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TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager  
CC: TOP Staff  
DATE: September 2, 2022  
RE: Info Update

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#### THAT'S A WRAP

By all accounts, Grand Valley Days was a huge success and a really great time. The turnout at Saturday's Rodeo was possibly a new record, and the place was packed. THANK YOU to the Parks Association and Town Staff that made it possible, and CONGRATULATIONS to the Town's Cattle Dressing team who received 3rd place in the rodeo. Rumor has it that the Town's calf was the best dressed and most fashionable calf of all time in the past 114 years of Grand Valley Days.

We are already planning and looking forward to the next Town event: Holidays in Grand Valley on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### GREENER PASTURES

Tyrell, our seasonal Public Works employee, has moved on from the Town in pursuit of other, year-round, career opportunities. Please help us congratulate and thank Tyrell for his hard work this summer. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors, and we were very happy to have him on board this summer.

#### GOING, GOING, GONE

The Town's four RZR's, enclosed trailer, and a sedan are now live and at auction online at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com), and they are getting a lot of bidding action. The PD Expedition sold last week for ~\$2,200. The other items will close on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. If you know anyone that may be interested in any of this Town equipment, please have them visit the website to place bids online.

#### CHA CHING

The Town's share of Severance Tax and Federal Mineral Lease Revenue was significantly higher than what was budgeted for in 2022. The Town received \$80,779.91 in Severance Tax and \$184,990.31 in Lease Revenue. The 2022 budget only projected receipts of \$35,000 and \$30,000 respectively. These funds are partially dedicated towards capital projects for the town, due to their unpredictable nature, but this is very good news for the Town overall. We will be projecting this trend to continue into 2023 as natural gas prices stay strong and industry activity (hopefully) stays steady.

## NEVER ENDING SUMMER

The Splash Pad is schedule to close for the season after Labor Day on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, but don't moth ball those bathing suits just yet. We plan to open the Splash Pad on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays - as weather permits. This will hopefully make up for some lost time that was experienced this summer while the system was down and underwent maintenance.

**To be clear:** The Splash Pad will be OPEN Friday, September 9 – Sunday, September 11, and possibly future weekends if the weather holds up. It will be CLOSED on Tuesday, September 6 – Thursday, September 8, and it will close again on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> until further notice.

## TID BITS:

- HAPPY LABOR DAY! Town Hall will be CLOSED on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Per the Town Council's direction, we will hold a special meeting on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to solidify ballot language for various charter amendments in the November election. See you there.
- The Planning Commission meeting for 9/8 has been cancelled.
- The Visitor Center had 889 visitors in the month of August. September is the last month of the center being open every day, and it will only be open weekends beginning in October.
- We submitted two Garfield County FMLD grant applications this week. Keep your fingers crossed.
- "Long striping" and painting of Town streets and lanes took place this week.
- The parklet at Wasson McKay continues to make great progress. We are waiting on concrete and asphalt to finish the project.
- We have been conducting a utility billing audit on meters in Town that have been reading zero for extended periods of time. Staff have already identified and corrected several errors to ensure that customers are being charged fairly for the water they use.
- Open enrollment for employees and their health insurance is coming up in October.
- Speaking of health insurance, we have been notified that our premiums are likely to increase 4.5% in 2023.
- We will be evaluating proposals and interviewing firms for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street / Downtown Development Plan over the next couple of weeks.
- We are working on getting the new bus wrapped and into service ASAP.
- The new signs with Splash Pad Rules will be installed next week.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:  
*(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)*
  - State of the Grand Valley meeting #3 – 6:30 p.m. | September 21<sup>st</sup> at GV Rec Center
  - WSCOGA Scholarship Reception | September 29<sup>th</sup> at CMU Grand Junction