



**To:** Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council  
**From:** Preston Neill, Town Manager  
**Date:** June 8, 2022  
**RE: Town Manager's Report**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This monthly report serves as an update to Council on key projects, activities, and community issues.

### **RURAL PHILANTHROPY DAYS**

Over 250 people are in Ridgway for Rural Philanthropy Days! Local and regional nonprofit, government and philanthropic leaders are exchanging great ideas about how to support our communities in transition across our region.



### **EIAF GRANT #9281 TOWN OF RIDGWAY WATER TREATMENT UPGRADE PROJECT – EXTENSION REQUEST**

In mid-May, the Town sent a formal request to DOLA asking for an extension to EIAF Grant #9281 Town of Ridgway Water Treatment Upgrade. It was due to expire on June 30, 2022.

In 2020 and 2021, Town staff undertook a pilot testing process to explore the benefits of transitioning from a chlorine dioxide treatment to a Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) at the Water Treatment Plant. The preliminary testing results suggested that GAC will improve the finished water quality compared to chlorine dioxide. Based on the pilot testing, testing of the raw water supply and some other factors, staff received updated cost estimates from a potential Granular Activated Carbon supplier that were substantially higher in both capital and operations than the initial estimate. Staff has worked to better understand the cost increase and how often the media will need to be replaced. That research, as well as scheduling impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, have affected the project timeline, and we were at a point of needing to request an extension to the grant contract. Because there is still work to be done to complete our Scope of Project, we requested, and were granted, an extension of this grant award to December 30, 2022.



### **HIGHWAY 62 CROSSWALKS**

Town staff has contacted CDOT regarding the condition of the Highway 62/Sherman St. piano key crosswalks. Many of them have been worn down and are in need of a fresh coat of paint. CDOT is working on a PO to get out and repaint the crosswalks soon.



### **UPDATE RE SOLAR ARRAY ON ATHLETIC PARK RESTROOMS**

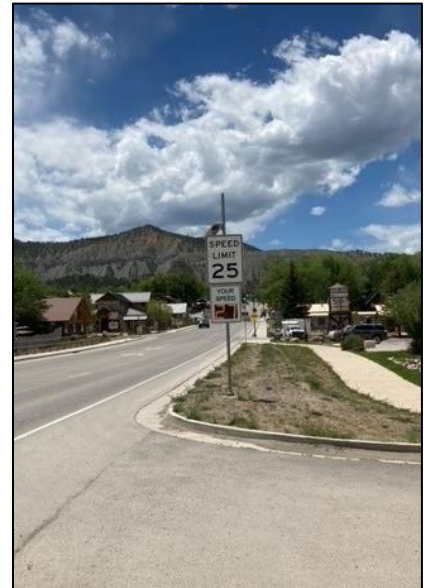
Supply chain issues have slowed the work of Alternative Power Enterprises so they are estimating another three weeks until they are able to install a 2.555 kW photovoltaic system on the roof of the Athletic Park restrooms.

### **WATER TREATMENT PLANT SECURITY FENCE**

Del-Mont Consultants has completed a survey of the Water Treatment Plant property/inholding and has staked the property lines. Taylor Fence Company has indicated that they are looking at getting the security fence erected at the end of July or early August.

### **SPEED RADAR SIGNS INSTALLED**

I'm happy to report that CDOT has installed speed radar signs at two locations along Sherman St./Highway 62! One is located on westbound Highway 62 at Mile Post 23.16 (pictured at right), and the other is located on eastbound Highway 62 at Mile Post 22.55 (located near Amelia St. crosswalk). The Town is responsible for reimbursing CDOT for the purchase of the signs, attachment hardware and installation costs.



### **UPDATE ON OURAY COUNTY FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP AND FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY**

Back in February, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided the Town of Ridgway with preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Ouray County for review and comment by Town officials and members of the public. FEMA prepared the preliminary version of the FIRM using a process that involves capturing flood hazard information in a digital format and plotting map panels using computer technology. In so doing, they have incorporated all non-revised flood hazard information from all current effective FIRMs, Flood Hazard Boundary Maps, and Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps as appropriate. FEMA has posted the digital copies of the revised FIRM and FIS report materials to the following website: [www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata/](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata/).



The review period gave community officials and citizens in the affected communities with an opportunity to identify changes or corrections to non-technical information, such as corporate limits, road names, and stream names on the FIRM or in the FIS report. Comments were due by March 18, 2022. All comments and changes received during the review period are being incorporated, as appropriate, before the FIRM and FIS report become effective. The community's comments on the preliminary FIRM panels and FIS report are an important part of FEMA's review process, and they are carefully considered before the FIRM and FIS report are published in their final form.

Staff members at the state level are now looking to arrange a formal community coordination meeting so that the Consultation Coordination Officer can present the preliminary FIRMs and FIS report information to community members, answer questions, gather any additional comments, discuss community outreach efforts, and discuss the upcoming appeal period. While the meeting has not yet been arranged, we are looking at dates in late June or early July. Stay tuned!

#### **UPDATE ON GEORGE GARDNER SCHOLARSHIP**

Congratulations to Cooper Ahern and Anna Bartschi for being awarded an even split of the \$1,000 scholarship! Anna served as the mayor on this year's Youth Advisory Council and Cooper served as mayor pro-tem.



#### **MONTHLY SPACE TO CREATE PROJECT UPDATE WITH STRYKER & COMPANY**

Each month, the Town hosts a virtual project update meeting on the Ridgway Space to Create Project. The next meeting will take place on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Reps from Stryker & Company, the contractor for the project, attend each meeting to provide the updates and answer questions. The recurring Zoom meeting information can be found below. For more background information on this project, visit <https://townofridgway.colorado.gov/i-want-to/space-to-create-ridgway>.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81166252778?pwd=VElvVWZOYllwSXYSajRBZzhralY2UT09>

Meeting ID: 811 6625 2778

Passcode: 778450

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### **MARSHAL'S OFFICE UPDATE**

From Shane Schmalz, Town Marshal:

#### **New Patrol Vehicle**

After finding out we were not going to be able to obtain a used patrol car from Grand Junction Police Department as we budgeted for, we started a nationwide search for an equivalent option. We located one in Denver and have made the purchase. We are in the process of getting it up-fitted with equipment. We hope to have it in service in the next few weeks.



### **CLERK'S OFFICE UPDATE**

From Pam Kraft, Town Clerk/Town Treasurer:

#### **Concert Series Update**

This year's concert series is organized and ready to take place. Headliners for this year include Nick Waterhouse, Con Brio, Sierra Hull, and Ozomatli. The Town has resumed overseeing the alcohol sales and will be offering micro brewed beers from the following breweries: Suds Brothers Brewery, Palisade Brewing Company, SKA Brewing and Colorado Boy Pub & Brewery. Hard cider from Big B's, as well as wine and margaritas, will also be offered. Proceeds from each of the shows will be shared with local non-profit organizations. The organizations chosen this year are the Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department, Ridgway Community Garden, Ridgway Area Trails Group, and the Ouray County Soccer Association. Their members will volunteer in the serving tent; a short information piece will be read from the stage, and they will receive ten percent of the proceeds for the night. This year's sponsors include: Todd W. Hoffman Foundation, Billings Artworks, Ridgway Real Estate, Rocky Mountain Cannabis, Swiftern Productions, Mountain Annie's Cannabis, San Juan Wine and Liquors, Ridgway Lodge, Colorado Boy Brewery, Alpine Bank, Orvis Hot Springs, The Market at Ridgway, and Julie and Dave Duff.

#### **Parks and Facilities Update**

The Clerk's Office administers and oversees rental of parks and facilities, use of rights-of-ways, for public and private uses and events and this year we are seeing a significant increase in requests.

### **COMMUNITY INITIATIVES UPDATE**

From Tera Wick, Community Initiatives Facilitator:

#### **Interactive Map/Directory:**

The Ridgway Creative Main Street Committee is doing a trial-run of a web-based community directory and interactive map for Ridgway's business and creative district. It can be found [HERE](#).



This first draft of the map/directory was developed collaboratively with RCMS members and Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce (RACC). It was launched on a trial basis with a free version on June 1 and will be evaluated throughout the month of June.

First Fridays, Rural Philanthropy Days and Fete de la Musique all provide opportunities to test out custom tour features of the map. There are a number of other features that could also be activated including building history, business ads, videos and event listings.

If the RCMS committee, CIF and Town Manager determine the product to be valuable to the community's economic development and manageable for staff and collaborators, we will recommend a month-to-month subscription to the service for up to \$70 per month starting in July. Then, throughout the remainder of 2022, the directory will be fully built out and a communication and management plan will be developed.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- **Ridgway Town Council Regular Meeting** – June 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom
- **Ridgway Creative Main Street Group Meeting** – June 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom
- **“Renewable Energy & Beneficial Electricity” Roundtable Discussion** – June 23, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in-person and on Zoom (registration info [HERE](#))
- **Ridgway Planning Commission Regular Meeting** – June 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom
- **Monthly Space to Create Project Update Meetings with Stryker & Company** – Last Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **First Concert of Ridgway Concert Series!** – July 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Hartwell Park
- **Town Council Regular Meeting** – July 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in-person at Ridgway Town Hall and virtually via Zoom

#### **JOKE OF THE DAY**

Dentist: “When was the last time you flossed?”

Me: \*Shaking my head\* “Dude, you were there!”