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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: December 16, 2022
RE: Info Update

CONGRATULATIONS, BUD & WILL!

As approved by the Town Council in the 2023 budget, I am excited to announce two upcoming promotions for a couple of very hard-working individuals. Please help me congratulate Harley “Bud” Walker and William Van Teylingen on their upcoming promotions, effective January 1, 2023:

- Bud Walker is being promoted to Public Works Operations Manager
- Officer Van Teylingen is being promoted to Police Officer II

If you have had the pleasure of working with Bud and Will, I’m sure you will agree that these promotions are well-deserved. They were nominated by their supervisors and have consistently gone above and beyond for the community and organization. Congratulations, Bud and Will!

OUT WITH A BANG

The Town of DeBeque will be hosting a New Year’s Eve Fireworks show on Saturday, December 31st at 7pm.

We were working with our fireworks company to reschedule the cancelled show from Holidays in Grand Valley for NYE in Parachute, but once we realized the Town of Debeque is already hosting a show, we decided we don’t want to duplicate those efforts. We will be using the cancelled show as a credit towards next year’s Holidays in Grand Valley instead.

WELCOME, MICHAEL MARKUS – COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Please help me welcome the latest member of our team, Michael Markus. Michael has accepted an offer to be the Town’s next Community and Economic Development Director. He will officially begin in his new role on December 27th.

A Colorado State University alumni, Michael has called Colorado home for a long period of time, and he currently lives in Grand Junction. He has most recently been doing Regulatory and Zoning consulting work for communications and oil and gas companies, which included Land Use Planning experience with

the BLM and COGCC. He also has a long history of public service and local government experience – including as the Development Department Director for Natrona County Wyoming, and the Assistant County Planner for Montrose County. We are very excited for him to join the team, and please help us welcome him to the community.

TID BITS:

- It was great seeing everyone at the Holiday party last night. Thanks for coming and making it a great time. Shout out to the El Tapatio staff for doing a wonderful job, and to the Town staff that made it happen.
- I attended the GVHS leadership class on Thursday to get their feedback on the Trails Plan and the DDP. They had a lot of great ideas, and we will be including them on more Town projects in the future – such as the repainting of the GVHS Cardinal on the water tank.
- We will also be presenting an update on the Trails Plan to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, December 19th.
- The public works crew will be putting some extra elbow grease into our newly leased Co Work space over the next couple of weeks to turn the unused back room into a private conference room. This will allow for greater flexibility in the co workspace, and it will be available for rent to the public (HOA meetings, etc.)
- We have finished putting together our 2023 capital project and work plan. There will be a lot of RFPs and Contracts going out the door in the next few months. Town Council should expect to see contract approvals on the agenda for a lot of projects at the January – April meetings.
- We recently added “Transit Alerts” to our online GTFS platform to help communicate PATS information and delays on mapping applications, such as Google Maps. The cost for this service is paid for by CDOT.
- We recently completed a KnowBe4 fake phishing test campaign. You likely received a fake scam email over the past week. I’m pleased to report that not a single employee or Council member failed the test! That is a big improvement from a year ago, before we implemented regular cyber security training.
- Additional Town Hall holiday hours and closures are coming up. Because the holidays fall over weekends, some of the closures will be observed on the day before or day after the actual holiday. We have updated our website and will post signs accordingly to inform the public.
 - Town Hall Upcoming Holiday Closures:
 - Christmas Eve Observed – Thursday, December 22nd
 - Christmas Day Observed – Monday, December 26th
 - New Years Day Observed – Monday, January 2nd
- PATS will not be running on the observed holidays for Christmas (Monday December 26th) and New Years (Monday, January 2nd)
- The final 2023 budget book is being finalized, and it will be posted on the website soon. If you would like a hard copy for your own pleasure, please let us know.
- The new wayfinding signs and street signs are being installed around Town. We are waiting on a few more to arrive before we are finished.
- Public Works finished installing new taps for the future restroom at the TOP Adventures parking lot.
- We are conducting routine sewer jetting maintenance throughout Town.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)
 - Parachute Pick Up – April 28 – 29, 2023