

Manager's Message

The month of March will include several important meetings with the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees as both governing bodies will meet on the 7th and 21st at Town Hall to discuss a variety of issues that could have positive impacts for our community.

On March 7th the Planning Commission & Board will first meet at 6:00pm to hold a brief study session to discuss new landscaping requirements for residential and commercial properties. The focus of the landscaping discussion is to amend requirements for new development with the focus on water conservation. One aspect of the revised landscaping regulations includes an incentive program for existing or current properties to promote yard improvements that include planting trees and installing water efficient plants and irrigation systems.

Immediately following the joint study session the Planning Commission will meet at 6:30pm to consider a Planned Development District for the Town-owned property south of the energy park on the west side of Main Street. The Town acquired this parcel several years ago and constructed storm water retention ponds along the Division Blvd side of the property and now wants to subdivide the east side of the property along Main Street for new commercial/retail development. The Town has posted the property for sale since last year but hasn't considered any offers until the new Planned Development District is completed. This District only involves the types of retail businesses that are encouraged to develop on the property along with restrictions on building size, landscaping, signage and other development standards.

At 7:00pm that evening the Board will hold its regular meeting and also discuss the Planned Development District along with other items including the new Welcome Center at

the Fort Vasquez Museum that will open in late March.

Another busy meeting night is scheduled on the 21st as the Planning Commission meets again at 6:30pm followed by the Board of Trustees at 7:00pm. This night will focus on the adoption of the updated Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Commission which will then be ratified by the Board of Trustees. Two code updates are included with the Comp Plan update that involve the previously discussed landscaping revisions along with updated water dedication and use requirements for new development. The Planning Commission and Board have had multiple study sessions since last fall to review key aspects of the plan and the contract planning staff is very close to getting all elements completed. The final draft of the Comp Plan is expected to be ready by March 15th for review prior to the meeting on the 21st.

This month I'm working with the Public Works Director and Town Engineer to finalize the construction plans for the Grand Avenue Improvement Project and start soliciting bids. I realize that Grand Avenue near the west entrance to the 7-Eleven is in terrible shape but please be patient as I don't want to spend money patching this area as it's going to be repaved with additional sub-grade in a few months. All of Grand Avenue from Highway 85 to where it meets Sterkel Blvd will be repaved and new sidewalks will be installed on both sides of Grand Avenue from Main Street to River Road. This will be our primary capital project this year with an estimated cost of \$1.3 million dollars but when completed will be a very nice improvement for our community.

Contact Information

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(970) 785-1212
Non-Emergency Dispatch:
(970) 356-1212
Emergency: 911

Public Works Dept.

(970) 785-6415

Recreation & Seniors

(970)785-2245 x. 1101
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Platteville/Gilcrest Fire Protection District

303 Main Street
Platteville, CO 80651
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Pioneer Museum

502 Marion Avenue
Platteville, CO 80651
(970) 785-6285
Mon & Wed 10:00am-3:00pm
Sat. 10:00-2:00pm

Public Library

504 Marion Ave./PO Box 567
Platteville, CO 80651
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Mon - Fri 10:00am-6:00pm
Sat 10:00am-2:00pm
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Nantes Library (Gilcrest)

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www.nanteslibrary.us