



TRAVIS ELLIOTT
TOWN MANAGER

Integrity • Respect • Teamwork • Pride • Innovation • Diversity

222 GRAND VALLEY WAY • PARACHUTE, CO 81635 • (970) 285-7630

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: September 30, 2022
RE: Info Update

TID BITS:

- The Tesla charging station at the Grub N Scrub is complete and will be open beginning TODAY, Friday, September 30th.
- The Wasson McKay Park is making a lot of progress. The sod and gazebo was installed this week, and it is looking great, but we are still awaiting concrete before the rest of the hardscaped area will be completed.
- A photo shoot for the PATS buses took place earlier this week. We will use the videos and photos to create new collateral and create new ad campaigns to get more riders on the bus. Special thanks to Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Flores Cruz and GVHS student Caitlyn for being our models.
- Speaking of PATS riders, we are working with Trillium to expand our capabilities on Google Maps to create built in Transit Alerts. This would provide real time trip information, detours, and delays to bus riders. This is a FREE service provided by CDOT.
- Our IT security continues to be tested, and there was another unsuccessful phishing scam attempt this week. This was not a drill! Please stay diligent and on guard when opening, downloading, or receiving suspicious emails. The next round of KnowBe4 IT Security training is right around the corner.
- We will be hosting a Town staff open enrollment and training next Thursday, October 6th. We will conclude the informational meetings with a staff appreciation barbecue around 12 noon. The Town Council is invited to the barbecue. Please join us if you are available.
- The Loves construction trailer for XLNT has been relocated to Town property. We have executed a revocable license agreement with XLNT to ensure the town is indemnified and protected. This agreement will need to be ratified and approved by the Council at the meeting in October.
- Work continues on our utility rate analysis and the 2023 budget. Staff will be proposing a utility rate increase for 2023 in conjunction with the 2023 budget meeting on October 20th. Please let me know if there are any projects or areas of the budget that you would like for staff to be prepared to present on in more detail.

- Staff are reviewing our fee schedule to evaluate if any changes are necessary for the 2023 budget.
- The Visitor Center will only be open on the weekends beginning this weekend, Oct. 1st.
- We have sent a draft contract for the Downtown Development Plan contract to Ayres. We are working to schedule a kickoff meeting in the next week or two.
- EDITORIAL CORRECTION: The Chili Cookoff is next **Friday**, October 7th at 5:30pm at the Garfield County fairgrounds in Rifle. The previous edition of the info update mistakenly said Saturday. We have reprimanded and taken the necessary disciplinary actions to the quality control department.
- The Grand Valley Residents Team has expressed interested in hosting a Dia De Los Muertos event on October 29th in Parachute. We have informed them that we are supportive of the idea and willing to assist. Details will be forthcoming, but save the date for now.
- Election day is November 8th. As a reminder, Town of Parachute voters will have two questions to amend our charter to vote on. There is an overview of the questions on our website, parachutecolorado.com.
- We are making an effort to ensure our utility billing practices are accurate and equitable. Staff are continuing to audit and research strange utility accounts and meter reads.
- 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 5:30pm at Rifle / GarCo Fairgrounds
 - Saturday, October 15th - CAMRO West Slope Mineral Owners Seminar, Rifle, CO
 - Dia De Los Muertos – Saturday, October 29th - Details TBA
 - Holidays in Grand Valley – Saturday, November 19th
 - TOP Holiday Party – Thursday, December 15th