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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: Town Staff
DATE: April 8, 2022
RE: Info Update

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- The Town received notice this week that we were awarded a \$25,000 administrative grant through DOLA for updating our infrastructure master plan. We are excited about the grant, but we are more excited about what the updated plan will do for our community.
- Last month, we discovered one of our marijuana manufacturers was failing to remit excise tax to the Town. It was an honest mistake on their part, and we have worked with them to develop a payment plan for them to remit the ~\$14,000 due.
- We also recently discovered that our fleet fuel management company, WEX, has not been exempting us from the state's fuel tax. We are working with the state to get back what we can, and we are setting up a process to ensure we don't pay the tax in the future. Kudos to Teresa Beecraft for not leaving any stones unturned and making sure we are good stewards of the community's tax dollars.
- We are advertising for Mayor Roy McClung's and Councilmembers Tim Olk and Shawn Stevenson's send off on April 21st. The community is being invited to join us at 5:30pm before the meeting.
- The Town is sending out leak detection letters to our customers that have abnormalities in their water usage.
- We received five applications for the Town's scholarship program. We will meet next week to select the three recipients for \$500 scholarships each.
- We will begin charging late fees for utility bills again in June. Late fees have been on hiatus since the start of the pandemic.
- Interest in Rockmageddon is picking up. We have already received ~24 registrations and we have sold 13 camp sites.
- CRBOCES has informed us that their tiny home and training campus project is on hold. The district did not feel that they could get the project up and running before the school year, but they are planning to get the funding and plans in place to hit the ground running next year.

- The Love's travel center received another round of review comments this week. The applicant is reviewing one issue with CDOT, but otherwise appears to be on track for approval.
- 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 13th at 5pm MST.
- The draft Comprehensive Plan is LIVE on our website at planparachute.com. We are taking feedback through the end of the month, and a survey is available on the website for us to collect official responses. We sent the survey to all community stakeholders and everyone with a business license this week.
- We are still recruiting for a seasonal Parks Maintenance positions. Details can be found on our website.
- Irrigation water users should have their valves turned off and be ready for water before April 15th. Irrigation water won't be at full capacity until May 1st. Please help us spread the word.
- Rock chalk, Jayhawk! KU won the national NCAA Basketball Tournament. We don't know if these info updates helped the team win, but we can't rule it out.
- I had the pleasure of speaking to the Kiwanis group this week. In addition to Town news and events, we discussed the draft comp plan.
- 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 21st