TOWN COUNCIL MATTERS

The Town Council in 2020 has been very busy overseeing the governance of the Town focusing on many projects to improve the Town while dealing with a pandemic. The flowers are out, we just approved an agreement with CDOT for sidewalk design and partial installation on the sections of Hwy 40 that are missing sidewalk (install hopefully in 2021), we continue to focus on the Hayden Center, and our 2021-2023 budget is in full swing. There are currently four Town Council seats up for election in November, three (3) Council positions and the Mayor's position. This is a great way to help Hayden continue forward. Information can be picked up at Town Hall with the Town Clerk. Thank you for your continued support.

TOWN MANAGER CORNER

Dear Haydenites, over the last few months I have never been more proud to live and work in Hayden. I have always said “the people of Hayden” are Hayden’s biggest asset, and that holds true today. You are fighters, plain and simple (in a good way). This newsletter is the start of the Town’s initiative to communicate with everyone about Town happenings and celebrate the great things that are happening in Hayden.

2020 can be defined as the year that “things they are a changin’”. However, we have not lost focus on what you have tasked us to do every day. We continue moving forward with the Hayden Center, Economic Master Plan, and focusing on improving Hayden’s overall resiliency. We can overcome anything with strong resolve. We just completed our infrastructure work as promised (water and sewer bond issue work). Total investment combining the bond issue and Town monies (your tax dollars) was approximately $4.8 million.

We just finished up our first “Town Business Grant Cycle” which leveraged $85K from the State and $15K from the Town against $952,601 of business investment; a total $1.052 million in one year.

And, finally, during this time of “crazyville”, as I call it, we encourage everyone to live local. Talk often, say please and thank you and you’re welcome often, stay healthy (physically and mentally), and remember that what ever happens, it’s Hayden’s hardwork, pride, and people that make Hayden a great place to live. We at the Town will continue to work hard for you the people who pay our bills 😊. #Haydenproud.

Thank you everyone,

Mathew Mendisco, proud community member (and Town Manager)

HAYDEN CENTER UPDATE

The Town continues to work towards the repurposing of the Hayden Center. We are 30% designed (mechanical and floor plans) moving into phase two, which is final design. The project will be done as a multi-phased construction approach that will start in 2021 and potentially see full completion in 2025. We plan on opening as soon as possible with the recreational center portion, Totally Kids partnership, some performing arts programing, and basic room reservation use. To make this is possible, the Town will be asking voters to support and approve a 1% sales tax to fund recreation including the Hayden Center. The community has spoken - you wanted us to save this beautiful building for the community. We are working hard on it, so please help us fund it.
**ECONOMIC/PROJECT UPDATE**

While 3.5 years is not a lot of time we’ve accomplished quite a bit together. Below are some of the highlights of those achievements:

- We have completed $5 million of infrastructure upgrades.
- Dry Creek Park playground was completed.
- Business in Town continues to increase with over $8 million in new investments by the business community.
- Online sales are up and, if you order online, those taxes now come to the Town. Bottomline, live local first, online second, and all your monies stay here locally.

The picture above shows the new façade improvements made to CER Linen Service building on S Walnut Street through the Town’s grant program. We invested in twelve (12) other businesses throughout Town for a total of $1.052 million in new business investment. Be on the look out for a COVID-19 business recovery funding opportunity coming in August.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

We know that everyone has been staying home more lately (and not because we are all on “stay vacations”), and the Town would like to remind everyone to only flush the stuff that caused a major panic 4 months ago: toilet paper. There are a lot products such as wipes and other things that claim they are “flushable” which actually end up becoming huge sewer pipe clogs. We can safely say “THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A FLUSHABLE WIPE” nor is anything else flushable outside of good old TP. We are asking the Hayden Community to please only flush the stuff that carries its weight in gold right now: toilet paper.

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The Town has partnered with the Leeds School of Business to have a 1.5 day workshop on entrepreneurship. Maybe your thinking about starting a new business or expanding your business, or you might be running a business or non-profit? Join us as CU faculty help you establish a presence in NW Colorado, speak to growth hacks, etc. The Flyer can be found on the Towns website and Facebook page at [https://haydencolorado.org/events/](https://haydencolorado.org/events/) and [https://www.facebook.com/coloradohayden](https://www.facebook.com/coloradohayden)