

T.O.P. NEWSLETTER

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Manager's Message

The Town is providing several events in August that the community can participate in that I'll highlight this month with more events being planned in the fall and winter months.

National Night Out

The Police Department continues to participate in the National Night Out event that is always the first Tuesday in August and held at Riverview Park from 4:00pm-7:00pm. This event is designed to promote police-community partnerships and strengthen neighborhood camaraderie to foster a safer community. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend as the police officers cook hotdogs and provide drinks, snow cones and fun handouts. There will also be bounce houses, water slides and other games for the kids to enjoy. This is a great way to meet our local police officers and get to know more of what they do in our community.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser

In 2017 the Board of Trustees authorized me to start a golf tournament fundraiser to help pay for our annual Harvest Daze weekend and for the past nine years we've held the event at the Coyote Creek Golf Course in Ft. Lupton. The golf tournament is a 4-person scramble format and currently costs \$125 per player with opportunities to be a hole sponsor to promote area businesses. Since the fundraiser began it has generated between \$12,000-\$15,000 annually with approximately 25-30 teams participating with most teams signing up as hole sponsors. I've held the golf tournament on several different dates

over the year but the past few years have dedicated the second Friday of August to do the event and Coyote Creek has agreed to continue reserving that date for the tournament for years to come.

Harvest Daze Weekend

The Town will host the Annual Harvest Daze weekend for the 115th year which is always scheduled for the third full weekend in August. The weekend starts out with a Friday evening meal at Lincoln Park and includes booth vendors, corn hole tournament fundraiser for the Veterans Memorial, kids sidewalk chalk competition sponsored by the Platteville Library, Soar/Stevens Cabin open house, music, and concludes with a movie behind the museum sponsored by the Recreation Department.

Saturday is full of events and activities as the day starts early at the Community Complex with the Veterans Memorial Committee Pancake Breakfast from 7:00am-9:00am and the Platteville Elementary PTO 5K Fun Run & Walk starting at 8:00am. During this same time many booth vendors arrive at the complex to set up east of the mud volleyball and horse shoe area while a variety of food trucks stage in the parking lot area. A handful of small carnival rides also arrive and set up inside the west ball-field area along with bounce houses and kids activities. The morning is very busy as these activities prepare

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

Manager's Message (cont.)

for the many attendees to arrive after the parade.

The parade down Main Street starts at 10:00am with registration check-in beginning at 8:30am near the Pioneer Museum. Parade staging occurs next to the elementary school on Salisbury and extends south along Division Blvd. We usually have 30-40 parade entries and I start the parade promptly at 10:00am at the intersection of Main & Salisbury with the crop duster flyover and the honor guard leading the parade.

Immediately after the parade the Community Complex gets very busy as the mud volleyball tournament has started (10:00am) and booth and food vendors are ready along with the rides and kids activities in the west ballfield. The beer garden is going as well inside the fenced area of the mud volleyball and horseshoe area which expands to the ballfield parking lot for the afternoon and evening activities.

Around 2:00pm the mud volleyball tournament winds down and the horseshoe tournament starts with booth vendors remaining until mid afternoon and the carnival rides going until 4:00pm. Usually between 4:00pm and 6:00pm things get a little slower at the complex so the Welcome Center at Ft. Vasquez is doing an open house and historical presentation that should be very interesting involving the Life & Legend of Mountain Man Joe Meek. The first band starts playing on the stage in front of the concession stand at 6:00pm followed by the second band at 8:00pm. The beer gar-

den and food vendors are still going strong until the fireworks display at 9:00pm with the evening ending shortly afterwards.

The only activity on Sunday is the Annual Recreation Department's Co-ed Softball Tournament at the ballfields which usually has between 6-8 teams. Softball starts around 9:30am and usually ends by late afternoon. Since all of Town staff are actively working the weekend activities I close Town Hall on Monday to give the employees some extra time off. The Harvest Daze weekend flyer is available on our website and at Town Hall to review but I wanted to provide a little more detail on how the events occur throughout the weekend as the Harvest Daze Committee does a lot of preplanning to organize the weekend events each year.

Fall & Winter Events

There's a few community events that are being scheduled for the remaining months of the year including the 1st Annual Veterans Memorial Car Show in September at Lincoln Park and another Oktoberfest event put on by the Recreation Department and Committee. I'm not aware of anything planned for in November but the Town will hold another Platteville Day of Christmas in December on Saturday the 13th that should be another festive day for the community to enjoy. More to come as these events get closer.

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

For contact information please visit our Town website at platteville.colorado.gov