

T.O.P. NEWSLETTER

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Manager's Message

Halloween Decorating Contest

The Town promoted another Halloween decorating contest and this year's Top 5 winners include 207 Olive Lane, 203 Reed Road, 485 Stevens Circle, 721 Rodgers Circle and 402 Garden Court. Honorable Mentions include 1719 Bella Vista Drive, 493, 477 & 471 Stevens Circle along with 106 Plowshare Lane. I've always enjoyed the Holiday Seasons and will continue these events in the future. We've mostly done Halloween and Christmas decorating contests over the years but next year I'll include a "Most Patriotic Property" contest during the 4th of July week as many like decorating for the summer holidays and next year will be our country's 250th Anniversary of signing the Declaration of Independence so more to celebrate.

Platteville Day of Christmas

The Christmas Committee met recently to confirm this year's event schedule for our 3rd Annual Platteville Day of Christmas. For many years we've had a Christmas Parade and then several years ago decided to add more events so we gave it this name since there's activities throughout the day. The flyer will be posted on our website and at Town Hall in a few weeks and will be in the December utility billing. This year's Day of Christmas is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th and will consist of pictures with Santa, pancake breakfast fundraiser, and Wreaths Across America in the morning, an open house at the Welcome Center at Fort Vasquez in the afternoon, and then the Christmas parade on Main Street at 5:30pm followed by the community bonfire and activities in the Community Center parking lot and then fireworks at 7:30pm to conclude the day. Simple yet fun activities to enjoy for the Christmas Holiday Season.

Town Communication Platforms

In recent weeks I've been told about some comments being made on social media sites such as Nextdoor regarding various Town items that are being worked on including the design of a

new police station, how streets and sidewalks are being maintained, and that the parks aren't as nice as they used to be. I'm sure there's other Town related items being discussed but these three were brought to my attention so I wanted to mention them. I'm not a social media person but do on occasion check Nextdoor to see what topics are being discussed related to Town issues. I've never responded on Nextdoor and likely won't as I have plenty to do at work already and use other platforms to send out community information including the Everbridge and GOGov phone notification systems, this newsletter, website, and post various notices and flyers at Town Hall near the front desk window and some notices posted in the glass message board on the outside wall. I'm always available for a conversation at Town Hall unless in a meeting, or send me an email as I'm willing to discuss any topic or issue or answer questions as needed.

Public Facilities & Infrastructure

As for the topics previously mentioned, in the 20+ years I've lived and worked in Platteville I can articulate how many improvements have been in our community and would disagree with comments that things have gotten worse. Since becoming the Town Manager in 2009 we've implemented the Capital Improvement Fund, which was a 1% sales tax increase approved by the voters during the November election that year, and have used those funds to complete many capital projects. Since that time millions of dollars have been spent on improving roads, sidewalks, parks, public facilities and other capital items that I'd like to briefly touch on.

Shortly after the Capital Improvement Fund was formed the Town adopted a street maintenance program in which we conduct town-wide street patching every spring and then focus on "touching" every

Town Departments

Administration

400 Grand Avenue
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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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street with some level of improvement every 5-7 year. These improvements include crack sealing, chip sealing, paving and even complete roadway reconstruction when necessary. Several of the larger street improvement projects that have been completed during the past 15 years include the reconstruction of both Sterkel Blvd and a portion of Division Blvd from Grand to Reynolds, and the reconstruction of Grand Avenue with new sidewalks. Reynolds Avenue was also paved a few years ago with new sidewalk installed on the south side. We've also rebuilt Buck Rake Blvd and removed the center island a few years ago. Along with all of the patching, crack and chip sealing during that time we've spend well over \$10 million dollars on street improvements since 2010.

The Town implemented the Sidewalk Fee in 2012 to help fund sidewalks improvements as most of the Capital Improvement Fund goes towards streets and other projects. These fund are used for both maintenance and new sidewalk installation and since the fee was implemented several million dollars have been spent on sidewalk projects by using sidewalk fees, grants and other funding. I realize that sidewalks have been another topic of discussion on social media but I want to point out that during the past 15 year the Town has built new sidewalks on River Street from Grand to Goodrich, on Goodrich from River to Division, both sides of Grand from Main to River and the south side of Grand to Stevens Circle, all of Division from Reynolds to PES on one side or the other, and also along Reynolds when the road was paved. These areas were focused on as they have the highest use by pedestrians since they are direct routes through the community or to locations such as the schools, parks and Community Center. There are more areas that the Town improved sidewalks but these are the larger projects that were completed to date.

The Town owns and maintains five public parks including Lincoln, Riverview, Coronado and Rodgers Farm parks along with

the Community Complex. The Town has a Parks Fund to provide general maintenance and in recent years have completed various park improvements including new handicap ramps and sidewalk enhancements in all four parks this past summer. In the past 15 years we've replaced the old wooden skate park ramps with metal ones and built the shelter and playground in Riverview Park along with over a dozen new trees planted during Arbor Day events. Several year ago the Town spent approximately \$100,000 replacing the playground system and adding new concrete picnic tables at the shelter and a new restroom is scheduled to be constructed next summer. Rodgers Farm and Coronado parks are smaller and have less use but the Town focuses on maintaining them just as the larger parks while adding new amenities in the next few years. The Town has plans to construct a small shelter at Coronado Park near the playground and add a few more amenities such as grills and trash containers. In the summer we put up the volleyball net in Rodgers Farm Park but leave the rest of the grass area available for kids to play. The developer built the shelter and playground but the Town installed the white fencing and built the basketball court with benches. Parks continue to be an important priority for the Town with additional improvements planned at the Community Complex which I'll discuss in more detail during an upcoming newsletter and I've already summarized the police station design during the past few months so I didn't discuss it further this time.

I make myself available to anyone who wants to talk so please give me a call, send an email, or stop by Town Hall during the week.

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

For contact information please visit our Town website at platteville.colorado.gov or call Town Hall at 970.785.2245