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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM:  Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: April 21, 2023
RE: Info Update

PAVING POSTPONED

The colder than expected weather this week is wreaking havoc on asphalt construction schedules. Loves has delayed their asphalt paving, and we also postponed the paving of the recently completed waterline extension at the intersection of Cardinal Way / CR 300. We are looking to reschedule this project for next week. Paving operations are expected to take up to half of a day, and it will require another road closure and detour on CR 300. We will schedule the project to avoid the peak commuter and school traffic times of the day, and we will communicate these impacts once the schedule is finalized.

SPRING CLEANING

It is nearly here! The annual Parachute Pick Up is next week – Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th. As a reminder, Friday will be dedicated to community service projects, volunteering, and the free picnic provided by COGA. Drop offs and collections will be available for the general public beginning Saturday, the 29th, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. As usual, we will be taking food donations to Lift Up for each drop off. Thanks to Garfield County who approved a 50% reduction in our tipping fees at the landfill for this event. We are unable to accept tires, hazardous waste / chemicals, electronics, or any appliance that holds (or at any point used) refrigerant / freon. (Almost) everything else is fair game, including yard waste, appliances, furniture, metal, and whatever else you can find cluttering up your yard. Check parachutecolorado.com for details, and we will see you there!

HOW ARE WE DOING???

Our community surveys are hitting Town resident mailboxes this week. Please complete your survey and encourage your friends and neighbors to complete their survey as well. The feedback will be used to guide future Town projects, and three respondents will be chosen at random for some excellent prizes! After an initial two-week period, the electronic version of the survey will be opened for responses and feedback from the broader region, guests, and employees who don't live in the Town but are part of our community. We will likely be presenting the results to the Town Council in July, which will give us plenty of time to incorporate the feedback into the 2024 budget process.

TID BITS:

- We're hiring! We have some excellent opportunities to join the Town posted online at parachutecolorado.com.
- We have submitted our formal request to the DHS to acquire the new domain PARACHUTE.GOV. The .gov domain will allow us to have a more secure and identifiable address to help prevent criminals attempting to imitate the Town.
- The water tank recoat project is expected to commence in mid-May.
- We are investigating a potential grant opportunity for technical assistance to conduct a housing study. 100% of the costs would be covered by the DOH. The deadline to apply is May 1st.
- The request for letters of interest from tenants for the Wasson McKay house closed on April 10th, and we did not receive any letters. We are extending the deadline to May 10, 2023.
- ICYMI: there was an excellent article in the paper yesterday announcing the official lineup for the 2023 Rockmageddon concerts. Always check rockmageddon.com for the latest updates and info.
- We are working to improve our park reservation process with online forms.
- We have entered into an agreement with Strategic Services, an HR Consulting firm, to help us conduct a market compensation and equity analysis. We will have the results ready for Town Council to consider as part of the 2024 budget process.
- We have received application materials for a major subdivision on Callahan Way. Staff are reviewing the materials to determine if it is "complete." Once it is accepted, this will commence the quasi-judicial review process with the Planning Commission and Town Council. Stay tuned.
- Speaking of land use applications, we also received an application to upgrade a cell tower located on top of the Candlewood Suites. These types of facilities are processed administratively, but please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
- Irrigation water is on! Kudos to public works for promptly getting this service up and running. Demerits to whoever is responsible for the weather.
- We are working on the agreements and details to bring a weekly farmer's market / produce stand to Parachute this summer. The "Monday Market" will potentially take place from July 10 – August 14, and we will bring the concept to Town Council in May for consideration and approval.
- Speaking of events, the May the Fourth Be With You 5k and Wasson McKay Grand (re)Opening is coming up. Check parachutecolorado.com for details, register for the 5k, and save the date: Thursday, May 4, 2023.
- We have a new automatic gate at the Public Works shop. We are still working out the bugs, but the gate was installed as part of our fleet fuel station project to help keep the new facility secure.
- Speaking of the fuel station project, the new dispensers are expected to be delivered in mid-May, and the project is progressing well.
- We held a pre-bid meeting for our sidewalk replacement project this week, and no contractors participated. We have since reached out to additional contractors in the region to make sure they have the ITB documents. Details and all Town RFPs/ITBs can be found online: [BIDS |Town of Parachute \(colorado.gov\)](https://bids.townofparachute.colorado.gov)
- We are evaluating the 7 scholarship applications we received from GVHS students. The winners will be presented by Mayor Rugaard on May 17th.
- Weed season is here. We are working on sending out some proactive educational materials to Town residents in the near future. We are also creating a "most improved yard" award to help incentivize property owners to improve their yards and mitigate weeds.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)
 - 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

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