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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: November 4, 2022
RE: Info Update

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS TOO MUCH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT?

We will be finding out soon. As luck would have it, both our Downtown Development Plan and Trails Master Plan stakeholder groups will be convening in late November / early December. The trails master plan group will be invited to one of two meetings to begin discussing the proposed trails in the draft plan on November 30th at Town Hall. The Downtown Development Plan stakeholder group is being invited to a site walk of 1st Street with the consultant team on December 1st. Neither group has a lot of overlap, so we hope this works well for the members of each respective team. However, it is going to be a lot of work and a lot of feedback to digest. Stay tuned!

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Election day is THIS TUESDAY, November 8th. Town of Parachute voters have two questions on their ballots to potentially amend our charter:

- 1) To adjust Council terms for appointed members; and
 - a. This will update the charter to prevent a lot of council seats being up for election in any one single election, and will keep terms staggered to their respective 4 year terms.
- 2) To specify that the Police Chief, Finance Director and Town Clerk are positions to be appointed by the Town Manager.
 - a. This will update the charter to be more reflective of the Council-Manager form of government and current practice.

There is a more complete overview of the questions on our website, parachutecolorado.com. The ballot box is located in front of Town Hall, and ballots must be in the box no later than 7pm on election day. It is now too late to mail your ballot. Tell your friends, and get out and vote.

BAG BAN

The new statewide bag fee for large retail chains and businesses (chains or business owners with 3+ storefronts) goes into effect on January 1st. These stores will be required to charge a bag fee. The minimum fee is \$0.10/bag, and the revenue will be remitted to the Town. The revenue collected must

be used for solid waste and recycling programs. The new state legislation allows for the Town to charge more, if we would like to. At this point, we do not plan on charging any more than the minimum. If anyone on the Town Council would like to consider charging more, please let me know, and we can discuss at an upcoming Council meeting. In the meantime, we are ordering ~300 reusable bags with PATS branding to give to community members to help ease into the new law.

TID BITS:

- The Wasson McKay Park project is nearly complete. We will be striping the parking lot, installing cameras, and putting a fork in it.
- Town staff have been on air a lot lately. Lucy and I both recorded separate KSUN shows this past week.
- Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day.
- We are placing liens on properties that we were forced to remediate for code violations, such as weed abatement, over the summer.
- Loves is working on getting their business licenses and liquor licenses together. They also plan to begin pouring concrete and asphalt for the lot next week.
- We met with our trails master plan consultants this week to review the first draft of the proposed trail segment alignments.
- The new Police Department vehicle is expected to arrive around the end of the year. This was a budgeted fleet replacement vehicle for 2022.
- CPS (Town Planner) is getting ready to complete a code review / audit of our land use code. This was planned for as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update – which was completed earlier this year. Any changes will need to be publicly noticed and approved by both Planning Commission and Town Council.
- We will be interviewing a candidate for Community Development Director next week.
- We recently audited and reprogrammed our inventory of emergency radio equipment.
- The Police Department is making plans for their "Shop with a Hero" event on December 3rd. \$5,000 has already been raised for this year's event.
- The Town Police Department gave a way A LOT of candy at the Trunk or Treat. It was a great economic development effort for Dr. Hogan's business.
- The Q4 cyber security training is underway! 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)
 - Veteran's Day Assembly – GVHS, Friday, November 11th at 11am
 - Holidays in Grand Valley – Saturday, November 19th
 - TOP Holiday Party – Thursday, December 15th