

## Manager's Message

The Platteville Board of Trustees will not have their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 5th, due to the General Election as Town Hall will be a voting service and polling center. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00pm and the Planning Commission will also meet that same evening at 6:30pm.

The Town continues to work on several development projects to bring new business and employment opportunities into the community that are primarily industrial or larger commercial at this time. The Platte View Commerce Center annexation will be finalized during the November 19th Planning Commission and Board of Trustees meetings and will consist of a 27 acre 9-lot industrial subdivision on the northwest corner of State Highway 66 & County Road 19. This development will likely trigger the requirement for a new traffic signal at SH66 & CR19 in the next few years as this property develops.

Another similar type of industrial and large commercial development is being worked on near the northwest corner of Highway 85 and CR34 directly north of the existing energy park. While the Platte View Commerce Center will mostly consist of 2.5 to 3.0 acre lots, the proposed Energy Park North development is expected to be substantially larger consisting of 3-5 lots that will likely range from 10 to 20 acres in size with higher employee counts for each business. There continues to be a high demand for large-lot industrial and commercial style development in Northern Colorado and the Platteville area

is an ideal location primarily due to direct highway access to US85 & SH66 along with more affordable land costs east of Interstate 25.

The Town also continues to work on a conceptual subdivision plat for the Platte River Farms property that the Town purchased this past summer to bring in a mix of industrial, retail commercial, and both large lot and multi-family residential opportunities. The conceptual plan will be presented to the Board during the November 19th meeting and will also include a 27-acre open space or nature preserve along the South Platte River that the entire community can enjoy. This area along with the 8-acre Nature Preserve located in CR32.5 and CR23, will provide the long awaited nature and wildlife amenities that I've heard residents ask for over the years.

Now that the annual operating and capital budget is getting finalized and will be adopted during the December 3rd Board of Trustees meeting I'll begin working on several grant opportunities to help obtain funding for various projects. The Town was awarded two grants recently to pursue the design of a new Police Station that will be located directly west of Town Hall along with a grant to build ADA handicap ramps and sidewalk accesses to our park playgrounds. These grants are offered through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and the Weld County

## 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.)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Once the Police Station design is completed and approved by the Board I'll likely work on another larger DOLA grant to help offset construction costs similarly to what the Town did when the new wastewater treatment (WWTF) plant was built. I sometimes hear comments that the Town didn't get grant funds to help build the new WWTF as the Town's utility billing continues to increase. There's more factors that cause utility increases, but as for the initial construction of the WWTF, the Town received a \$800,000 DOLA grant and another \$325,000 grant from the Department of Public Health & Environment Small Communities grant program that helped reduce the overall estimated costs from \$7+ Million down to the final cost of \$5.8 Million.

The CDBG grant I just mentioned focuses on providing funding to complete accessibility, infrastructure and general economic development improvement projects to benefit underserved communities. These grant funds are more limited than larger programs and are highly competitive as there are no matching requirements. The current CDBG grant the Town received is for \$98,000 that will complete 100% of the playground improvements this next spring. The CDBG grant application deadline is December 31st and I'll submit an application to hopefully build new public ADA accessible restrooms in Riverview and Lincoln Parks as well as in the Mizpah Cemetery at the Veterans Memorial site. I'm focusing on these two parks as they are the largest and most used for community, recreation and school events along with family rentals. Having a permanent restroom at the cemetery would be a nice feature and will be located on the north end of the Veterans Memorial that would also include a small room that would be used as a dressing or preparation room for veteran ceremonies and funerals.

Last month was very busy with a variety of events and activities surrounding Halloween and other local school functions. I want to briefly mention that this year's Halloween Home & Yard Decorating Contest winners were 493 Stevens Circle (1st), 477 Stevens Circle (2nd), 203 Reed Road (3rd) along with two honorable mentions at 111 & 115 Plowshare Lane. The Town will once again have a Christmas Decorating Contest with similar prizes for the top three winners and several honorable mentions. Each year I find local residents to be the secret judges and the prizes consist of utility billing discount vouchers that can be used within the next year.

The holiday season continues in November as we honor Veterans Day and celebrate Thanksgiving. There are several Veterans Day events scheduled this year including the Annual Veterans Day Service at the South Valley Middle School gymnasium on Friday, November 8th at 9:00am. Since the schools are closed on Monday's SVMS will hold its event on that Friday. On Veterans Day, Monday November 11th, the Pioneer Museum will host a "Celebrating Veterans Day" history presentation from 11:00am-2:00pm. Soup will be available to all attendees as the Platteville Historical Society provides the history presentation. Later that evening the Platteville Veterans Memorial Committee will hold its Annual Veterans Day Candlelight Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial located in the Mizpah Cemetery. Town Hall will also be closed on Veterans Day and again on Thanksgiving and the Friday after.

I can always be reached at Town Hall if anyone has questions or want to discuss a topic. You can also reach me directly at [trenken@plattevillegov.org](mailto:trenken@plattevillegov.org).

Troy Renken, Town Manager