



c/o Metropolitan District Management  
23005 Whispering Woods  
Golden, CO 80401

March 25, 2018

Dear Parachute Battlement Mesa Park & Rec District Residents,

We have been contacted by residents of the Park & Rec District who have asked if the Town of Parachute is taking over our sports programs. Apparently, they heard from a member of the Town Trustees that we wanted the Town to assume responsibility for sports. We have not, in any shape or form, asked the Town to assume any service that we provide; including our sports programs.

The Town of Parachute did inform the District that they were investigating excluding from Parachute Battlement Mesa Park & Rec District; which includes the Grand Valley Recreation Center, Battlement Mesa Golf Club, Community Park and all the programs and events offered.

This exclusion would require the Town of Parachute to submit a petition to the District Court for exclusion from the Park & Rec District; however, they would have to provide the same services to the residents of Parachute that we currently provide. The Courts do not support duplication of services to residents, especially in small communities.

Also, we have provided the Town with an analysis of what the residents of Parachute currently pay, and would pay if they excluded, for the use of our facilities and programs. There are approximately 750 residents (about 75% of the total population) that use our facilities and sign up for programs and activities. The cost to the residents for membership in the Rec Center is \$35 per year for youth and \$40 per year for adults. By excluding from the Park & Rec District, that would raise their rates to \$225 for youth and \$295 for adults per year. The total cost to the residents would be close to \$112,000 to continue to use the Grand Valley Recreation Center.

We do lose money on our youth sports programs, but believe it is important to provide sports to the youth of both Parachute and Battlement Mesa.

The Board would like to assure the community that we have no plans to discontinue providing all of the programs, events and activities that we have always provided. That includes our sports programs.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Bertrand, District Manager at [Judy@Metro-District.com](mailto:Judy@Metro-District.com)

Respectfully,

Parachute Battlement Mesa Park & Rec District Board of Directors