

T.O.P. NEWSLETTER

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Manager's Message

Another winter holiday season has come and gone and I hope everyone enjoyed time with family and friends as we enter into a new year. During the winter months I focus on planning activities for the upcoming year and also work on various grant applications to try and obtain funding to help offset our costs for projects if possible so I'll mention a few of those in this month's newsletter.

Grant Funding

The grants I pursue have become more difficult to obtain in recent years as most of them are provided through federal or state programs and we all know how that is going with those budgets being cut and some programs simply not funded. Over the years the Town has been successful in obtaining multiple Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) grants through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) but currently those funds are very restricted due to the state budget deficit. The smaller administrative planning grants are still available that provide up to a \$25,000 match to complete planning and design projects so that has been helpful, but funding for larger infrastructure projects remain on hold until later in the year. The Town received a \$25,000 DOLA grant to assist with the preliminary design of a new police station and another administrative grant will be pursued in the next few months to complete the final design and construction documents. I will schedule several public meetings this year to discuss the new police station to explain why this is being pursued and how it will be funded without new or increased taxes or fees.

During the past few years I've pursued several of the Weld County Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and have been fortunate to receive funding to complete improvements in the public parks that enhance ADA and handicap accessibility. This past summer new ADA ramps were installed in the four park playgrounds with additional or improved sidewalk extensions to help provide safe access at a cost of \$94,000 that was provided by the CDBG Program. This upcoming summer another CDBG grant will provide approximately \$261,000 to construct a new restroom facility at Lincoln Park that includes two ADA accessible restrooms with a maintenance storage area and a drinking fountain. I submitted a third CDBG grant in December to pursue another restroom facility that will go in Riverview Park that I hope will be funded in 2027. The Weld County CDBG Program has restrictions on how much funding is available and the types of projects the funds can be used for but they are very nice to obtain in order to complete these park improvements that benefit everyone who uses the parks.

Along with the DOLA and CDBG grant programs I was able to obtain a CDOT grant for approximately \$700,000 to replace the sidewalks along Main Street in the downtown business district. These funds will be available this year but since Main Street is owned by CDOT it

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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

Manager’s Message (cont.)

will take most of the year to complete design and permitting before the sidewalks can be replaced in 2027. The scope of this project includes Marion Ave from Vasquez Blvd to Main Street and three blocks along Main Street from Elizabeth south to Cherry. A new feature that will be designed is what is called a “bulb-out” intersection at Main & Marion that include extended corners of the intersection with delineated crosswalks and landscape features. This concept came from the 2016 Downtown Streetscape Plan and was incorporated into this project for better pedestrian safety.

Weld County & DOLA Programs

The winter months are also a good time to work on programs that could benefit the community and this year several programs that are being worked on include the Weld County Walk Audit Program and the DOLA Main Street Program. Both of these programs provide technical support and assistance to help improve pedestrian accessibility throughout the community and business district.

The Walk Audit Program is provided by the Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment in which they assist the Town to complete a walk audit in the community. The primary goals of completing the walk audit are to assess current walkability of the community and provide recommendations for enhancements to reduce barriers and safety concerns. The walk audit will be completed this spring or summer and the final audit will be used to pursue funding

sources to make improvements such as new sidewalks, signage and other walking features including resting areas and safe accessibility to public amenities.

The DOLA Main Street Program also focuses on ways to improve access to the Main Street businesses but also includes methods to develop or redevelop business areas to improve economic development opportunities. This past October several members of the Main Street Program made a presentation to the Board of Trustees about the program and the various benefits of becoming a Main Street member. The primary benefits include the ability to obtain mini-grants to complete smaller downtown improvements such as streetscape features, scholarships to attend professional development trainings, and ongoing funding to provide consulting and technical services. Many of the larger funding sources require formal plans or development documents that have been adopted by the governing body so these resources that the Main Street Program provides will be important for us in order to pursue those larger funding opportunities.

I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve the Platteville community for another year and look forward to a healthy and productive 2026.

Troy Renken, Town Manager

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

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