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Manager's Message

The fall and winter Holiday Seasons are once again upon us as Halloween already came and went with a little bit of snow and cold and Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's are fast approaching. The Town enjoys promoting the various Holidays and holds decorating contests for both Halloween and Christmas to acknowledge the efforts of many residents who decorate their homes and yards. Secret judges are selected to canvass the community during these two Holidays to make the selections and prizes are given for the top three homes/yards along with several honorable mentions. Having the Holiday decorating contests are fun to do and the winners appreciate the gift certificates. I'm thinking that an Independence Day or July 4th decorating contest might be fun to do next summer so we have a warm-weather Holiday that residents can decorate for.

The Town recently ordered new Christmas decorations to place along Main Street on approximately twelve of the streetlight poles extending from Reynolds Avenue south to Salisbury Avenue. I have to work with Xcel Energy to obtain permission to install Holiday decorations on their streetlights which isn't always an easy or quick process. I wanted to do more than simply add decorations along Main Street so the Board approved additional Holiday banners which were also purchased with the new decorations that will be installed on various streetlights along Grand Avenue and Sterkel Blvd so both our primary north/south and east/west roadways have some type of decorations or banners. Town Hall is also receiving new exterior lighting that will be installed around the gutters or soffits that we can change colors for the various holidays and special events as well and be used for additional security lighting. The exterior of Town Hall is scheduled to be painted in the next few weeks if weather permits but if not it can wait until the springtime.

The Annual Breakfast with Santa, Christmas Parade of Lights and Winter Holiday activities are scheduled for Saturday, December 9th. The Recreation & Senior Departments will sponsor the Breakfast with Santa fundraiser event at the Community & Senior Center from 7:00am to 11:00am. This is a fundraiser event to benefit the recreation scholarship fund. The Lions Club will host the 10th Annual Christmas Parade of Lights starting at 5:30pm near Riverview Park. The parade will travel north along Main Street and end at the Community Complex located at 508 Reynolds Avenue. Immediately following the parade the Platteville Chamber of Commerce will have activities inside the Community Center and the Platteville/Gilcrest Fire Protection District will sponsor the large bonfire located south of the Community Center in the ball field parking lot. At 7:00pm the fireworks display will occur and the fireworks will be discharged near the dog park so everyone at the Community Complex will have a great view. A fun day and evening of events are scheduled for the community to enjoy.

Several important dates in November include Election Day on Tuesday, November 7th, Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11th and Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23th. Town Hall will be closed on Friday, November 10th to observe Veterans Day and also on the 23rd and 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Board of Trustees are scheduled to meet on November 7th and 21st and both meeting agendas are expected to be brief. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly at trenken@plattevillegov.org if you have any questions or concerns regarding Town issues and activities.

Town Departments

Administration

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

Police

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

Public Works

(970) 785-6415 After-Hours: (970) 304-2534

Recreation & Seniors

508 Reynolds Ave (720) 438-0711

Pioneer Museum 502 Marion Avenue

(970) 785-6285 Mon & Wed 10:00am-3:00pm Sat. 10:00-2:00pm

Ft. Vasquez Museum Welcome Center

13412 US85 (970) 785-2832 Wed, Sat, Sun 10am-3pm

Public Library

504 Marion Ave./PO Box 567 (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