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TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager  
CC: TOP Staff  
DATE: October 28, 2022  
RE: Info Update

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#### CONGRATULATIONS!

As approved and directed by the Town Council, the Town applied for two fall 2022 GCFMLD grants. We recently received notice that the Town was awarded BOTH GRANTS, totaling \$155,000. The majority of the grant funds (\$130,000) will be for a project in partnership with the GVFPD to build a regional fleet fueling station. The remainder (\$25,000) will be used to help offset the costs of one police vehicle replacement. We recently executed our agreements with GCFMLD, and we're excited to get to work on both projects. We will also begin drafting an IGA for the Council's approval to formalize the agreement with the GVFPD.

#### DIA DE LOS MUERTOS / DAY OF THE DEAD

The new Dia De Los Muertos event is tomorrow, Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at Beasley Park. Face painting begins at 4:30pm, and the Day of the Dead parade walk begins at 6pm. Gather at CFL no later than 5:50pm if you plan to participate in the parade. After the walk, drinks and bread will be available at Beasley Park, and music will begin at 7pm. The Costume Contest winners will be announced at 7:20pm. The event is being produced by the Grand Valley Residents Team, and the Town lent some assistance with planning and by setting up a tent for the event. We will see you there!

#### HELP WANTED

We're hiring! Our Community Development Director position remains open. We have also 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.

#### BUSY BEES

Brandon and I attended the Garfield County Economic Development meeting in Glenwood on Thursday. The focus of the meeting was on recent building permit and residential building activity around the region. All municipalities have seen a large uptick in permit applications over the past two years. Approximately 1300 new residential units are either approved or in the approval process throughout the

county. This includes the units expected from the Parachute Inn, and the 48 homes planned in the Halfmoon Subdivision on Battlement Mesa.

TID BITS:

- Election day is November 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- The Wasson McKay Park parking lot paving is complete. This was the last major milestone on the project, and it will be complete once the parking lot is painted. If you haven't seen it yet, check it out.
- Open enrollment for staff insurance changes recently ended.
- We have received another building permit application for a single-family home on one of the dormant Riverside subdivision lots.
- 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.
- Our new wayfinding and street signs should be here soon.
- Staff recently met to clarify and review our utility billing processes and procedures. This will help our process for installing new meters and processing water shutoffs.
- 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.
- We have located a Public Works work truck at an out-of-state dealership, and we hope to purchase and have it here soon. This was a budgeted replacement for 2022.
- Staff will be bringing a lease for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Co Working space to the Council meeting in November for consideration and approval.
- The Police Department is making plans for their "Shop with a Hero" event on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- We are planning to hold a 1<sup>st</sup> Street stakeholder meeting on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-6pm. 27 business owners and nearby residents are being invited to walk the street with staff and our consultants, and we will be identifying areas of focus / priority for the planners.
- The Q4 cyber security training will begin October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 11th
  - Holidays in Grand Valley – Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - TOP Holiday Party – Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>