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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff *T. Elliott*
DATE: July 7, 2023
RE: Info Update

SPRING CREEK FIRE UPDATES

The Spring Creek fire continues to burn southeast of Town on the Battlements, but it has remained tame over the past week. The size of the fire remains right around 3,000 acres, and fire crews are now reporting 37% containment – despite the unfavorable weather, difficult terrain, and high winds. There are now 535 fire personnel working hard to keep the fire in check, and the fire camp at Cottonwood Park has grown into a small city.

We have executed a Land Use Agreement with the Forest Service to be reimbursed for our utility costs, and we remain committed to being excellent hosts, providing the necessary resources, and assisting however we can. We provided a dedicated internet connection for fire staff to use this week, and we are coordinating closing with the mosquito control contractors to keep mosquito populations under control. We also have coordinated with the Incident Management Team to keep the baseball fields and splash pads open to the public, and we are also working with them to rotate tent sites to try to keep as much grass watered and alive as possible.

I will continue to forward the Incident Updates to the Town Council, and 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>

MONDAY MARKET BEGINS

The Monday Market begins this coming Monday, July 10th at 5pm, and we are ready to sell some fresh local produce. The produce stand trailer is now in place at Beasley Park, and 100's of pounds of produce will be delivered Monday afternoon, including Palisade Peaches, apricots, green beans, rainier cherries, bing cherries, yellow squash, zucchini, and tomatoes. Volunteers from the Grand Valley Resident Team will be staffing the produce stand, and all proceeds will go to the Family Resource Center. Check out all of the details on the website, visitparachute.com/mondaymarket, and we will see you there. [Monday Market - Visit Parachute](#)

THE MORE THE MERRIER

The Town Council and Planning Commission will convene together for a joint workshop on Thursday, July 20th 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:

- CONGRATULATIONS to the Town for being awarded the 2022 CIRSA Property / Casualty Loss Prevention Award. The honor is awarded for “outstanding management of a loss control program,” which is a testament to the Town’s staff and dedication to safety.
- The 2023 sidewalk replacement project is complete. We will look forward to doing additional necessary repairs in 2024.
- We are still awaiting CDOT permit approval to commence our sidewalk and streetscape improvements along CR 300 and Cardinal Way.
- The police vehicle that suffered a broken back window has been repaired, and our admin vehicle is back from Denver and back up and running.
- The community survey is now closed, and we will begin working on the report of results.
- We met with Apptegy this week to kick off the design process to help us launch a new municipal app and updated website. Stay tuned for details.
- Speaking of technology and being cutting edge, we also met with WaterWorth, a utility rate forecasting software company, which specializes in budgeting and setting utility rates for municipalities. We will be working with WaterWorth to build new utility models and forecasts in preparation for the 2024 budget.
- The Police Department is putting the final touches on a DOJ COPS grant. If awarded, the grant would provide the Town with over \$180,000 to help fund some technology and equipment upgrades. Cross your fingers.
- 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 10th – August 14th at Beasley Park on 1st St.
 - Summer TOP Staff Family Barbecue – Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023 at 5:30pm – Cottonwood Park
 - Grand Valley Days – August 18 – 20, 2023