

## T.O.P. NEWSLETTER

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**Manager's Message**

This month I'll provide a general update on various projects already being worked on for this year and focus more on sidewalk maintenance and trash collection services since those items seemed to have generated the most discussion in recent weeks.

**Community Complex Improvements**

The ballfields are receiving several maintenance improvements to the backstops and dugouts before the baseball and softball seasons start and the new landscaping along Reynolds Ave. that was installed last fall have been a nice addition to the entrance. A new batting cage is scheduled to be installed by early May between the two fields and then we'll work on the location for a new tennis and/or pickleball court near the Community Center. Both the batting cage and tennis/pickleball court were included in the Community Complex Master Plan that was completed in 2023.

Another recreation amenity we're actively working on is a new soccer field or multi-use sports field on the vacant property the Town acquired directly east of the ballfields. The Real Colorado Soccer Organization has approached the Town about building a new soccer field and I'll update the community on this proposal once I have more information. The Master Plan will be reviewed again this summer by the Board and staff to verify all of the future recreation amenities that are planned remain the vision for this property.

**Trash Service**

The Town fully realizes that the recent changes with how and when town-wide trash services are completed by RAM Waste Systems is not liked by some in the community. Many residents know that B&C Refuse sold their company to RAM in 2023 as the Deroo family decided to retire after providing this service for the Platteville, Gilcrest, and LaSalle com-

munities and surrounding rural area for many years. During this transition, B&C strongly recommended RAM Waste Systems since they knew of the company (and most others in Northern Colorado) as they were the most likely to provide similar services for our community as B&C did for many years.

In recent months I was contacted by the Manager for RAM about negotiating a new contract as RAM was wanting to transition to a mechanized arm trash pickup system and also wanted to complete trash pickup one day per week at curbside (no alley or driveway pickup) as they do with several of their other smaller communities. RAM also offered to provide each customer with two large 96-gallon containers with attached lids at no additional costs that can be used for this type of service.

Overall I felt that the proposal was reasonable, especially after researching how other communities provide trash services, and made the recommendations to the Board for them to consider a new contract. The Board will decide on the new contract after I complete this newsletter so I can't inform you of their final decision, but I'm also recommending that the Town bid this service out if the contract doesn't seem reasonable to the Board or fair for the community. We all know that people don't like change, especially since B&C basically spoiled us for all of these years by not restricting too many items and providing very good customer service. There simply aren't too many smaller family-based trash companies available in the area and transitioning to RAM to provide this service when B&C sold the company made the most sense at the time, especially with B&C's

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Platteville, CO 80651  
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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.)

recommendation. I've heard some comments that residents should be able to choose whatever trash service they want which I highly don't recommend. Having multiple trash companies providing this service in the community each week would only cause more damages to our streets along with less control or involvement on how this service is provided. This can be argued in several ways, but overall I will recommend to the Board that the Town contract with one trash company to provide this service at the most reasonable cost and comparable to other companies.

### Sidewalk Maintenance

This issue was a topic of discussion last month with a wide variety of comments and opinions on how the Town maintains sidewalks. To provide an overview on this issue, the Platteville voters approved a 1% sale tax increase in 2009 to establish the Capital Improvement Fund and in 2012 the Board of Trustees approved the Sidewalk Maintenance Fee of \$5 per residence, \$15 per commercial and \$30 per industrial properties. These two funds have been used since they were approved to complete both annual maintenance and install new sidewalks throughout the community.

The Capital Improvement Fund is used primary for larger street projects and facility and park improvements but is also used for sidewalk construction and other smaller capital projects as approved by the Board. The Sidewalk Maintenance Fund is solely used for sidewalk repairs and maintenance but can be used for new sidewalk construction as well. Since this fund typically only generates around \$75,000 annually in revenues its used mostly for repairs and maintenance or a match for a larger grant project.

Since the inception of these funding sources that Town has spent several million dollars on both general maintenance of sidewalks while also constructing new sidewalks in various parts of the community. For the past several years all current sidewalk in the community have been inspected annually by a contractor that provides recommendations for repair and slab replacement. The Public Works Director reviews the recommendations and presents them to the Board each spring for approval and the repairs are typically completed in early summer.

New sidewalk installations that have been completed during the past 15 years include along the west side of River Road from Grand Ave. to Goodrich Ave, along the north side of Goodrich Avenue from River Road to Division and then along the east side of Division to the schools, along the south side of Grand Avenue from River Road to the entrance of Old Homestead and along Division Blvd from Reynolds south to Goodrich Ave. Sidewalk projects in recent years include new sidewalks on both sides of Reynolds Ave. from Main to River, new sidewalks along both sides of Grand Ave. from Main west to River Road, and new sidewalk on both sides of Olive Lane from Grand Ave. north. The Town was recently awarded grant through CDOT for \$696,230 to complete sidewalk repairs along Main St. from Elizabeth to Cherry and also in the 300 block of Marion Ave. Improving sidewalks in Old Town will become more of a focus in the coming years.

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## Citizen Committees

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## Civic Organizations

### Parks, Trails, & Trees

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Tuesday at 6:30pm at Town Hall

### Recreation

Monthly Meetings: 4th Friday at 4:30pm at Town Hall or Senior Center

### Economic Development

Monthly Meetings: 1st Tuesday at 5:30pm at Town Hall

### Public Safety

Monthly Meetings: 4th Thursday at 6:30pm at Town Hall

### Veterans Memorial

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm at Town Hall

### Senior Association Advisory

Monthly Meetings: Last Monday of month at 10:00am at Senior Center

### Historical Society

Monthly Meetings: 1st Wednesday at 10am at Pioneer Museum

### Rotary Club

Weekly Meetings: Thursdays at 6:30pm  
Platteville Town Hall on odd months  
and The Merc in Mead on even months

### Lions Club

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7:00pm at 723 Goodrich Ct Platteville

### Chamber of Commerce

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm at Welcome Center

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