Police Department

- Code enforcement is continuing to pick up non-permitted signs in the town limits, as well as working to remove inoperable vehicles from a residence on Jefferson St.
- Staff is working on enhancing evidence protocol to ensure safety of the officers while processing evidence. They are purchasing safer presumptive test kits for narcotics.
- Several anonymous donations have been given to the Monument Police Department. This includes cakes, cookies and gift cards for various local eateries.
- Through the new applicant testing process, we have selected two new officers to join the Monument Police Department family. The new officers are from Golden, CO and Weatherford, TX.
- A Tactical Patrol Officer program has been started within the PD. This program will enhance the capabilities in the PD to handle numerous high-risk situations that arise in the town. Testing for the coveted role will be held within the month of September.
- Administrative staff have been conducting a vigorous gear inventory and Developing a 5-year gear replacement plan. This ensures the officers on the street will have the best gear possible to remain safe during their shifts.
- Administrative staff have upgraded GPS tracking systems in the patrol vehicles to enhance safety features. This upgrade will allow administrators to track each vehicle in 10 second intervals in case of an emergency.

Community EVENTS

Many of the events have been impacted by the COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

September 26-October 4
Fountain Creek, Creek Week

October 31
Safe Trick or Treat Downtown

December 5
Small Town Tree Lighting
5pm - Limbach Park

Town Hall is open to the public Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm and closed for lunch from 12pm-1pm.

We have safety precautions in place and we ask that the public continue to use our online services to complete town business, if possible.
Public Works Department

Water Department
We repaired a water service line that had a break at Well 1. A new valve was installed on Highway 105 near Safeway. We have performed the 3rd quarter water sampling for the monitoring schedule. There were low chlorine residuals in Water Treatment Plants 8 and 3/9 that resulted in new pump installs.

Streets and Parks Department
Staff have been crack sealing streets in the Pastimes neighborhood, Third Street, and Beacon Lite Road. They have fabricated a crack sealing trailer with tools and equipment. Multiple signs have been repaired or replaced. At Lake of the Rockies open space below Monument Dam, the drainage has been modified and road base has been installed.
Staff have completed irrigation repairs at Dirty Woman Creek Park as well as mowing and trimming at other parks around town. At the cemetery, we have worked with the Eagle Scout on his project as well as a few burials. We are removing and chipping dead trees around town.

Marketing/Events
The Fountain Creek Watershed will host CREEK WEEK this year from September 28-October 4. Due to crowd limits, we will not host our traditional community cleanup in support of this event, but will be encouraging community members to clean up trash around Monument in order to protect our water.
In October, the Cultural Office Pikes Peak Region will celebrate ARTS MONTH. We are participating by hosting a CALL FOR ARTISTS to design murals at the Monument Skate Park.
We are planning our annual Tree Lighting event to be held on Saturday, December 5 in Limbach Park. We anticipate the event will look a little different this year, as we may not have the amount of student performers participate.

Communications & Marketing

August Digital Marketing Report
SOCIAL MEDIA
The following statistics were collected from the Town of Monument’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts between August 1-31:

Account Followers
Town Facebook: 5,778
Town Twitter: 1,915
Town Instagram: 2,046
Town Nextdoor: 4,322

Website Statistics
The following statistics demonstrate activity for the Town of Monument website for August:
Website Visits: 9,951
Page Views: 22,208

Census 2020
The Town is assisting with marketing for the 2020 Census to get the word out to our community about the importance of taking the census. This includes a link on the Town website, articles in the Town newsletter, promotion on social media.
Census response rates as of 9/8/2020
Colorado 68.8%
El Paso County 73.1%
Monument 85.5%
Town Clerk

At the regular meeting on August 17, the Board of Trustees referred the following measures to the November 3, 2020 coordinated election.

SHALL TOWN OF MONUMENT SALES AND USE TAXES BE INCREASED $1,400,000 IN 2021 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY AND THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF 0.50% (INCREASING THE TOWN’S SALES TAX AND USE TAX FROM 3% TO 3.50%), FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING DEDICATED FUNDING FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE SERVICES, TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE PROGRAMS, AND TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE FACILITIES, WITHOUT CUTTING OR REducing CURRENT TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE FUNDING LEVELS, INCLUDING:

- LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES, ESSENTIAL POLICE CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT, PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT OF OFFICER SAFETY AND EMERGENCY-RESPONSE EQUIPMENT, AND OFFICER TRAINING AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS;
- COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021; AND THEREAFTER SHALL THE TOWN OF MONUMENT BE ENTITLED TO EXCLUSIVELY COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE WITHOUT CONTRACTUAL, STATUTORY OR CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION OR CONDITION, INCLUDING LOCAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES §29-1-301, OR ANY OTHER LAW AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS OR AS IT MAY BE AMENDED IN THE FUTURE AND WITHOUT LIMITING IN ANY YEAR THE AMOUNT OF OTHER REVENUES THAT MAY BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE TOWN FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE SERVICES, TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE PROGRAMS, AND TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE FACILITIES, AND FURTHER PROVIDED THAT THE TOWN MANAGER SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE EXPENDITURES DEMONSTRATING THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE FUNDS FOR TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE SERVICES, TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE PROGRAMS, AND TOWN OF MONUMENT POLICE FACILITIES FOR WHICH THE REVENUES FROM THE TAX INCREASE HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED OR USED IN THE PROCEEDING CALENDAR YEAR?"

SHALL THE TOWN OF MONUMENT’S REGULAR ELECTIONS BE MOVED FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY OF APRIL IN EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR TO THE TUESDAY SUCCEEDING THE FIRST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER IN EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR?

The election will be conducted by El Paso County as a mail ballot election in accordance with the Uniform Election Code of 1992 (Articles 1-13 of Title 1, C.R.S.). Per an intergovernmental agreement between the Town of Monument and El Paso County regarding the conduct of the election, the county clerk will be responsible voter registration and lists, hiring and training of election judges, board of canvassers and staff, securing election supplies, assuring logic and accuracy, preparing and mailing ballots, counting ballots, retaining records, providing public notice, distributing the ballot issue notice, and providing cost estimates to each participating jurisdiction. The town clerk will be responsible for verifying petitions, receiving campaign finance reports, certifying ballot content, ballot proofing, special district voter lists, preparing the language for the ballot issue notice, providing election day support to the county, payment for any statutorily required recount, and payment for the Town’s portion of the cost of the election. Each jurisdiction taking part in the election share a proportional cost of the actual election.

The following is a list of important dates regarding the November 3, 2020 election:

- **September 18** at noon is the deadline to file written comments concerning local ballot issues to be included in the ballot issue notice
- **September 19** is the last day to transmit ballots to UOCAVA (overseas/military) voters and the first day the county clerk may begin issuing mail ballots to eligible electors who request one in person at the county clerk’s office
- **September 21** is the last day for the town clerk to deliver the full text of the required ballot issue notices to the county clerk
- **October 2** is the last day for official ballots to be printed and in the possession of the county clerk, the first day the county clerk must begin issuing mail ballots to eligible electors who request one in person at the county clerk’s office, and the last day to mail notice of a ballot issue election
- **October 9** is the first day mail ballots may be mailed to voters (except UOCAVA voters)
- **October 13** is the last day to apply to register to vote through a voter registration drive
- **October 16** is the last day to send out initial mail ballots to voters
- **October 26** is the last day for an individual to submit a voter registration application and still receive a ballot in the mail (after this day, newly registered voters must visit a voter service polling center to receive a ballot)
- **November 3** is Election Day and polls are open from 7am to 7pm
- **November 12** is the last day for voters to cure discrepant or missing signatures, and the last day to receive ballots cast by UOCAVA voters
- **November 25** is the last day to complete the canvass and submit official abstract of votes to the Secretary of State

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full text of the Resolution No. 25-2020, referring the ballot issue.
Finance Department

- The Finance Department is finalizing audited 2019 financial statements. We are conducting bond research and coordinating the required financial documentation.
- We have been working to help with FEMA and CARES Act required federal documentation.
- The 2021 Budget process is underway and we are working on revenue projections and 2020 estimates. There are Budget Workshops scheduled with the Board of Trustees for Monday, September 21st & Monday, October 5th.

Economic Development

We have been meeting with the developers of Conexus and The Village at Jackson Creek to discuss more in depth details as they move forward with their projects.

We continue to provide resources that are available to help our local businesses get what they need to be successful. The downtown businesses have been meeting again and have started holding their traditional events, such as Art Hop and No Boys Allowed. The Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce has been having in-person as well as virtual workshops and networking events for businesses.

Grants

We are working on submitting a grant to GOCO for restrooms at Monument Lake to be completed by next spring, if we are successful in securing the grant.

Staff is working with the University of Colorado Center for Community Development and the CO Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) on Technical Assistance on two projects. This organization provides technical assistance from graduate students to help communities with studies, designs and proposals on a variety of community projects. The cost of these projects are minimal to communities as DOLA pays for the majority of the cost. Staff is working with them on a study for the Monument Skate Park, which will create a new design for the park that will be used to help us secure grant funding for this project. Additionally, we are seeking their assistance on a wayfinding study.

Planning Department

NEW PROJECTS UNDERWAY

The Planning Department continues to have a significant amount of new projects being processed and inquiries about potential projects. There are numerous projects that have been approved by the Board that are in the implementation stage, which also demands staff time. At the September 9th Planning Commission meeting they heard a request by staff to annex a small parcel in downtown that is in a portion of an “enclave” (an area of land completely surrounded by the Town). This will come to the Board on September 21st. We update weekly projects on the Town’s website under “Projects Around Town”.

The TriView Metro District Jackson Creek Parkway Improvement Project was awarded a 2020 APWA Colorado Chapter Award in the Transportation category. Town of Monument Inspector, Tom Martinez, was a key member of this project and also won an award recognizing his contributions. Congratulations, Tom!

2020 LAND USE PERMITS

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