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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Town of DeBeque will be hosting a New Year's Eve Fireworks show tomorrow - 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.

TID BITS:

- Happy New Year! Town Hall will be closed on Monday in observance of the holiday.
- Speaking of the New Year, we are busy wrapping up the 2022 fiscal year and closing out projects.
- The final 2023 budget book has been finalized and is available on our website. If you would like a hard copy for your own reference, please let us know.
- Our new development, application, and other fees go into effect January 1st. Our utility rate increases won't go into effect until June 1st. Details on the amount of the utility rate increases are available on our website.
- Mike Markus started this week as the Town's new Community & Economic Development Director. He has hit the ground running and already started to make a positive impact.
- We presented an update on the Trails Plan to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, December 19th, and it made some local headlines. The Post Independent and the radio station covered the topic recently.
- Our public works crew recently put some finishing touches on the co-working space to make the back room space a meeting room / conference space. We are still working on the final touches and tech / website to begin renting it out to the public, but we hope it will be open to the public in early 2023.

- PATS will not be running on the observed holiday for New Years (Monday, January 2nd). This info is on our website and on Google Transit Alerts.
- 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.
- The second and final of the new RTUs for Town Hall was installed this week. This completes the HVAC replacement project.
- Speaking of capital projects – we are getting ready to issue RFPs / Invitations to Bid for some major projects that are budgeted for 2023. The first will be for the Cardinal Way Streetscape improvements. The second will be for the fleet fueling station project. Both RFP/ITBs will be posted on our website and on BidNet for qualified firms to submit bids. Bids will likely be due in early February, and the contract awards will be on the February TC meeting agenda for approval.
- Speaking of contracts, we have signed a contract with PolCo to conduct our new Community Survey in 2023. This project was included in the 2023 budget in an effort to meet the Town Council’s goal of increasing community engagement.
- We are drafting an IGA for the GVFPD and the Town to formalize our agreement for the cost reimbursement and usage of the fleet fueling station at Public Works.
- We will begin the process of moving to the new, more secure, URL of www.parachute.gov in 2023. All of the previous urls and our email addresses will continue to work, but this new URL will be more identifiable and secure for us in the future.
- There was a leak inside of the Revelle Springs water plant recently. Luckily, our technology and alarms worked perfectly and alerted us of the issue before it became a bigger issue.
- The traffic light outage at the intersection of CR300 and Cardinal Way (near Loves) was due to an Xcel power outage. Contrary to popular belief on Facebook, it was not Love’s fault (this time).
- The Police Charger Vehicle is out of commission temporarily while we fix some issues with the electronics.
- 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 – Cottonwood Park
 - Wasson McKay Park Grand (RE)Opening – Saturday, May TBD, 2023
 - Rockmageddon – June 1 – 4, 2023
 - Summer Staff Family Barbecue – Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 5:30pm – Cottonwood Park