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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: October 3, 2025
RE: Info Update

SEE YOU AT FESTIFALL

Fall is in the air, and the inaugural Festifall event begins tonight, Friday, October 3rd. Don't miss the show and shine at Cottonwood Park, followed by the cruise parade at 7pm, and then a community camp fire this evening. Tomorrow, Saturday, October 4th, will kickoff with the 5k Fun Run at 8am, and then will be action packed with all kinds of food, games, fun, and events for the whole family at the park. The OHV side by side races begin at 12:30pm, and the FREE concert begins at 5:30pm. See you there!

All of the details and more information can be found on our website, here: [Parachute "Festi-Fall" Debuts October 3-4, 2025 | Town of Parachute](#)

REMINDER: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER TUESDAY, OCT. 7th

Please join us for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, October 7th at 5:30pm in the Senior Center at 540 N. Parachute Ave. This annual event was adopted by the Town Council to thank the visitor center volunteers that staff and welcome visitors at the rest area all summer long. It has been expanded to include other volunteers that contribute to the community, such as the folks that pitch in at events and our very own Planning Commission members. It is our way of saying thank you. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sarah Fitzpatrick.

PATS FUNDING CUTS

We were recently informed that the County reduced PATS funding in their 2025 budget by about \$25,000, and their budget committee is recommending another reduction in 2026. This will cause us to miss projected revenues in 2025, and we will likely be facing a structural deficit in the PATS budget for 2026. The cuts are being felt by almost all areas of the County and their grant recipients due to their projected revenue reductions throughout the remainder of the year and 2026. We will be before the BOCC at their meeting on Monday, and we will still be requesting the same amount of funding that we have traditionally received, but we are prepared for that to be reduced. The budget will need to be updated accordingly. More details will be available at the Town Council's October 16th meeting and during the budget review process.

TID BITS:

- APR / Aspen Journalism recently reached out to our Police Department for information regarding ICE activity and arrests in the area. The arrests they are reporting on occurred outside of Town limits and in Battlement Mesa, but you may see a story on this topic soon.
- We provided two letters of support for different grant applications this week. One was for Garfield 16 School District to the ACF for funding for mental health counseling and student internships. The other was for the Middle Colorado Watershed Council for their wildfire program manager.
- We have had a series of conversations and negotiations with Lumen, the telecommunication company that owns the lot at 147 1st Street, about purchasing the property from them. This week, we received a LOI with terms that will be brought to Town Council on 10/16. Any such purchase would require Council approval via Ordinance. Stay tuned.
- Our CDOT kickoff meeting for the 1st Street Final Design Phase 3B went well this week. We will commence the design review process with their team in early November. This will be the first step in the lengthy review process through CDOT.
- We have submitted our CPW non motorized trail grant application for the design work along the Colorado River from the Island up Parachute Creek. This will bring us another step closer to realizing some of the projects identified in the Trails Master Plan and the newly adopted Cottonwood Park Master Plan.
- Public Works recently poured the missing section of sidewalk near Looney Dr.
- Public Works was also able to complete the fire hydrant replacement near Nalinis this week.
- Xcel recently presented updated to their 6670 transmission line rebuild plans. They have designed an alignment that will help the Grand Valley Village. They will be submitting their land use application soon.
- Irrigation water will be shut off around October 15th.
- Our VPN for remote computers is currently down. It will be replaced by new, more secure, software soon.
- See attached for the August PD Blotter report.
- Although we have received some much needed moisture recently, the Town remains in Stage 2 water restrictions until further notice.
- Town Hall will be closed on Columbus Day, October 13th.
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
(please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements)
 - Festifall – October 3-4, 2025 – Cottonwood Park
 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – October 7, 2025 at 5:30pm – Senior Center
 - Holidays in Grand Valley – December 6, 2025