

## Manager's Message

The month of May is typically one of the busiest months of the year with school wrapping up and spring projects are beginning as many of us are ready to be outside and enjoy the warmer weather. Also having the Cinco De Mayo, Mother's Day and Memorial Day Holidays this month are great ways to start off the summer.

For a number of years the Town and History Colorado have discussed a partnership involving the operation of the Fort Vasquez Museum and historical site and this past year a lease agreement was finally completed. The agreement is very simple and it allows the Town to use the Fort Vasquez Museum as a Visitor Center and have displays and information about our community. The hours of operation are basically the same as when the Pioneer Museum is open which is Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00am-4:00pm. The Historical Society (i.e., museum ladies) as well as the Senior Organization are actively involved and are providing both artifacts and materials for display along with arts and crafts that are made at the Senior Center to sell. A local resident and long-time member of the Senior Organization, Bill Crowley, manages the Visitor Center for the Town and has been a great asset as Bill worked as the Fort Vasquez manager for several years previously and knows a great deal about the historical site. While the Town manages Fort Vasquez all maintenance, upkeep and utilities are taken care of by History Colorado. The Town did a soft opening of Fort Vasquez in March and has worked with Bill and History Colorado to get details worked out the past two months. A Grand Opening event of the new Platteville Visitor Center has been scheduled for Saturday, May 13th at 11:00am for everyone to see how the new Visitor Center has developed. Please come out if your available to check out our new Visitor Center and see the displays, arts and crafts and other items that are available.

A contractor will be awarded the bid on May 2nd to complete the Grande Avenue paving and sidewalk project that will be completed in June and July. I've mentioned this project several times in recent months as it will definitely impact the community since Grand Avenue is a primary roadway through the community and is also the designated truck route. A community meeting will be scheduled later this month to discuss the construction plans and schedule with the contractor and Town Engineer so residents, especially who live along Grand Avenue, will know details on what to expect and who to contact with questions or concerns. Once the date and time of the community meeting is scheduled it will be held at Town Hall announced on the Town's Everbridge notification system and all residents along Grand Avenue will receive a direct invitation. The overall cost to complete this project is just over one million dollars and will be paid for using Capital Improvement Funds along with reserve funds that have been built-up over the years to complete these larger projects.

Two related aspects of the recently completed Comprehensive Plan will be approved on May 16th by the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees. Town staff and consultants have worked on revising the Town's water dedication and landscaping requirements for new development and these amended ordinances are being presented for final review and approval. The Parks, Trails & Trees Committee is also hosting a Xeriscaping Class on May 18th at 6:00pm at the Senior Center to teach ways on designing water efficient landscaping. The Weld County Extension Office is also partnering on this class.

## Contact Information

### Town of Platteville

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

### Police Dept.

(970) 785-2215  
Non-Emergency Dispatch:  
(970) 356-1212  
Emergency: 911

### 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](http://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](http://www.nanteslibrary.us)

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