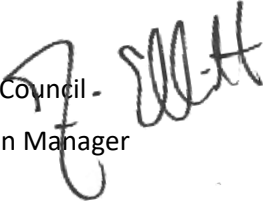




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TO: Mayor and Town Council - 
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: September 23, 2022
RE: Info Update

TID BITS:

- The third and final State of the Grand Valley meeting on Wednesday was a success. Kudos to Mayor Rugaard for speaking at the event, and to councilmember Flores Cruz for facilitating one of the break out groups.
- The splash pad is CLOSED for the season.
- The PATS buses have a photo shoot scheduled for next week. We plan to use the images and videos to put together a social media and advertising campaign for the remainder of 2022 to continue to boost our ridership numbers.
- September is the last month of the Visitor center being open every day, and it will only be open weekends beginning in October.
- We have issued our “Notice of Intent” to award the Downtown Development Plan contract to Ayres. They are a very qualified firm with a lot of experience, including in small towns in our region, and we are very excited to work with them. We will officially kick off the project in October.
- We are assisting the Chamber in their planning efforts for next month’s chili cookoff in Rifle.
- Election day is November 8th. As a reminder, Town of Parachute voters will have two questions to amend our charter to vote on. We are working on getting information on our website to summarize and explain the changes.
- The Loves contractors and engineers held their pre-construction meeting with CDOT this week at Town Hall. There were several issues that the contractors will need to work through before they can begin work on the intersection in CDOT ROW.
- The Exxon Mobile station has applied for a new sign permit.
- The Grub N Scrub station is remodeling their bathrooms, and they have applied for the necessary permits.
- We have struggled to find qualified candidates for our vacant Community Development Director position. The job posting remains open.

- The State legislation requiring stores to use paper bags and charge a bag fee will begin in January 2023. We are working on ways to communicate this with business owners and collect the fees.
- The concrete for the new Wasson McKay park is (planned to) pouring today.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)
 - WSCOGA Scholarship Reception | September 29th at CMU Grand Junction
 - Wasson McKay Park soft opening celebration and staff appreciation barbecue (tentative) – Thursday, October 6th.
 - Garfield County 2022 Candidate Meet & Greet | October 6th at Co Work Space, 135 1st Street
 - Rifle Chili Cookoff | Saturday, October 7th at Rifle Fairgrounds
 - Saturday, October 15th - CAMRO West Slope Mineral Owners Seminar, Rifle, CO
 - TOP Holiday Party (tentative) – Thursday, December 15th.