## T.O.P. NEWSLETTER

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### Manager's Message

The Town's annual spring cleanup weekend is scheduled for Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd at 100 N. Division Blvd which is the property directly east of the Community Center and ball fields. Now that the new wastewater facility is completed this may be the last time that the cleanup weekend is held at this location but we'll know more once the decommissioning of the sewer lagoons are completed in the next few months. Please review the cleanup weekend flyer that was sent out in this month's utility billing or call Town Hall to verify what items will be accepted and the costs are per load as they vary based upon the size of vehicle or trailer.

The annual tornado siren testing began on Saturday, April 1st at 10:00am and testing will continue the first Saturday of each month through September. The sirens were acquired through a FEMA grant after the 2008 tornado that impacted Gilcrest and Windsor and we received four sirens and two were installed in Gilcrest. Our Police Department schedules and monitors the siren testing each year with assistance from the Platteville/Gilcrest Fire Protection District and our Public Works Department helps with annual maintenance and inspections.

Construction bids are currently being accepted until the last week of April for the Grand Avenue Improvement Project. The improvements will include the installation of new sidewalks along both sides of the street from Main Street to River Street and an asphalt overlay from Highway 86 to Sterkel Blvd. This will be our large capital project for the year with a budgeted estimate of \$1.4 million and we're hoping the bids come in reasonable unlike last year when they were significantly higher. Since Grand Avenue is a significant roadway in our community the project will begin in early June and completed before August so not to interview with the school schedule and also be

completed before Harvest Daze. The Town will still complete asphalt patching later this spring to repair potholes and other bad areas and budgeted funds to complete chip sealing in both the Rodgers Farm and Old Homestead subdivisions. You may have noticed this past week that crack sealing was also completed along Division Blvd and streets north of Reynolds Avenue.

The Annual Arbor Day tree planting event is scheduled for Friday, April 28th at 10:00am in Lincoln Park. Since 2008 the Town and the Platteville Elementary School 5th Grade Class has planted a tree for Arbor Day and after many years planting trees in Riverview Park this will be our second year having the event at Lincoln Park. Part of the event includes the 5th graders completing posters to commemorate Arbor Day which are judged and the top three posters are submitted to the Arbor Day Tree City USA contest at the state capital. The Town has also been a Tree City USA member since 2008 and budgeted approximately \$5,000 annually to plant and maintain trees in the public parks. This year most of the funds will be used on treating all of the Ash trees to prevent the Ash Borer and also general maintenance and fertilization of all other trees in all of the parks. The Town has contracted with SAVATREE from Firestone to complete the tree maintenance this summer.

April is also when the Town completes its annual financial audit that will be presented to the Board in May. Hope everyone enjoyed Easter and is looking forward to a nice summer.

### **Contact Information**

### Town of Platteville

400 Grand Avenue Platteville, CO 80651 (970) 785-2245 Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm www.plattevillegov.org

### Police Dept.

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# **Public Works Dept.** (970) 785-6415

**Recreation & Seniors** (970)785-2245 x. 1101 (720) 438-0711

### Platteville/Gilcrest Fire Protection District

303 Main Street Platteville, CO 80651 (970) 785-2232

### **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 (970) 785-2231 Mon – Fri 10:00am-6:00pm Sat 10:00am-2:00pm www.PPLCO.us

#### **Nantes Library (Gilcrest)**

703 Birch Street Gilcrest, CO 80623 (970) 737-1035 Mon-Fri 10:00am-6:00pm Sat 10:00am-2:00pm www.nanteslibrary.us