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TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager  
CC: TOP Staff  
DATE: July 1, 2022  
RE: Info Update

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#### SLOWER SUMMER

I attended the Garfield County Economic Development meeting this week. There is a lot happening in the region, including a lot of residential development. Every community is citing lack of workforce as a major issue, and our local unemployment is the lowest it has been in a long time. Meanwhile, the resort areas and lodges in the region are seeing a slowdown in bookings. Occupancy seems to be slowing down, and many are citing the increase in fuel costs as the main culprit. Keep in mind that these bookings are lower compared to 2021, but that was a record-breaking year. Overall, sales tax and retail activity still appears strong for the Town of Parachute, but we will be watching it closely.

#### TID BITS:

- Have a fun and safe Fourth of July. Town Hall will be closed on Monday. Also, keep in mind that fireworks are prohibited in the Town and all of Garfield County.
- Public Works is still battling some irrigation issues, especially in the Tells Meadows area. We are working to track it down.
- Wasson McKay is looking good, but we are still awaiting the restroom facility before we can move forward with the project. In the meantime, we are completing other improvements, such as washing / painting the pedestrian bridge.
- We are working with the owners of JAZ Holdings (Mr. Beasley) to work through their minor subdivision application to expand their storage facility.
- We have submitted a Local MMOF grant application for \$200,000 to help with the planning and design of 1<sup>st</sup> Street. I will keep you posted.
- The Avs won the Stanley Cup!!!
- We are preparing for Grand Valley Days!
- I was on Amy Perrin's KSUN show, Behind the Red Door, this week. I don't know if I would recommend hearing what I have to say, but you can listen to it on Saturday on KSUN.
- Due to some excellent detective work, the PD was able to recover a stolen vehicle recently.
- Our Police Department participated in the active shooter training at the high school this week.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:  
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)
  - Grand Valley Days will be August 19, 20, and 21<sup>st</sup>