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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: Town Staff
DATE: April 29, 2022
RE: Info Update

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations on your new elections and appointments as Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and the Town Council. I think I speak on behalf of the entire community when I say we have an excellent team of leaders at the helm. Thank you for your service, and I look forward to accomplishing many exciting things with you all.

As you know, we still have one remaining vacancy on the Town Council, and we have received two applicants for the position. We know this will be a difficult decision, but it is a good problem to have. Please let Mayor Rugaard know if you have a preferred candidate in mind, or if you would like to schedule interviews to assist in the selection process. Staff will have a resolution ready for the Town Council to make the appointment at the meeting on May 19th.

Once we have the final Council member seated, I would like to discuss setting a date for a strategic retreat / goal setting meeting with the new Council.

MORE PLANNING ON THE HORIZON

Town staff met with our Comp Plan consultants this week to discuss taking some of the trail, recreation, and connectivity concepts that have emerged from the Comp Plan and vetting them out further. Ideally, we would like to create a Trails Master Plan with some of the exciting concepts that have been discussed (e.g. Parachute Island park, Mt. Callahan trailhead, Riverfront trail, etc.) We are hoping to kickoff this planning process as soon as the Comp Plan is finished, and we have received a \$50,000 grant from Garfield County to make it happen.

PARACHUTE PICK UP

Today was a great display of community spirit and volunteerism. We had approximately 30-40 members of the community, COGA, and Town staff participate in the Parachute Pick Up. In addition to picking up trash all around Town, we also painted over a lot of graffiti, planted a lot of flowers, and cleaned up the Visitor Center. We also collected many, many dumpsters full of junk, recyclables, and entire mountain of old bicycles. Special thanks to COGA and their various members that provided the food for the picnic. If

you missed it, it is not too late. Town staff will also be staffing the drop off location tomorrow from 8am – 3pm tomorrow, 4/30. ATCKWBT.

TID BITS:

- Our parklet construction site at Wasson McKay was flooded this week due to the ditch being inundated with stormwater. It was a minor setback that our crews were able to work through, and the project is back on track.
- The PATS bus that has been out of service was involved in another (unavoidable) minor accident. Our bus driver and the one passenger on board are all okay, but the bus is back in the shop and out of service.
- After conducting additional research and evaluating the costs, we have decided to place the “bike loop” project on hold until we complete the trails plan.
- Our “Q2 2022 Cyber Security” Training was sent out last week. This will keep us sharp and hopefully prevent anyone on the team for falling victim to a computer scam.
- With the election of new Town Council members, we realized we had a few IT issues with the Town-issued iPads. Please let us know if you are having any remaining issues or have questions about the iPad and related apps. We are happy to help.
- After getting Council approval on 4/21, we are finalizing our contracts with the HVAC and Street Repair contractors to get those respective projects underway ASAP.
- We have been working closely with Tesla for their proposed super charging station near the corner of Cardinal Way and Callahan Ct. They are moving forward and expect to have the station open in October 2022.
- The Town is preparing a motion to revoke the suspended sentence for the Parachute Inn. In English, this means they didn’t hold up their end of the deal, and we are reinstating the fines and penalties.
- We are ordering the materials necessary to replace the Town’s street and wayfinding signs.
- We are working with the new operators of TOP Adventures to ensure a smooth transition. They are planning to open late May or the first weekend in June.
- We have finished putting together the Town’s first Salary Scale. A published pay scale is required by law, and it will help us make fair and equitable personnel decisions moving forward when calculating new hire pay ranges and promotions. It does not impact or change anyone’s current pay rate. We will be rolling out the new salary scale to staff and answering questions through the month of May.
- Weed season is upon us. We are preparing to send out polite reminders about the Town’s codes and regulations on weeds, which must be kept below 8” tall. All “noxious weeds” should be removed immediately.
- Congratulations to our four scholarship recipients: Cali Jackson, Peyton Nye, Colby Scott, and Kylee Walker. Each student will receive a \$500 scholarship that will be applied towards their student account at their respective institutions. Mayor Rugaard will be presenting the awards at their ceremony on May 25th.
- I am taking a quick trip to Austin, TX in May. I will be out of the office beginning in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 11th, but I will be back in the saddle on Monday, May 16th.
- Mark your calendars:
 - Rockmageddon: Friday, June 3 – Saturday, June 4.
 - Grand Valley Days will be August 19, 20, and 21st