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TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager  
CC: TOP Staff  
DATE: June 30, 2023  
RE: Info Update

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#### SPRING CREEK FIRE UPDATES

The Spring Creek fire continues to burn, but its progression has slowed considerably. With lower winds and a favorable weather forecast, fire crews anticipate making even more progress on the fire over the weekend. I will continue to send you the Incident Updates as I receive them via email. There is also a public meeting this evening at 6pm for members of the public that would like to learn more. The meeting will be held at the Fire Station, Grand Valley FPD Station 1, 124 Stone Quarry Rd. Additional information is also available via the links and sources below:

Facebook is updated throughout the day and will include a video briefing from the Operations section of Team 2.

- <https://www.facebook.com/SpringCreekFire2023/>

Inciweb is the federal website with the best statistics and detailed information open to the public. It is updated here locally by our PIOs.

- <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cowrf-spring-creek-fire>

A link to a map of the fire, updated nightly after infrared imagery is available.

- [https://ftp.wildfire.gov/public/incident\\_specific\\_data/rocky\\_mtn/2023/SpringCreek/QRCode/PIO\\_0630.pdf](https://ftp.wildfire.gov/public/incident_specific_data/rocky_mtn/2023/SpringCreek/QRCode/PIO_0630.pdf)

#### OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Just in case you have been living under a rock, the Loves Truck stop, McDonalds, and Chester's Chicken Restaurant are now OPEN! The restaurant side of the store held a "soft opening" on Wednesday, and the entire building and gas pumps were operational as of Thursday morning. Business appeared to be booming for the first 24 hours, and they have already had a lot of happy customers and truckers using the facility.

The business will still need to secure a CO for the building, which is primarily contingent upon them finalizing the plat and ROW dedication at the July 20<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting. They are operating with a TCO in the meantime.

#### THE MORE THE MERRIER

The Town Council and Planning Commission will convene together for a joint workshop on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to receive a presentation from a developer for a proposed residential subdivision in Parachute. The developer has not submitted a land use application yet, and we think an informal workshop will be the best opportunity for the Council and Commission to gauge the project and provide initial feedback to the developer. The subdivision will tentatively include approximately 60 single family homes. For your convenience, we are planning to begin the meeting at the regularly scheduled time of 6:30 p.m. It is open to the public, but it is not considered a regular meeting, and the Council and Commission will not be able to take any formal action. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns, and we will see you there.

#### TID BITS:

- WELCOME to officer Evelyn Gonzalez. Evelyn is a long time local who will officially begin her career with the Parachute PD on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please help us welcome her to the team.
- Thank you to the Senior Center for hosting the Town Council and staff at their summer luncheon on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and farewell to Judy, who is retiring from the Center today.
- Our sidewalk replacement project is nearly complete, and crews were able to successfully replace sections of concrete around Town. It was a much-needed improvement.
- We are still awaiting CDOT permit approval to commence our sidewalk and streetscape improvements along CR 300 and Cardinal Way.
- Dependable Waste, the Town's contracted solid waste hauler, is pending sale to Bruin Waste. We are working with them to continue our current contract and rates after the transition. Congrats to Gerald on the upcoming retirement.
- The approvals for JAS Holdings and the storage facility have been approved and finalized. They are working on expanding their facility.
- The new Monday Market begins Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, and will be every Monday evening on 1<sup>st</sup> Street through August 14<sup>th</sup>. Please help us spread the word, and find the details at [visitparachute.com/Monday-market](http://visitparachute.com/Monday-market): [Monday Market - Visit Parachute](#)
- The fleet fuel station is nearing completion and will likely be ready for fuel towards the end of next week.
- Town Hall will be closed for Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Yee haw: There is a rodeo planned for next Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Cottonwood Park fairgrounds.
- CSU recently conducted a 3D photo session to document and create 3D tours of the historic Wasson McKay house and Battlement Mesa Schoolhouse.
- One of our police vehicles suffered a broken back window last week from a passing lawn mower. It was repaired this week and is back in business.
- Our admin vehicle, on the other hand, is out of commission until further notice. It broke down in Denver during a staff training.

- We received another beautification grant. If approved, the grant funds will be awarded to Orchard Ave. Boutique and their efforts to improve their lot. This will be the third grant awarded this year.
- The new CMC banners have been installed throughout Town. Check them out.
- Community Development recently met with leaders from a church congregation about possibly constructing a new church on Diamond Ave. This will not require any land use approvals, and will not be reviewed by Town Council, but we are working with them to submit the proper permit applications.
- The sewer lift station had some debris issues this week. Luckily, our public works crew were able to remedy the situation.
- Our new water and wastewater utility rates are in effect and will be included on the round of utility bills that were just mailed out.
  
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:  
*(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)*
  - Monday Market: Monday evenings July 10<sup>th</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup> at Beasley Park on 1<sup>st</sup> St.
  - Summer TOP Staff Family Barbecue – Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023 at 5:30pm – Cottonwood Park
  - Grand Valley Days – August 18 – 20, 2023