media outlets have also requested copies, so you may see the story in the news again soon.
- We received a lot of great feedback from the State of the Grand Valley meeting on Tuesday. The turnout was incredible, and nearly 100 people attended. I presented the draft comprehensive plan, and we are actively seeking feedback on the latest draft at [planparachute.com](http://planparachute.com). Please, please, please tell your family, neighbors, and friends in the community to take the survey online. The updated draft will be presented to Planning Commission on April 14<sup>th</sup>, and to the Town Council on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- We are recruiting for the open Town Council seat. Please have anyone that is interested submit a cover letter and resume to Lucy by April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm MST.

- We received updated plans from Loves that shows a Chester's Chicken in lieu of the Godfather's pizza restaurant. All of their other plans, including the McDonald's, remains the same.
- Congratulations and welcome to Brett Jaromin, who has verbally accepted our offer to join the team as our new full time Public Works Worker. He will officially start on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Work has commenced on the Wasson-McKay park. A lot of the diseased / dead trees were removed this week, and the Town Manager even got to
- We are still recruiting for a seasonal Parks Maintenance positions. Details can be found on our website.
- Spring has sprung. We are getting our ditches and headgates ready for irrigation water. Individual water users should have their valves turned off and be ready for water before April 15<sup>th</sup>. Irrigation water won't be at full capacity until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please help us spread the word.
- Rock chalk, Jayhawk! It must have worked last time, so please wish KU luck this weekend.
- Mark your calendars:
  - Parachute Pick Up - Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30
  - Rockmagedon: Friday, June 3 – Saturday, June 4.
  - Grand Valley Days will be August 19, 20, and 21<sup>st</sup>