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TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Travis Elliott, Town Manager
CC: TOP Staff
DATE: January 9, 2026
RE: Info Update

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hello and welcome to 2026! 2026 is an election year for the Town of Parachute, and we have three Council seats and the Mayor's position up for election. Petition packets are now available for circulation and can be picked up with Town Clerk Lucy Spalenka at Town Hall. Completed petitions, signed by at least 20 qualified electors of the Town, must be returned no later than January 26th. So far, we have had two incumbents pick up their petitions.

Additional details are available on the Town's webpage. We have also issued a press release and advertised the opportunity through our channels online. [Call for Parachute Town Council Candidates | Town of Parachute](#)

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Our 2026 Beautification Grant program is now accepting applications. The grant program is a Council initiative that aims to help businesses and organizations in our commercial corridors improve the conditions and aesthetics of their storefronts and property. Up to \$5,000 is available per property.

Completed applications are due no later than March 16, 2026 at 12 noon. Afterwards, they will be reviewed by the URA Commission at a TBD meeting date in March. Details are available on our webpage: <https://www.parachute.gov/article/2619319>

TID BITS:

- Best of luck and congratulations to our former Community Service Officer Alyshia Sauer. She started her police academy training this week, where she will be learning and becoming a sworn police officer. She will rejoin us in April(ish) as a Police Office Trainee. Wish her luck!
- The new pet limitation ordinance survey is out and LIVE. You can find it on our website, www.parachute.gov. As of earlier this week, we've already received 22+ responses. The feedback will be used for Council's consideration.
- The December Police Blotter is attached.
- I presented our Non-Motorized trail grant application to the CPW Trails Committee for the River Trail project today. Cross your fingers.

- The Gateway (former Parachute Inn) project is progressing nicely. We are told they are close to on track with their projected schedule, and some of the off-site public infrastructure improvements are now underway.
- We were notified by the Colorado Brownfields team that our 1st St. site (owned by Keith Petree) was selected for a grant and further technical assistance. This will help us complete a phase 1 environmental assessment and give the property a clean bill of health, making it more conducive and attractive for future development.
- The Magic Canopy interactive art installation has come to an end. It will be removed and picked up on Sunday.
- We are working on various gates to improve our facility security. A new gate is installed on the road to our Revelle Springs intake facility, and a new automatic gate is being installed at the Public Works shop.
- One of our last PD Tahoe patrol vehicles is almost finished and will replace Sergeant Mayfield's existing 2013 Tahoe.
- We would rather be plowing, but Public Works took advantage of the dry weather to conduct an extra round of street sweeping.
- The new Thunder Burger restaurant (former Shommy's location) is now OPEN!
- We are meeting with the Valley Senior Center board on Monday, Jan. 12th to discuss future plans for the Community Center. Details will be brought to the Town Council for further discussion.
- W2s and 1099s will be sent out soon.
- Our annual HUTF report is due end of February.
- We have finished installing a new VPN software on town devices to help keep remote users secure.
- The CML Policy Committee meetings for this upcoming state legislative session have commenced, and the AGNC legislative meetings begin next month. If you hear of any legislation that you would like to discuss or for the Town to take a formal position on, please let me know.
- Town Hall will be closed for MLK Jr. Day on Monday, January 19th.
- I am also planning to take a couple of days of next month on February 26th and March 2nd.

Upcoming Meetings and Public Events:

(Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can track public noticing requirements. Excludes regularly scheduled meetings.)

- GCFMLD Grant Awards Luncheon – 1/16/26
- Garfield County Mayor's Meeting – 2/2/26
- State of the Valley Luncheon – 2/24/26 at 11am
- Parachute Pick Up – Friday, April 24th – Saturday April 25th, 2026
- MayFest – Saturday, May 2, 2026