



Parachute Landing



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Town Seeking Board Member

During the Town of Parachute's Board of Trustee meeting on August 14, 2014, Trustee Candy Allbee tendered her resignation from the Board. In her letter to the Board Ms. Allbee said, "It is with deep sadness that I must inform you of my need to resign from the Board of Trustees of the Town of Parachute effective immediately. My current health does not allow me to perform the functions of the role to the extent that I desire and the Town deserves from a member of the Board."

"I have enjoyed my time spent on the Board. I very

much appreciate the trust the Board had in me to appoint me to the Board after the last election."

As a result of Ms. Allbee's resignation, there is a vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

The Town of Parachute is seeking letters of interest to fill the position. The term of this seat is to April 2016.

Interested applicants must be qualified electors in the Town of Parachute and have resided within the town limits of Parachute for twelve consecutive months.

Contact the Town Clerk at 970-285-7630.



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.

The Town of Parachute's Master/Comprehensive Plan was last addressed in 2006 with a minor addendum that merely addressed Town facilities' names and amending Master Plan / Land Use Categories.

The Master/Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Parachute needs to be updated and readdressed in order to better plan for the future based on current situations and development.

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Be Bear Aware

Sightings of several bears are being consistently reported to the Town's Police Department. Officers respond to the calls by investigating the area for bears. If a bear is found, it is reported to the State Department of Parks and Wildlife.

A bear intent on getting a meal could injure someone who gets in its way. Every year bears that have become too comfortable around people have to be destroyed.

Do not put your trash out the night before; this attracts bears. Once a bear finds a

food, source it will return.

Keep trash in a secure area so bears cannot get to it; or in a bear-proof trash can. Do not store food in an unsecure location, such as a tin shed or an unlocked garage.

If a bear enters your home, do not approach it; leave the home and call 911.

If you encounter a bear in your yard make loud noises and clap your hands, this should scare the bear away. Call the Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 970-255-6100.

For more information:

<http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeWildBears.aspx>



Watering Restrictions

Due to extreme heat, the demands on the Town's irrigation system is being taxed. As a result, pressure is not adequate to cover all the residents at any given time.

The Town is asking residents to participate in odd / even days for watering. If your home address is an odd number, please water on an odd numbered day of the month.

Even numbered addresses, please water on even numbered days of the month.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stuart McArthur at 970-285-7630.

Abundance Garden

The congregation of the Grand Valley United Methodist Church decided to use the lot across from the church for a community garden; growing everything with the intention of giving it back to those in need within the community. They selected to grow produce that last for a couple days before delivering. The garden was planted with varieties of

squash, tomatoes, and peppers, along with potatoes, radishes, beets, peas, beans and cucumbers.

Through generous donations of both time and product, they established watering teams and harvesting teams. The garden is watered each day with the gift of the irrigation water. From the little sprouts, they have watched the wonder of their garden become **ABUNDANT**.

Assistant Pastor, Bert Botkin, distributes the food to those that have a great need. Anything left is taken to Lift Up.

Thank you for your contribution to the residents of the Town.



Bike & Walk to School Challenge

Dana Wood, executive director of LiveWell Garfield County, presented awards to the top three classrooms at Bea Underwood Elementary in Battlement Mesa during an awards ceremony for the 2014 Garfield Clean Energy Bike & Walk to School Challenge on May 22. Wood also told stu-

dents about the value of exercise and healthy eating

The school won first place in the countywide competition held April 15-17. The 294 students at Bea Underwood saved \$3,500 in gasoline, saved 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions, and burned 21,000 calories in the process. The school won \$1,000 for its efforts.



Community Calendar

Free Concert - Sweet Wednesday	9/10	Library
Board of Trustees Meeting	9/11	Town Hall
Life Leadership Seminars	9/11	Library
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting	9/18	Town Hall
Girls Basketball Registration	9/19	Parks & Recreation District
Community Golf Classic	9/27	Battlement Mesa Golf Course
Adult Fall Volleyball Registration	10/1	Parks & Recreation District
Octoberfest	10/4	Cottonwood Park
Bizz Buzz	10/13	Grand Valley Economic Development
Tiny Tot Basketball Registration	10/27	Parks & Recreation District
Homecoming	9/8 - 9/12	Grand Valley High School
Book-a-Librarian	Anytime	Library
Computer Basics Classes	Tuesdays	Library

Comprehensive Plan (continued)

The Town of Parachute is significantly impacted by the development of natural resources, specifically oil, gas, and soda ash. This development of natural resources impacts our development planning, residential planning, transportation infrastructure, water and wastewater infrastructure, etc.

The purpose of the comprehensive plan is to provide a

basis for current and future land use decisions for the ToP. The plan would facilitate rational decisions concerning the use of the land in the Town based on natural resources, economic considerations, and sound planning principles. The plan would be useful as a guide to facilitate planning of private lands, to protect existing development, and to highlight vari-

ous opportunities for private, as well as public actions.

If you would like to participate in the public process in developing this plan, please contact Stuart McArthur, Town Manager, at 970-285-7630 or by e-mail at

stuartmc@parachutecolorado.com

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Octoberfest

The Parachute-Battlement Mesa Chamber of Commerce announced that they will be sponsoring the annual Octoberfest festival at Cottonwood Park on October 4, 2014.

Many activities are planned for the day:

- Chili Cook-off
- Bungee Trampolines
- Zip Line
- Hamster Balls

- Black Timber Band
- Fireworks

Come one, come all. Unlimited rides are available for just \$5.00.



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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DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, September 27
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Police Department
222 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO



Street Repair / Construction



As you drive around the Town, you will notice that several streets have been repaired during this summer season.

The streets that have been repaired have been:

- Meadow Drive
- Alpine Court
- Aspen Court
- Evans/Laurel Intersection
- Russey
- Third Street
- Cardinal Way
- Creek Street
- Van Horn Lane
- St. John Circle
- La Plate Circle

- Yampa / Rio Grande
- Thank you for your patience during the construction.

In addition to repairs and maintenance, the Parachute Park Boulevard will be reconstructed.

This project will allow for the best use of land within the Town of Parachute with minimal negative impact to the residents, other businesses, and environment. It will allow continued transportation of natural resource development transportation through the Town.

