

TOWN OF PLATTEVILLE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Manager's Message

The summer months have arrived and so far the weather has been nice and mild with plenty of moisture the past few weeks. There's several positive projects being worked on in the community during the next few months that I've previously mentioned which I'll focus on in more detail in this month's newsletter as more information has developed.

Nature Preserve

The Parks, Trails & Trees Committee has been working with Public Works to prepare the Nature Preserve for public access this summer. The 8-acre parcel is located on the northwest corner of CR 32.5 and CR23 approximately 1/2 mile west of Rodgers Farm which was donated by L.G. Everist to the Town in 2020.

The Committee and Public Works will construct a new access to a fenced parking lot along CR23 with a nice stone entrance sign donated by L.G. Everist. Visitors can then access the preserve by foot and enjoy the native area and habitat by walking a mowed trail system that will loop through the preserve and near the river. As the Nature Preserve develops further there will be viewing and resting areas along with an outdoor classroom that our area schools can use. Once the Nature Preserve is ready a ribbon cutting will be scheduled in July or early August.

Veterans Memorial Expansion

The Veterans Memorial was completed in 2018 and has since been a wonderful memorial to honor our military veterans and also provide a venue for military services upon request and other important events including Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The Veterans Memorial Committee has been entrusted by the Board of Trustees to manage the Memorial while our Public Works crew provides general maintenance services. The dedicated Memorial

site is actually much larger than what has been established to date so a planning & design firm was hired to work with the Committee to design the final expansion of the site with additional amenities and features. The current facility will expand to the north and include restrooms, additional memorial walls for veterans names, shelter, benches and more trees and grass areas. The Committee will pursue funding through donations and fundraising to build the additional amenities in the next few years.

Police Station

The concept of building a Police Station next to Town Hall has been in the works since 2017 when the Town acquired several vacant residential lots located directly west of Town Hall from the Fire District. During that time the District purchased the former Poirot Subdivision located north of Town Hall that never developed and didn't need the lots west of Town Hall so a deal was made. Since that time the Town has earmarked over one million in reserve funds for the new station with the intent of building it with available funding and other grant and financing opportunities.

The Town contracted with Infusion Architects in March to work with staff to develop several conceptual designs and floorplans that were presented to the Board during the May 20th meeting. The intent of the designs is to show various sizes along with associated cost estimates to see what would be the most practical facility but also the most cost efficient and affordable. The Station sizes range from approximately 3,700sf to 4,700sf with cost estimates ranging from around \$4 million to \$5 million.

Town Departments

Administration

400 Grand Avenue
Platteville, CO 80651
(970) 785-2245
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm
platteville.colorado.gov

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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Manager's Message (cont.)

The costs are much more than the Town had hoped for but with the recent costs of construction it's not surprising. After a lengthy discussion with the architect team the Board authorized the design of a new Station at a size of 4,175sf which will be completed in the next few months along with partial construction documents. The Town acquired a DOLA grant of \$25,000 to help pay for the design and funds were available to also complete up to 30% of the construction documents that will save the Town future costs. Once the design is completed I'll continue researching grants and other funding sources to build the new Police Station without adding additional taxes or costs to our residents.

Park Improvements

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that the Town was awarded last year to build new handicap ramps and sidewalks extensions in all four public parks will be completed in July. The contractor will basically spend a week at each park throughout the month with the most time spent at Riverview Park. To summarize the project, Rodgers Farm Park playground will receive two ADA ramps with sidewalk extensions, Coronado Park playground will receive one ADA ramp with sidewalk extensions, Lincoln Park playground will receive a new ramp to replace the existing one with a wider sidewalk from Frank Place, and Riverview Park playground will receive a new ADA ramp but have the most sidewalk improvements with new sidewalks extending from the playground area west along Byers Ave. and then south along Main Street to Salisbury Ave. It will be nice to have a sidewalk extend around all of Riverview Park since it's used for many events including various recreation department sports as well as by all of the classes as PES.

Another CDBG grant was applied for to build new restrooms in Lincoln and Riverview Parks at an estimate of \$520,000 but funding was only available for one restroom. The new restroom will be constructed at Lincoln Park east of the shelter area along Elizabeth Ave. as that's the best location to connect to existing water and sewer lines. The funding for CDBG grants come from Federal funds so it takes about a year to complete these projects so don't expect the new restroom until next summer.

Summer Events

A couple of small events will be held at Lincoln Park the next few months as the Economic Development Committee is hosting a Business Appreciation event on Wednesday, June 11th and the summer All-Committees event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9th. Invitations were sent out to all local businesses for the Business Appreciation event as the EDC will present the newly updated Economic Development Strategic Plan and finalize the business survey that includes entrance signs and slogan. A new sidewalk grant will also be discussed as approximately \$700,000 was awarded to replace sidewalks along Main and Marion in the business district.

The Platteville Pioneer Museum and the Hispanic Heritage Project would like to honor your contributions to the Platteville & Gilcrest communities. Meetings are held at the Pioneer Museum located at 502 Marion Avenue on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1:00pm. For more information please call 303-598-3160.

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 Monday at 7:00pm at 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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