

Manager's Message

I would like to take a moment and simply thank all of the residents who decorated their homes and properties over the winter holiday season as the community looked very nice and seemed more festive than usual. The new decorations and banners the Town purchased for Christmas seemed to be well received by the community and I'll work on getting other holiday or seasonal banners that can be displayed throughout the year.

As we start another year I wanted to spend some time focusing on the many ways that citizens and area residents can actively be involved in the Town and community. I'm sometimes asked if there are groups or clubs that residents can be involved in to help improve the community or to simply stay active so discussing these opportunities will be my focus in this month's Manager's Message.

For those who want to be actively involved in local politics or to be more of a voice in our government the Town will have its biennial municipal election on April 2nd with at least two new elected officials being sworn-in on the Board with the potential of four new officials depending on how things go. Candidate packets are available in January and must be returned to the Town Clerk / Treasurer before the end of the month to be considered for a position on the Board of Trustees. The Mayor and three Trustee positions are available with a potential of a fourth Trustee position being open. The Mayor and one Trustee has termed-out so those positions will have new elected members and I believe the other two Trustee positions will run again. If a current Trustee opts to run for Mayor that seat will become available resulting in a fourth Trustee position available. None the less it will be an impactful election this spring and I look forward to working with a new Mayor and Board of Trustees in the coming year.

Being an elected official is a great way to be actively involved in local municipal government but not everyone has the time or interest to be on the Board of Trustees. One positive way of becoming more involved with the Town and community is by being a volunteer member on one of the citizen advisory committees. There are currently four citizen committees developed by the Town that consists of topics of interest involving Parks, Trails & Trees, Recreation (formerly youth), Public Safety, and Economic Development (formerly business). These committees were initially formed in 2019 and have evolved with a few name changes along with memberships in recent years. These committees were developed to provide residents an opportunity to be involved in specific issues of interest without having to be elected on the Board of Trustees. Prior to these four committees the Town only had the Tree Committee that was formed in 2008 and included residents who were interested in planting and maintaining trees in public parks. That committee has now merged into the Parks, Trails & Trees Committee with a broader scope of interest. All of these committees currently have 3-5 active members and the Town will be having a committee member recruitment event in the near future to promote the committees and encourage more membership participation.

In addition to the four citizen committees previously mentioned there are also three non-profit organizations or other volunteer committees that residents can be involved with that are very active and supported by the Town. These organizations or committees consist of the Platteville Historical Society, Veterans Memorial Committee, and the

Town Departments

Administration

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Platteville, CO 80651
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Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm
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Police Dept.

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

Public Works Dept.

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

Recreation & Seniors

508 Reynolds Avenue
(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

Manager's Message (cont.)

Senior Organization & Advisory Board. The Platteville Historical Society currently consists of a small group of local and area seniors that meet at the Pioneer Museum every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00am-4:00pm. The Historical Society is primarily responsible for operating the Pioneer Museum and managing and caring for all museum displays and items within the museum. The Town provides a part-time employee to assist the Historical Society and the Town further takes care of all the expenses associated with the museum regarding maintenance and upkeep. The Town owns the Pioneer Museum and in 2005 a Department of Local Affairs grant was obtained to expand the museum to what it is today.

The Veterans Memorial Committee was formed in 2018 shortly after the Veterans Memorial was completed and dedicated in 2017 at the Mizpah Cemetery. The Town and Veterans Memorial Committee has a partnership in which the committee cares for and oversee the memorial including various activities to honor our military veterans. The Town owns the Veterans Memorial and provides funds and resources to ensure the memorial is cared for through the committee. Military veterans are always encouraged to be members or involved with the committee but you don't have to be a veteran to join the committee.

The Platteville Senior Organization has been in existence for many years and has an advisory board of active senior members that are elected by the Senior Organization membership every two years. The Senior Organization has its own non-profit status that is separate from the Town but the Town has fully supported the Senior Organization by providing a Recreation & Senior Director (previously a part-time Senior Coordinator) to assist with nutrition meals and activities along with a Senior Center that's adjacent and connected to the Community Center. Areas senior citizens that are age 60 and over are welcome to join the Senior Organization at no cost. Members may volunteer and participate in a wide variety of events and activities including field trips for an annual cost of \$24 (annual activity pass) or simply \$2 per trip. The Senior Organization use to meet once per week at the Community Center for nutrition meals and since the Senior Center was completed in 2017 the organization now

has 2-3 meals each week along with a wide variety of activities at the Senior Center and multiple field trips each month. I would argue that our local Senior Organization and overall senior program is one of the most active in the area with the number of activities and functions they have that are provided by the Recreation & Senior Director at the Senior Center and other locations through field trips.

Several additional groups or civic organizations that residents can be involved in are the Rotary Club, Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce. The Rotary Club has one of the larger memberships of the local volunteer groups and meet regularly at Town Hall the first four Thursday's of the month at 6:00pm. Several of the Rotary Club's activities include a very nice car show in July at Riverview Park, sponsoring the community breakfast the Saturday morning of Harvest Daze and a chili cookoff event in the fall.

The Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00pm at 723 Goodrich Court and does various fundraisers and activities in the community. The Lions Club hosts a monthly bingo usually the 4th or last Friday of each month at the Community Center in which the proceeds go toward benefiting youth groups and school programs along with other causes to help people in need. The Lions Club is also involved in Harvest Daze and the Christmas Parade of Lights.

The Platteville Chamber of Commerce is our newest organization that was formed the past two years and has over 30 local business memberships. The Chamber meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Welcome Center at the Fort Vasquez Museum and is getting very involved in the community hosting events to support and promote local businesses and being active in Harvest Daze and the Christmas activities after the Parade of Lights.

As you can see there are many groups and organizations in our community to be involved in and all of them provide benefits for our community.

Troy Renken, Town Manager