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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: October 21, 2022
RE: Info Update

FISHING IS FUN

We are working with CPW to extend our Fishing is Fun grant deadline and revise the original scope of work. The ~\$27,000 grant award was to be used for the addition of public restrooms at the Una Bridge takeout and TOP Adventures boat ramp. For various budgetary and property ownership reasons, we have decided to no longer pursue the restroom at the Una Bridge takeout location. We are still working towards construction for the restroom at the boat ramp near the bridge in the Town of Parachute. CPW has been very accommodating, and the new deadline for the project is 12/31/2023. With any luck, the restroom will be open in time for the summer river season in 2023.

HELP WANTED

We're hiring! We have posted a PT Temporary Police Officer position on our website. We are hoping to bring in a sworn officer on a temporary basis while one of our current officers is out on an extended medical leave. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please have them submit an application, cover letter, and resume by email to Chief Stewart. The Community Development Director position also remains vacant and open until filled.

TID BITS:

- Election day is November 8th. As a reminder, Town of Parachute voters will have two questions to amend our charter that they will be asked to vote on. There is an overview of the questions on our website, parachutecolorado.com.
- We are working with the Loves Civil Contractor to complete the water line loop extension project. We are cutting it close to the winter season, but we hope to have a contract ready for Council approval in the near future.
- Winter is coming. Public Works is hard at work preparing for colder temperatures. We have started draining irrigation systems, blowing out sprinklers, and prepping the snowplows.
- The final concrete pour for the Wasson McKay park was completed this week. We hope asphalt will be completed next week.
- We recently discovered that the garage building at Wasson McKay was broken into. Several items of value were missing (e.g. easy up tent, heaters, etc.), but the damage was minimal. If

you have any information about this theft, please let us know. In the meantime, we are working to re-secure the property with fencing and security cameras.

- I joined a tour of the Eco Dwelling factory in Rifle with Mayor Rugaard this week. We have initiated discussions about possible Parachute locations for a Eco Dwelling development.
- The new bus is about 70% finished with its new PATS wrap.
- The Christmas tree at the Visitor Center has been set up in preparation for Holidays in Grand Valley on November 19th.
- The parking lines and stripes on the side streets along 1st Street and at the Town Hall and TOP Adventures parking lots recently received a fresh coat of paint.
- Our non-heated restroom facilities, including at Beasley and Cottonwood Parks, are now closed for the winter season.
- I recently met with staff from Grand Valley High School to discuss ways to engage and involve high school students in Town government. They suggested and invited us to attend their school leadership class, which we will make arrangements for in the near future.
- Staff will be bringing a lease for the 1st Street Co Working space to the Council meeting in November for consideration and approval.
- We have executed the contract, for a total value of \$50,000, with our chosen consultant for the Downtown Development Plan - Ayres. We kicked off the project with an initial planning meeting on Thursday. We will be looking for a day or two in the next month to schedule a site visit and steering committee meeting with our selected stakeholders.
- Staff will be meeting next week to discuss the implementation process of the recently adopted Hoop House building code amendments.
- The Trails Master Plan effort continues. We recently received a draft of chapter 2 to review / edit, and we received a first draft of a future trail network map to review as well.
- The Police Department was recently well represented at the Career Fair in Rifle.
- Staff discovered a billing inconsistency with a large water customer during our recent utility billing audit. We will be notifying the owners of the issue and begin billing them the correct rate – effective for the next billing cycle in November.
- I (virtually) attended the IMTPR meeting today. Brian Pettet, Public Works Director of Pitkin County, was selected as the new Chair of the group.
- The Q4 cyber security training will begin October 31st. Look for an email from KnowBe4. Staff will need to complete the training by the end of November.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)
 - Dia De Los Muertos – Saturday, October 29th – Beasley Park
 - Veteran’s Day Assembly – GVHS, Friday, November 18th
 - Holidays in Grand Valley – Saturday, November 19th
 - TOP Holiday Party – Thursday, December 15th