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New Board Member Appointed

During the Town of Parachute's Board of Trustee meeting on August 14, 2014, Trustee Candy Allbee tendered her resignation from the Board. According to the Town of Parachute Charter Section 2-6-c: Procedure to Fill Vacancy for Trustee Other Than the Mayor. Whenever a vacancy occurs more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the next regular Town election, the Board of Trustees shall solicit the general public for applications to fill the vacancy.

The Town publicized the vacancy and received three letters of interest. The let-

ters were received from: Norman Feck, Linda Ford, and Michael Berry. By an unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees appointed Mr. Norman Feck to fill the seat vacated by Ms. Allbee. Mr. Feck will retain the office until the next regular election of the Town which will be held in April 2016.

Mr. Feck has been a resident of the Town for X years. In his letter of interest, he stated: "I enjoy living here and would enjoy a role where I could serve this community."

Trustee Feck recently moved here from the Par-

ker, CO, area. He is excited to live on the Western Slope and contribute to the community.

We welcome Trustee Feck to the Board and look forward to working with him.



Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Parachute received a grant from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) in the amount of \$62,500 for the purpose of updating the Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan). The Town will match the grant with an equal amount.

In order to ensure the success of the update to the comprehensive (master) plan, the Town seeks participation from local residents and organizations.

The plan will address land use and other issues that related to future of the Town of

Parachute and the overall community.

If you would like to participate on a committee or input group for the comprehensive plan update, please contact Town Manager, Stuart McArthur at 970.285.7630 or stuartmc@parachutecolorado.com.

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Oktoberfest a Huge Success

The Town of Parachute and the Parachute/Battlement Mesa Chamber of Commerce teamed together to sponsor the activities of the 2014 Oktoberfest on October 4th.



Derek Wingfield, Community Development Specialist for the Town and a Chamber Board member headed up the event. He did a fantastic job! Way to go, Derek.

The event was once again held at Cottonwood Park in Para-

chute. It was a huge success. It is estimated that over 1,350 people were in attendance.

Events included:

- Bungee Trampolines
- Zip Line
- Hamster Balls
- Bounce Houses
- Black Timber Band
- Horse Soccer
- Barbeque
- Cotton Candy
- Fireworks

Lines were long, but fun was had by all that attended. The Town and the Chamber want to thank all the organizations and individu-

als that donated their time and energies to make the event such a success.

Mark your calendars today for the 2015 Oktoberfest tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in October.



Driving in Snow and Ice

The best advice for driving in bad winter weather is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it.

Don't go out until the snow plows and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work, and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination.

If you must drive in snowy conditions, make sure your car is prepared, and that you know how to handle road conditions.

It's helpful to practice winter driving techniques in a snowy, open parking lot, so you're familiar with how your car handles. Consult your owner's manual for tips specific to your vehicle.

If your rear wheels skid:

Take your foot off the accelerator.

Steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your

rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they're sliding right, steer right.

If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.

If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.

If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady

pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse — this is normal.

If your front wheels skid...

Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately.

As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in "drive" or release the clutch, and accelerate gently.

For additional information contact the Parachute Police Department at 970.285.7630

Cardinal Way Lighting Project

The Grand Valley High School sits at the end of Cardinal Way in the Town of Parachute, Colorado. Students walk to and from school every day, during school functions that carry into the night the 1600 feet of roadway leading to the school grounds is very dark, there are no curbs or raised sidewalks,

for the students safety, and the safety of all pedestrian traffic in this area there needs to be street lighting for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

This project is a priority for the Town. The Town Board has designated this project one of great importance. The safety of our children, all our citizens and visitors who walk this stretch of road can testify that

in its current state is very dangerous. The results will be measured immediately. With the installation of street lights the safety of our students will increase incalculably.

The Town received a grant from the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado for \$3,750 and another grant from Encana for \$2,797.

The total project cost is \$83,000.

The Town of Parachute appreciates the financial grant support from AGNC and Encana.

Community Calendar

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| School District 16 Education Extravaganza | 11/3 | 6-8:00 PM | Bea Underwood |
| Community Counts Annual Meeting | 11/4 | 5-6:00 PM | Grand Valley Rec Center |
| Family Night Out Spaghetti Dinner | 11/16 | 7:30 PM | Bea Underwood |
| Craft Fair | 11/23 | 9:00-4:00 PM | Grand Valley High School |
| Community Breakfast | 11/8 | 8:00 AM | All Saints Church |
| Veterans' Day Dinner | 11/11 | 6:00 PM | Grand Valley Rec Center |
| Town of Parachute Board Meeting | 11/13 | 6:30 PM | Town of Parachute Town Hall |
| Picture Book Character Voting | 11/3-8 | All Day | Library |
| Computer Basics Classes | Tuesdays | 9:00 AM | Library |
| Learn about the Vegan Lifestyle | 11/13 | 6:00 PM | Library |
| Cocoa & Collage | 12/1 | 1:00 PM | Library |
| Christmas Double Feature Movies | 12/23 | 1:00 PM | Library |

Minute with the Mayor

Perhaps you may have noticed some changes taking place in Parachute. Recently we completed some much needed asphalt repair work on our residential streets. Oktoberfest and Grand Valley Days this year were larger and better attended than in previous years. Many of the properties that had fallen into disrepair are being cleaned up, and new businesses are opening their doors. This activity is the result of an effort to bring economic diversity to Parachute.

For years the energy industry has anchored our economy and provided many good paying jobs. While this is greatly appreciated, the industry is also quite cyclical in nature, with highs bringing unprecedented growth and the lows nearly decimating the community. In order to dampen the negative effects of the lows and provide a baseline economy that is more stable than what has

been experienced in recent years, the town has embarked on a multi-faceted effort to increase economic opportunities and bring additional, non-energy related jobs to Parachute.

The first step was to formulate a plan. Recently we received a grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease district to update our master plan. This plan will designate areas for development, identify the types of businesses and industries that would complement our area, and address necessary infrastructure improvements. We are also working on a master plan to address our water and wastewater needs in the future. Many of the issues are important enough (street repair, weed abatement, facilities improvement) that they are taking place concurrently with the planning process. Many others will begin once they are identified and get placed on the schedule.

Additional steps include developing an economic incentive plan to attract business to the area; creating partnerships with other entities including

the school district, parks and rec district, fire district, and Battlement Mesa; and creating attractions/opportunities that will draw people to the area for a visit and make them want to stay. Some areas that are of particular interest include open space for recreation and organized activities, cultural opportunities including concerts and festivals, and additional activities that appeal to wide range of age groups. This effort will take a while, possibly several years, but as these activities continue to develop and grow,

jobs will be created, property values will increase, and Parachute will become a destination of choice for residents and visitors to the Western Slope.

I would encourage anyone who has an interest in these ongoing activities or any other issues to attend any of our regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meetings. We currently meet the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the council chambers at Town Hall. Public input is always welcome!

Mayor Roy McClung

Meetings Time 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.



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Parachute Park Boulevard

Parachute Park Boulevard was constructed by the developer of the Parachute Park P.U.D. Although the Town initially accepted the streets within the PUD to begin the contractor's warranty period, they were not constructed up to an acceptable or expected standard. As a result, the street has deteriorated to a point where reconstruction is imperative for safety reasons.

The reconstruction of Parachute Park Boulevard will allow local and natural resource development traffic to safely use the street.

The use of this street west-bound keeps through traffic off the Town's main residential and main streets thus reducing

the wear and tear of those streets.

The improvement of this boulevard will also make the Parachute Park P.U.D. a more attractive option for development for commercial/industrial uses.

The project reconstructed 1,650 linear feet of concrete roadway on Parachute Park Boulevard (PPB). The work will included removal of approximately 9,900 square yards of concrete roadway and sub-grade and replacing it with new road base and 3,000 tons of asphalt pavement.

The Town of Parachute contracted with United Companies of Mesa County for a total of \$896,000 to reconstruct one-

half of the road. The other half of the road will be reconstructed during the summer of 2015.

The Town received a grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for \$200,000 to help defray the cost of the 2015 project and will apply for additional funding assistance from the Colorado State Department of Local Affairs.

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