

## Manager's Message

### Platteville Day of Christmas

The 1st Annual Platteville Day of Christmas event, formerly called the Parade of Lights, is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th and should be an enjoyable day of activities for all ages. Even though the flyer does a nice job summarizing the day's various activities I want to provide further details to help answer questions I've received so far and provide additional information regarding each activity. The day starts off at the Community & Senior Center with two activities occurring at the same time with the Christmas Pancake Breakfast in the Community Center while the Presents & Pictures with Santa is held in the Senior Center. You can participate in both activities or just one if you prefer. The pancake breakfast is a good-will donation fundraiser that you can attend without prior registration while the pictures with Santa requires pre-registration by signing up on the [www.plattevillerec.com](http://www.plattevillerec.com) website as timeslots are limited. Both activities are sponsored by the Recreation Advisory Committee and Platteville Recreation Department and funds will go towards youth scholarships and activities.

While these two activities are occurring at the Community & Senior Center the Annual Wreaths Across American event will be held at the Mizpah Cemetery starting at 10:00am. The Platteville Veterans Memorial Committee sponsors this event as Christmas Wreaths are placed at the gravesites of every military veteran in the Mizpah Cemetery. Volunteers are always welcome to help place the wreaths at veterans' headstones to help honor our courageous men and women who have served our country.

In the afternoon two events will begin at 1:00pm as the Platteville Pioneer Museum will host a Caroling Sing-A-Long at the Library until 2:00pm while a series of classical

Christmas short movies will be shown at the Welcome Center at Fort Vasquez until 4:00pm. The Welcome Center will also have plenty of items for sale including crafts made by the Senior Organization, various consignment items, classical toys, along with books and gifts promoting our community's history that make very nice Christmas gifts.

Three activities are scheduled for the evening beginning with the Parade of Lights on Main Street starting at 5:30pm followed by the Party & Bonfire at the Community Center at 6:00pm and the Christmas Fireworks Display at 7:00pm. The Parade of Lights will start at the corner of Main & Byers Ave near SVMS and travel north on Main to Grand, turn left to Division, and finally north again on Division and end at the Community Complex on Reynolds Ave. As you go to the Community Center after the parade please park in the ballfield parking lot or at the northwest corner of Division & Reynolds as the parking lot directly in front of the Community Center will be reserved for Santa's float, staging area for police and fire vehicles, along with picnic tables and heat lamps near the building for all attendees to use. The Platteville Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club will have plenty of hot cocoa, bottled water and assortment of cookies to enjoy while the Platteville-Gilcrest Fire Protection District sponsors the bonfire located directly south of the Senior Center. The Board of Trustees will once again sponsor the fireworks display that will begin at 7:00pm and discharged near the dog park on the west side of the Community Complex. Everyone at the Community & Senior Center will have a great view of the fireworks

## 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)

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that are provided by Tri-State Fireworks. It should be a fun-filled day with a variety of activities to celebrate the Christmas Holidays in Platteville. I want to take a moment to acknowledge and thank the Platteville Lions Club who has sponsored the Parade of Lights during the past 10 years and decided to turn over the annual parade to the Town and Christmas Committee to manage. Your efforts to provide a nice Christmas Holiday event is much appreciated and the newly formed Christmas Committee, consisting of Town employees, civic organizations, businesses and resident volunteers, will continue making this annual event enjoyable for the entire community.

### 2025 Budget & Grant Projects

The Board of Trustees will approve the annual operating and capital budget during their December 3rd meeting with our largest capital projects being the expansion of the Mizpah Cemetery (\$1.2 million) and chipsealing the Reed Subdivision (\$250,000). The Board is also making a contribution to install a new 8" waterline in CR19 extending from CR34 south to Highway 66 that will benefit the recently annexed Platte View Commerce Center property at the northwest corner of Highway 66 & CR19. This new waterline will also be able to provide water services for future development in the area. The Town's overall general fund budget remains stable with approximately \$5million in annual revenues and expenses and an unrestricted reserve fund of approximately \$4.5million. With all funds combined there is approximately \$35million in reserve funds and anticipated revenues with the majority of those funds being in the general, library, water and sewer funds.

I've been able to write several grants this past year that were awarded to complete various projects in the upcoming years that will benefit our community. I usually pursue Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant funding as there are three grant cycles annually with more funding available to complete capital projects that qualify, but this past year I also pursued the Weld County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and CDOT's Multi-modal Transportation & Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) Program as they provide other funding resources with different qualifications and requirements.

The CDBG Program is administered by Weld County and provides approximately \$1million annually towards projects that generally benefit low and moderate income communities to improve infrastructure, housing preservation or access to public service. One focus of the program is to improve accessibility to public facilities to meet Federal ADA requirements. This past December I submitted an application to install new handicap ramps in the playgrounds of all four public parks along with new sidewalks to access the parks that was fully awarded at \$96,000. These ADA park improvements will be completed next summer. I'm currently working on another CDBG grant application to install new ADA accessible restrooms at Lincoln and Riverview Parks as well as at the Veterans Memorial in the Mizpah Cemetery. The CDBG program is very competitive as funding is limited and there's no local match requirement.

The MMOF Program is administered by CDOT and allocated statewide through the various transportation regions. Several years ago I was able to obtain a \$250,000 MMOF grant to complete the sidewalks along Division Blvd from Reynolds Ave to Goodrich Ave and this year I wrote another grant to improve the sidewalks in the Downtown Business District that was recently awarded. The total project cost to improve the sidewalk in the 500-700 blocks of Main Street (Elizabeth to Cherry) and the 300 block of Marion (Main to Vasquez) was estimated at \$891,036 with a Town match requirement of \$222,759 or 25% of the total. Since most of this project is located along Main Street which is CDOT right-of-way it will take most of 2025 to complete surveying and permits with construction scheduled for 2026. I've been trying for over 10-years to get Main Street devolved (take ownership) from CDOT but have always been told that there's no funding to complete this process. Now I'll simply pursue grants when they become available until we can get all of Main Street repaved with improved sidewalks.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season and I look forward to continue serving our community in 2025. Troy Renken, Town Manager