



# Parachute Landing



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## Trustee John Yadloski Resigns from Board

Due to health reasons, John Yadloski has chosen to tender his resignation from the Town of Parachute's Board of Trustees.

Trustee Yadloski was originally elected to the Board in April 2010. He was re-elected to the Board in April 2014. Prior to that he had served for a long time on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town.

John has served faithfully for the duration of his appointments and elections. In his letter of resignation letter, he said to the Mayor:

"It is with deep sadness that I

must inform you of my need to resign from the Board of Trustees ...

"I have enjoyed my time spent on the Board.

"I love the Town of Parachute and wish you well."

John has also served as the Building Inspector for the Town.

John was a volunteer fire fighter for 10 years. He worked as a ceramic tile installer and was the maintenance director for the school district,

His pride and joy is his service as the Pastor for the Faith Baptist Church here in Parachute. He has been in the ministry for over 50 years. He and his wife, Patty,

served as missionaries among the Pima Native Americans.

We are going to miss John's smiling face at the Board meetings and we wish him health and happiness.



## Comprehensive Plan Visioning Meeting

The Town of Parachute and the Battlement Mesa Service Association (BMSA) has entered into a Memo of Understanding to work together on developing an updated Comprehensive Plan for the Community.

This plan will address land

use planning and economic development for the entire Community.

A public visioning meeting will be held:

Date: January 21, 2015  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Place: Town of Parachute  
 Town Hall  
 222 Grand Valley Way

The public is invited to attend this meeting to voice their ideas and concerns regarding the plan.

In addition, a mail survey will be distributed to households in Parachute and Battlement Mesa. The survey is designed to provide an opportunity/option for residents to

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## Minute with the Mayor

As we enter 2015, I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and you are all looking forward to a prosperous new year. While the cold and snow may have slowed down some of the work outside, things are still moving right along inside the Town Hall. Work continues on the Comprehensive Plan update and we are excited to see what recommendations come forth to help balance and grow our economy. Work is also continuing on other projects as well, such as the lighting along Cardinal Way to the High School and water meter installations, as weather permits. Additional things in the works include planning early for Grand Valley Days and Oktoberfest so we can make these events even bigger and better.

As the Town undertakes the projects mentioned above, as well as the many others that come up during the course of the year, I would invite anyone who has an interest to attend a board meeting. Meeting dates and times are posted on our website, and agendas are typically available a few days prior to each meeting at Town Hall and on the Town's website. Attending these meetings will give folks the opportunity to listen and understand the issues facing the Town. It will also allow for input from the public on some of these issues as well. An effective government is one where the constituents are not only heard, but listened to as well.

With that being said, I look forward to seeing everyone at some point this year,

whether you are an old acquaintance or a friend I just haven't met yet.

Best wishes to all and have a safe, happy, and prosperous 2015!



Mayor McClung testified at the Oil and Gas Task Force hearings held in Rifle on December 10th and 11th. Governor Hickenlooper created the Task Force on State and Local Regulation of Oil and Gas Operations via

Executive Order (B 2014 005) in February 2014. The purpose of the Task Force, "in collaboration with the oil and gas industry is to seek to fashion mechanisms through which they can coordinate their efforts and achieve a complimentary regulatory structure that benefits Colorado's economy, quality of life, health, environment, and wildlife."

*The Town of Parachute is supportive of the oil and gas industry and recognizes its importance to our economy.*





## New Website

The Town has developed a new website. The URL is still [www.parachutecolorado.com](http://www.parachutecolorado.com).

The new website is much more user friendly and provides the residents with many conveniences that the old one did not.

1. All forms for doing business with the Town are included on the website.

2. Board and P&Z agenda packets will be posted for each meeting.

3. Links for all associated organizations are included.

4. Meeting minutes.

5. Contact information for

They can be printed, completed and sent.

6. Town budget and financial information.

Functions that will be available in the very near future will be on-line payment for utility bills and court fines. Paperless bills will also be available.

## Community Calendar

Winter Fest—Stars of Tomorrow	Jan. 28	7:00 PM	Grand Valley High School
Winter Fest—Snowman Contest	Jan. 31	2:00 PM	Community
Winter Fest— Battlement Mesa Company	Jan. 31	4:00 PM	Battlement Mesa Golf Course
Winter Fest—Parade of Lights	Jan. 31	7:00 PM	Battlement Mesa Shopping Center
Town of Parachute—Board of Trustees Meeting	Jan. 15	6:30 PM	Town Hall
Town of Parachute—Comp Plan Visioning Meeting	Jan. 21	6:30 PM	Town Hall
Town of Parachute—Planning and Zoning Meeting	Feb. 12	6:30 PM	Town Hall
Town of Parachute—Board of Trustees Meeting	Feb. 19	6:30 PM	Town Hall
GVHS—Wrestling Duals	Jan. 29	5:00 PM	Grand Valley High School
GVHS—Boys and Girls Basketball	Jan. 30	4:30 PM	Grand Valley High School
Parks and Rec—Valentines’ Card Making Class	Jan. 26	6:30 PM	Grand Valley Fire District



## Snow Removal

As we are in the snow season a gentle reminder regarding snow removal:

According to the Town of Parachute Municipal Code 14.90.040. The owner, occupant, or agent of the owner of any real property, including buildings or vacant lots, within the Town of Parachute is required to keep and maintain the sidewalks, gutters, curbs, and curb walks on or adjacent

to such real property in a safe condition, free and clear of snow ice, mud, dirt, rubbish, filth, and other debris and obstructions. Such owner, occupant, or agent of the owner shall remove snow and ice from such sidewalks as soon as possible following a snowfall but in any event an accumulation of ice and snow shall be removed not later eighteen (18) hours after every snowfall.

## New Staff Joins Town

Lynn Stroud has joined the staff of the Town of Parachute effective January 1, 2015. She comes to the Town from her own accounting firm of R&L Accounting in Rifle where she provided accounting services for over 15 years.

Lynn’s official title is Management Analyst. Her responsibilities include: Accounting, Accounts Payable, Cash Receipting, Budget Preparation

and Tracking.

We welcome Lynn to the Town.



## Water Billing Change

### Water Metering

The Town of Parachute’s Public Works Department has been working over the last year to get water meters installed at all residents and businesses.

Effective February 1, 2015, the Town will be reading the meters at all locations and billing accordingly. The current base rates will be effective. See chart to the below.

In addition, amounts will be charged for water usage over and above 10,000 gallons of usage.

If you have any questions, please call Colleen Kyle, Utility Billing Clerk at 970.285.7630.



## New Businesses

New businesses in Town include:

- B-Bops Bakery & pizzeria**  
124 1st Street
- Colorado Custom Canvas**  
100 Cardinal Way



## New Town Hall Hours

Effective January 5, 2015, the hours Town Hall will be open have changed. Below are the hours that Town Hall will be open during the week:

- Monday thru Thursday .....7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**
- Friday .....7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

For Emergencies Call: 970-625-8095 (Police)  
970-986-1821 (Public Works)

## Meetings Days Changed

Beginning January 2015, the dates for the Board of Trustees and the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be changed.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month .

The Board of Trustees will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Both Boards meet at the Town Hall, 222 Grand Valley Way at 6:30 p.m.

## Comprehensive Plan Visioning

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complete their anonymous questionnaire on-line through a password –protected website or by mailing the survey back using a self address stamped envelope included with the survey.

If you have questions, please contact Stuart McArthur, Town Manager at 970.285.9730 or e-mail him at [stuartmc@parachutecolorado.com](mailto:stuartmc@parachutecolorado.com)



*The comprehensive plan will consider land uses and economic development.*

	Residential	Commercial
<b>WATER USAGE</b>		
For a minimum of 10,000 gallons and Residential non-metered	\$44.95	\$69.45
Next 3,000 gallons (Per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 2.22	\$ 2.22
Above 13,000 gallons (Per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 3.78	\$ 3.75