

Manager's Message

Several fall community events and activities are scheduled for October as we start enjoying the cooler weather and getting ready for the winter holiday season.

The Parks, Trails & Trees Committee is hosting a free Lawn & Garden Care class at the Senior Center on Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00pm. The CSU Extension Office provides this class to teach about how to cleanup your lawn and garden in preparation for the cold winter months.

On Saturday, October 5th the Recreation Committee and Recreation Department is hosting the 1st Oktoberfest event at the Community Center during the evening starting at 4:00pm. This is a fun family event that will include food, beverage and live authentic German Polka music playing from 5:30pm-7:30pm. To register for this please RSVP at Plattevillerec.com to purchase tickets.

The Welcome Center at Fort Vasquez is hosting a Car Boot Sale on Saturday, October 12th from 9:30am-4:30pm. This is a free event in which attendees can buy or sell boots from the trunk or rear of your vehicle in the parking lot outside of the Welcome Center. The Welcome Center is also hosting an After Hours presentation on October 26th at 6:00pm on the Cheyenne Dog Soldiers. This is a movie presentation and interested attendees can register by calling 970.785.2832 with a requested donation of \$5 for the entry fee.

The Historical Society will be hosting a "Calling Young Monsters" event at the Pioneer Museum on October 30th from 11:00am to noon. This is a free Halloween event for pre-school age children to show

off their favorite Halloween costumes in a safe daytime environment and get plenty of candy and treats. For more information about these and other events in the community please check the Town's website at www.platteville.colorado.gov or by contacting Town Hall.

The Town's annual budget process has begun and the Board of Trustees and staff will conduct a budget workshop on Monday, October 14th at Town Hall from 9:00am to approximately 4:30pm. In early September I sent all department directors budget worksheets to complete to help formulate the draft operating and capital budget that was presented to the Board during the October 1st regular meeting. Unlike years past where there were 4-5 evening budget study sessions we now have a 1-day workshop to review and discuss the majority of the budget which has been much more productive overall. The budget process starts by reviewing revenue estimates and then going through each section of the general fund (i.e., admin, police, public works, recreation/seniors, etc.) followed by several special revenue funds such as the cemetery and harvest daze and concluding with the water and sewer enterprise funds.

The overall operational expenses don't change much each year as most of the budgetary changes involve capital projects such as streets, sidewalks and facility

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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improvements. Typically the capital projects discussion occurs once the operational budget is established to ensure there is sufficient operational funds for all departments and while also considering reserve funds if need.

The largest and most costly capital project this year is the expansion of the Mizpah Cemetery which will continue into 2025 as most of the new irrigation will be installed in late fall and early spring prior to new burial plats, tree rows and access roads being constructed. The Board will also consider several smaller capital projects involving park improvements along with street and sidewalk improvements. The budget workshop is open to the public and anyone interested may attend to hear the discussions on how the 2025 operating and capital budget will be developed.

The Town's Annual Fall Cleanup weekend is scheduled for Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th at the property located at 100 N. Division Blvd. An informational flyer is included in this month's utility bills which includes items accepted, not accepted and general costs per vehicle load or type. The Town continues having a spring and fall cleanup weekend event to promote getting rid of yard waste and various trash items to help improve the community. This is also a good opportunity to have dead trees removed or trimmed as the costs to take these items to the cleanup location is very affordable.

During the past three years the Town has completed several design projects including the Community Complex Master Plan (2021) and the Platteville Nature Preserve Master Plan (2023) and will be working on a third master plan for the Veterans Memorial. These plans are conceptual designs that will provide ideas on how to build-out or complete these public properties for the community to enjoy in the next few years.

The Community Complex Master Plan includes the current Community Center, ball-fields and dog park but also includes future amenities to include tennis or pickleball courts, a small softball or tee-ball field, walking trail, soccer/football fields and a fieldhouse building that will have fitness and activity rooms and a volleyball/basketball court. This plan will be phased over the next 3-5 years with available funding.

This past year the Platteville Nature Preserve Master Plan was completed to design a trail system and nature viewing area on the north side of CR32.5 near CR23 at the South Platte River. This property was donated to the Town by LG Everist and the Parks, Trails & Trees Committee is currently working with the Public Works Department on how to develop the property to allow community access. This property will include a public parking lot along CR23 with access to a winding nature trail to the river with wildlife viewing areas. The parking lot and trail areas are expected to be completed next spring or early summer.

The most recent master plan is being worked on to develop the second phase of the Veterans Memorial at the Mizpah Cemetery. The memorial was completed in 2018 after years of planning and the Veterans Memorial Committee is working to add additional features to include a small shelter with tables, additional wall space for veterans names, permanent military flag displays, and a public restroom to replace the current port-a-potty. The master plan should be completed by early spring and will include conceptual designs and cost estimates to be used for fundraising activities. Copies of the completed master plans can be obtained at Town Hall for review.

Troy Renken, Town Manager