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TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager  
CC: TOP Staff   
DATE: July 8, 2022  
RE: Info Update

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#### POWERLINE TRAIL?

In partnership with the Town of DeBeque, we submitted official comments to Xcel for their project to replace transmission lines from DeBeque to Una Bridge. We are requesting they incorporate a recreational powerline trail into the project to connect our two communities by OHV, hiking, biking, and/or horseback riding. Through HB22-1104 Powerline Trails, which was signed April 13, 2022, this project appears to be an ideal candidate for a powerline trail that could be a very unique and exciting trail connection in the valley. I am attending their Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, and we will keep you posted if anything comes of this request.

#### WEAR YOUR BUG SPRAY

We are getting reports of very high mosquito counts in the Cottonwood Park area from our treatment contractor, VDCI, especially the species that is known to carry the West Nile virus. We have given them permission to take more aggressive treatment actions to hopefully get the numbers back down. In the meantime, be sure to use your mosquito spray. Also, as a reminder, you and community members can sign up for alerts and view data on Garfield County's website: [Mosquito control – Vegetation Management \(garfield-county.com\)](https://www.garfield-county.com/mosquito-control-vegetation-management)

#### TID BITS:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend was safe and relatively quiet for the Police Department, but it was very busy for TOP Adventures / Parachute Adventures.
- We are preparing for our joint work session meeting with the Garfield BOCC on August 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have anything that you would like to see on the agenda, please let me know.
- Our new Police Tahoe is getting its new paint job and graphics. Hopefully, we'll have it on patrol soon.
- In case you have been living under a rock - LOVES is under construction. They have finished installing a temporary water line under the TOP Adventures parking lot to use for dust control, and all water used is being metered and charged at our bulk water rate. They are anticipating to begin utility work next week, and they are working to source some very hard to find materials to keep the project on schedule.

- The PATS bus that was involved in the accident is still out of commission, and we don't have an estimate on when it will return.
- It's full blown summer, and we are still working hard to combat weeds and keep irrigation water up and running.
- We are expecting about \$4,500 returned from the state for our fuel tax credit. We are still working on getting our own fuel station for the future, and this will likely be a 2023 budget request.
- We are continuing to work with the County for the fiber broadband internet project, and we met this week to discuss facility locations in the valley. It is safe to say the \$1.7 million grant won't be spent all in one place.
- The Garfield Clean Energy board meeting was today. We have adopted new and ambitious goals to decrease carbon emissions from energy by 50% by 2030, among others.
- There are new guidelines on worker's compensation requirements and notices. We are updating our handbook and materials accordingly.
- 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>