

## Manager's Message

### Capital Improvement Projects

Several of the Town's capital improvement projects for the year have been completed to date as the new sewer line has been repaired near Vasquez Blvd and Riverview Park that serves the Platteville Apartments and several businesses, storm drainage improvements have been completed on South Front Street, and all of the chip sealing south of Grand Avenue to SH66 (i.e., Old Town) has also been completed. The next capital project will be the installation of a new sidewalk along Olive Lane directly north of Grand Avenue that should begin later this month.

The Town was recently awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$96,000 to complete new ADA handicap ramps in the playground areas of Lincoln, Riverview, Coronado and Rodgers Farm parks including new sidewalk sections for each park. Riverview Park will receive new sidewalks along Main Street and Byers Avenue to allow a sidewalk access around the entire park. The other three parks will have new sidewalk sections added to help access the new ADA handicap ramps into the playground areas. Since this is a grant project funds still have to be allocated later this summer and I anticipate the project will begin this fall and hopefully be completed before winter.

Several smaller capital projects will be pursued over the summer including the purchase and installation of a new batting cage between the two ball fields and completing landscaping improvements along the north side of Grand Avenue where the new sidewalk was installed last

year between Olive Lane and River Road. Benches will also be purchased and installed in several areas along Grand Avenue from Olive Lane to River Road, a couple along River Road between Grand Ave and Goodrich Ave, and several more along Sterkel Blvd between the sidewalk and privacy fence. More and more residents are using these sections of sidewalks as a walking trail so the Town will install a few benches for people to use as needed.

### Platte River Farms Purchase

After approximately eight years of negotiating with the owner of the Platte River Farms Subdivision property the Town was successful in acquiring the property this past month. The property is a 72 acre platted residential subdivision south of Highway 66 and west of Main Street that annexed into the town in 2005 but never developed. Approximately 27 acres of the property that is located along the river in the floodplain was dedicated to the Town in 2010 and the remaining 45 acres in which 99 lots were platted with roads is what the Town purchased. Again, no development ever occurred since the subdivision was approved and the property remains a vacant field. The Board of Trustees will discuss development options for this property during a study session on June 4th. There is limited access to wastewater services for this property so some development opportunities will be limited.

## Town Departments

### Administration

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

### 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](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)

## Manager's Message (cont.)

### Harvest Daze

This year's Harvest Daze weekend schedule has been completed and the event flyer will be posted later this month on the Town's website and in local businesses. This year's theme is "Aloha Platteville" and many activities are scheduled again for the 3-day event starting Friday, August 16th through Sunday, August 18th. Friday evening continues to be our family and community night with booth vendors, music, free community meal and other activities. Saturday is always a very full day starting early in the morning with the fun run/walk and Rotary Club breakfast followed by the Parade on Main Street and various activities at the Community Complex throughout the day and concluding later that evening with the beer garden, bands and fireworks display. Sunday is more casual and slow pace with the Recreation Dept. co-ed softball tournament and Welcome Center at Fort Vasquez Open House. It should be another fun-filled community weekend to end the summer.

### Citizen Advisory Committees

I highlighted the various citizen committees earlier in the year and wanted to provide a brief update on what some of the committees are doing as they all have been very active so far this year and are working on wonderful projects and programs for the community.

The Parks, Trails & Trees Committee have been working with Public Works to design and develop the 8-acre Platteville Nature Preserve along the South Platte River near CR 32.5 and CR23. A trail system is being staked for a path to be mowed to allow public access and I'm working with the adjacent land owner to the north to develop a parking lot with access off of CR23. I anticipate by mid-summer the Nature Preserve will be ready for limited public access. The committee also planted flowers in all of the barrels along Main Street and new western-style benches will be installed later this month.

The Recreation Committee just held the You, Me & Tea Party event a few weeks ago at the Community Center which was very well attended and is working with the Recreation Dept. to schedule a Recreation Appreciation Lunch at Riverview Park on June 29th and a fall Oktoberfest event on October 5th.

The Economic Development Committee has completed a Business Survey that will be distributed this month and is preparing for a Business Appreciation Lunch in July at Lincoln Park. The EDC is also working with the Town Planner to update the 2019 Economic Development Plan that will also be distributed later this summer to help promote local businesses while attracting new opportunities.

The Public Safety Committee continues working with the Police Department to develop safety programs in the community including Neighborhood Watch. The Police Chief and his staff will work with the PSC in the next few months to finalize a Citizens Police Academy that is expected to be announced this fall with classes held in the evenings once per week for approximately 8-weeks.

The Veterans Memorial Committee held a very nice Memorial Day service and will hold several more events at the Veterans Memorial this year for Flag Day (June 14th), Patriot Day (September 11th), Veterans Day (November 11th) and Wreath Across America (December 14th). The VMC is also working to expand the memorial to include additional features to honor our military veterans. A list of all citizen committees and their meeting dates is available at Town Hall if you're interested in attending or possibly becoming a member.

Troy Renken, Town Manager