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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: May 27, 2022
RE: Info Update

REACH FOR THE STARS

The Town Council goal setting work session is set for next Tuesday, May 31st. It is, by law, a public meeting, but we plan to keep it low key and casual. We are looking forward to a constructive dialogue with the Council to set the goals and priorities for the community in preparation for the 2023 budget process. We will begin at 5 p.m., and dinner will be provided. See you there.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022!

Mayor Rugaard presented the Town's scholarships at the GV award ceremony on Wednesday night. The Town of Parachute awarded four \$500 scholarships to Colby Scott, Cali Jackson, Peyton Nye, and Kylee Walker. Check out our Facebook page for a good photo of the group.

In total, organizations from Parachute gave \$56,000 in scholarships, approximately \$225,000 was given from organizations Parachute to Glenwood, and the graduating class of 2022 earned a total of almost \$1 million in scholarships for their future endeavors. That is extremely impressive for a total graduating class size of 64 students. Congratulations to the class of 2022!

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

We recently discussed construction plans with the Love's Travel Stop Construction Field Manager. They have not awarded the project to a General Contractor yet, but we are planning to have a "pre-con" meeting to finalize the construction schedule, traffic control, and to coordinate other plans within the next 2-3 weeks. They anticipate beginning construction in earnest in late June / early July.

SEARCHING FOR A (GRANT) MONEY TREE

I was in Golden all day on Thursday presenting the Town's grant application for the Diamond Loop reconstruction project. I also attended and supported the Garfield County application to reconstruct CR 215, and co-presented our project for the Broadband Middle Mile project with the County, Silt, and New Castle. There is a lot of money on the table that will hopefully support these initiatives, and I will keep you posted on the results.

TID BITS:

- Happy Memorial Day Weekend! Town Hall will be closed on Monday in observance of the holiday.
- Rockmageddon is next weekend! Camping is sold out, and we are expecting a good turnout and a great time. ATCKWBT.
- The cottonwood park splash pad opens this weekend.
- We received notice of a settlement with TEP Energy for lease holders that may have been underpaid on royalties. After looking into the matter with Town Attorney Jeff Conklin, we don't believe we are parties to any of the leases involved in the settlement.
- Our Police Department responded to the discovery of a dead body this week. The deceased male was most likely homeless and passing through Town. It was an unfortunate death due to natural causes, and no other involvement or foul play was suspected.
- The utility lines at the Wasson McKay park have been backfilled. We are still waiting for the pre-fabricated restroom facility before proceeding further with the project.
- We are still working on recouping the fuel tax that is due to the Town. We are looking into installing our own fuel pumps at Public Works to avoid this remittance process in the future and save money on fuel as it becomes more and more expensive.
- The PATS bus that was involved in the deer accident is still out of commission. The parts for the repairs are on backorder, and we do not know when it will be back in service.
- We are getting ready to kick off the 2023 budget process. We are planning to present the draft budget to Council at the September TC meeting, and we will work backwards from there.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)
 - Rockmageddon: Friday, June 3 – Saturday, June 4.
 - State of the Grand Valley Town Hall Meeting #2: June 22, 2022
 - Grand Valley Days will be August 19, 20, and 21st