

Manager's Message

One of the busiest months of the year is upon us as school winds down for another year with kindergarten and 8th grade promotions occurring in a few weeks followed by the Valley High School graduation on May 25th. The Town of Platteville has enjoyed supporting our school district and the students and faculty over the years and will continue doing so by providing donations for various clubs, sports teams and activities at PES, SVMS and VHS.

CBT Water Quota

In April the Board of Directors for Northern Water voted to set the summer quota for the use of Colorado Big Thompson (CBT) water at 70%. The May utility billing will reflect the total allowed quota use for each property for the next twelve months and then each month moving forward it will show the remaining quota balance with monthly water usage. By showing the quota amount on the monthly utility billing each property can easily track how much water is being used monthly and what the "running total" is to ensure water use does not go over the allowed quota. -If anyone has questions regarding the CBT water quota on the utility billing please call Town Hall and speak with the Utility Clerk.

Outdoor Water Irrigation

Now that the CBT quota has been set for the year by Northern Water the Town will continue allowing outdoor irrigation or yard watering three days per week with no outdoor water irrigation from 10:00am to 6:00pm. With the 70% quota the Town owns enough CBT water

to not further restrict outdoor irrigation but if the quota changes to below 70% then the Board of Trustees will need to consider adopting more stringent conservation-based water use restrictions as implemented by the Central Weld County Water District (CWCWD). All of the CBT water the Town owns is managed and regulated by Northern Water and then treated and delivered to the community by CWCWD.

Sidewalk & Street Projects

Installing new sidewalks on Olive Lane north of Grand Avenue and patching and chip sealing all of Old Town south of Grand Avenue to Salisbury are the primary sidewalk and street projects this summer that will begin once school gets out. A Town Hall community information meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th at 6:00pm to discuss the Olive Lane Sidewalk Project and address questions from residents on how and when the new sidewalks will be installed. This is not a large project overall and will involve approximately 1 1/2 blocks of new sidewalks on both sides of Olive Lane north of Grand Avenue. The other streets of the Reed Subdivision, including River Road, David Court, Reed Road, Melody Lane, Division Blvd and Reynolds Avenue, have sidewalks but this section of Olive Lane was never completed in previous years so the Board agreed to have the sidewalks constructed this year. The Olive Lane

Town Departments

Administration

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

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

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Sidewalk Project will begin in June and the A-One Chip Seal Company will also begin chip sealing Old Town in June and both projects are expected to be completed by the middle of July.

Code Enforcement

Even though our community does not have HOA's or metro districts to regulate property use including recreational vehicles, junk vehicles and overgrown yards the Town does have code regulations to help regulate various nuisances. The Town employs a part-time Code Enforcement Officer that works to identify nuisance violations in accordance to the Municipal Code and issues warning notices for compliance. If compliance does not occur within a reasonable timeframe, typically 7-10 days, then the next step is to issue an abatement notice that essentially gives a final warning to comply before a summons is issued into Municipal Court. The enforcement of code or nuisance violations can be a very long and frustrating process as these issues are civil matters and not criminal even though they're handled in Municipal Court. This past year several abatement notices were issued that resulted in residents going to Municipal Court and the judge ordered abatements to correct the violations. Many properties in the community have or will receive warnings this spring and several dozen abatement notices are now being issued for junk accumulation, fence repairs, weeds and other general nuisances. If violations are not corrected then summons are issued and the court process can take several months. I wanted to explain the code enforcement process in more detail as I've been receiving complaints on various issues and it's important to know how nuisances issues are addressed. Please contact the Police Department and ask for the Code Enforcement Officer to report nuisances or discuss concerns.

20 Years

This month will be my 20th year working and living in Platteville which is very hard for me to believe as it doesn't seem that long ago when I moved here from Kansas. I was initially employed as the Police Chief in 2004 and in 2008 became the interim Town Manager before being appointed as full-time Manager in the spring of 2009. At times the ride has been a little bumpy but overall I've enjoyed a very good life and career in Platteville and hope to serve a few more years if possible.

One of my largest professional goals that I still want to accomplish in the next few years is to once and for all get Main Street devolved (take ownership) from CDOT and have it improved into a very nice downtown area to attract additional businesses the community needs. I've been working with various CDOT officials since 2010 to convince them to either improve Main Street or give it to the Town with the funds needed to repave it and feel that this past year there was some positive discussions regarding possible grants to pay for improvements. CDOT did complete an asphalt overlay on Vasquez Blvd the past few years that was greatly needed but Main Street continues to be the top priority. An additional goal that I have is to continue working on the Community Complex Master Plan and Platte River Nature Preserve Master Plan as both projects once developed will provide very nice recreational amenities and opportunities for residents of all ages. These and other projects will be discussed with the Board of Trustees this summer during a study session that will be announced later this month.

Troy Renken, Town Manager