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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff *[Handwritten initials]*
DATE: May 19, 2023
RE: Info Update

PARACHUTE CREEK FLOOD UPDATES

As you have probably noticed, the creek levels have slowly receded over the week. As of this morning, the USGS height meter was just above 8' and 869 cf/s. That is still extremely high for Parachute Creek, but it is a far cry from the flows we were seeing as of last Friday.

While this is good news for flood damage, we are starting to get our first looks at the amount of damage and debris that the flood caused. We will continue to monitor the creek levels and start to assess the damage.

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

Love's construction continues to drag on, but the project is about to hit a new gear beginning next week. Beginning May 22nd, construction crews are expected to commence the intersection and asphalt improvements. Motorists should anticipate periodic and slight delays beginning next week through June 15th. We are working with the contractors to avoid holidays and the Rockmageddon event weekend.

The Town Council and Planning Commission have been invited to tour the store and project on 5/31. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to mmarkus@parachutecolorado.com.

NO PHISHING ALLOWED

We are working with our IT team to add a new "Phish Alert Button" (PAB) to all Town email inboxes – including all Councilmembers and their Town email. The PAB can be used to report suspicious emails. Once detected, our IT team will be able to remove the email from all inboxes to prevent any other team members from getting scammed. Be on the lookout for more details on the PAB soon.

WHAT THE HAIL

We FINALLY received our newest police Tahoe to add to our PD fleet. It looks great, except for a lot of hail damage. It was unfortunately still in the LAWS parking lot in Arapahoe County when the large hail storm passed through the front range region last week. We are happy to finally get it in our possession, but we will unfortunately need to get it repaired before it can hit the streets. We will be going through the necessary insurance procedures and will hopefully get it done quickly.

TID BITS:

- Our conditional water right for 22 cf/s on the Colorado River was renewed in Water Court this week, but it is only a temporary victory. We will need to re-file our due diligence application in six years.
- Rockmageddon is right around the corner, and we are busy getting set up.
- Per the Town Council's strategic goal, we had preliminary meetings with a software company to develop a Town municipal mobile app.
- Take the Community Survey (if you haven't already), and be sure to tell your friends.
- The new increase to utility rates are effective in June.
- Due to a number of conflicts, we are pushing back the Summer Staff Appreciation Barbecue to August 3rd. Save the date for now, and we will be sending out invitations at a later date.
- Mayor Rugaard presented the Town's scholarship awards at the GVHS Award Ceremony. It was an impressive showing. In total, the senior class of 2023 amassed over \$1 million in scholarships for their future endeavors.
- We are working through the final agreements and easement recordings for the Loves project. The Final Plat will need Town Council approval, which will be on the June TC agenda.
- Kudos to the PD who participated in the Slow Down, Move Over event last weekend.
- We received an updated draft of the Downtown Development Plan. We sent it to our stakeholder advisory group, and we will be compiling comments and edits prior to the adoption hearing for Town Council to approve the plan at their meeting in June.
- The visitor center at the Rest Area is now open! It is open 8 – 12 noon and 1 – 5pm.
- The fleet fuel station equipment is expected to arrive on site next week, 5/22.
- Our contractor that will be recoating our water tank will be on site next week conducting preliminary inspections and prep work.
- The COVID National Emergency ended on 5/11. While this doesn't change anything for just about anyone, it does change how our insurance and sick leave covers staff members who may contract the virus. We have been working to make the changes and communicate the new policies.
- Terra Energy will be using Town property near the west interchange for their project to bore under the interstate. They have been coordinating the project with us and the neighbors well, and we gave them our full support and permission.

- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)
 - LOVEs Pre-Grand Opening Tour – May 31, 2023 at 4pm – meet at Town Hall
 - Rockmageddon – June 1 – 4, 2023
 - Summer TOP Staff Family Barbecue – Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023 at 5:30pm – Cottonwood Park
 - Grand Valley Days – August 18 – 20, 2023