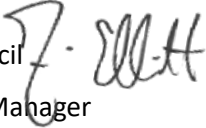




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TO: Mayor & Town Council 
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: July 21, 2023
RE: Info Update

ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL

The Town is continuing to participate in the newly formed Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership (CRVEDP) with the managers of Silt, Rifle and New Castle, along with other leaders in the Valley (CDLE, Library District, AGNC, RREDC, CMC, among others) to continue to discuss big picture economic development topics for our valley. The group met last week to discuss next steps and the future of the CRVEDP.

RREDC has committed an initial investment of \$30,000 to the effort with additional funding possible as we move forward. This funding will be used to secure the part-time support of a consultant to:

- clarify objectives
- strategize priorities
- explore budget needs and necessary support
- develop a timeline
- develop a strategic plan
- develop MOUs for participating municipalities
- develop materials for town boards and councils presentations
- write grant applications
- other duties, as assigned!

We have decided to continue to operate under the auspices of the RREDC's 501 (c)(3) so that we won't have to establish some new organization. RREDC's only role will be as CRVEDP member and bookkeeper.

As you know, CRVEDP has developed a website (<https://www.crvedp.org/>), a tagline ("Better Jobs Closer to Home) and draft Mission, Vision, Purpose Statements. This will continue to take shape over the next few months, but we feel it is a solid foundation of the collaborative effort. We will likely be discussing the CRVEDP and the Town's support during the 2024 budget process in order to outline its purposes and gain support.

We are all cognizant of the “Rifle-centric” reputation of the RREDC, whether earned or not, and are determined not to fall into that perception. Our goal is to benefit the entire valley and not focus on any one area, believing that a “rising tide floats all boats”.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns with this effort, please let me know.

TID BITS:

- Farewell and best of luck to Andrew Kingen. Andrew’s last day with the Town was Thursday, July 20th. We thank him for his 4+ years of service to the community and wish him the best.
- CONGRATULATIONS to Officer Ryan Reynolds, who was the very deserving recipient of the Life Saving Award, as presented at the Town Council meeting yesterday.
- CONGRATULATIONS and welcome aboard to Officer Evelyn Gonzalez, who received her badge and was officially sworn in as a PPD Officer yesterday evening. What a great Town Council meeting.
- The pre-construction meeting for the sidewalk and streetscape improvements for Cardinal Way and CR 300 is scheduled for next week. We are still awaiting CDOT permit approval, but we anticipate this project will begin soon. Traffic impacts are expected to be minimal during this project.
- Grand Valley Days planning is underway, and we have been working closely with the PA to make the necessary arrangements for this year’s event – August 18-20, 2023. The parade route this year will include 1st street.
- The new 2022 PD Tahoe vehicle has finally been repaired and is ready to be put to use in our fleet of police vehicles.
- Just when we thought our fleet was back to 100%, one of our other police vehicles is having mechanical issues. It has been towed to be repaired.
- Save the Date: Invitations to the upcoming staff picnic went out this week. We will convene at Cottonwood Park on Thursday, Aug. 3rd at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6pm, and a cornhole tournament will follow. See you there!
- The 2024 budget process is officially underway. We can barely contain the excitement at Town Hall.
- I attended the Garfield Clean Energy Board meeting last Friday. The group is busy preparing their 2024 budget, and the Town Council should anticipate a funding request as part of the 2024 budget process.
- The Monday Market continues next Monday, July 24th. ICYMI: [New Parachute Monday Market supports Garfield 16 Family Resource Center | PostIndependent.com](#).
- Our domain request for parachute.gov has been approved! We will begin the transition process throughout the remainder of the year, and will officially launch the new domain in conjunction with the rollout of our new website.
- I attended the Kiwanis meeting this week to deliver a series of Town updates and news.
- We have received a building permit application for the coffee shack to open in a new location, adjacent to the newly opened Orchard Ave. Boutique.
- We have issued a RFQ from individuals and firms for the contract Town Engineer. The complete RFQ and details can be found on the Town’s website, [parachutecolorado.com](#)
- Have you tuned into KSUN recently? Town staff have been busy on air for several interviews this past week.

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

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