



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
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Re: Info Update

DISASTER TRAINING

Pitkin County is hosting a disaster training on Wednesday, December 11th from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. for elected officials. The session is intended to provide a basic understanding of what officials should expect if an emergency (manmade or natural) were to occur and how our emergency operations work. If you haven't signed up already and would like to attend, please let me know. This is very worthwhile training, but with any luck, this will be training that we never need to use.

SOME LOVE FROM THE FEDS

We learned last week that the Town has received a Section 5339 grant award of \$400,000 to help off-set the cost of purchasing new 5 new transit vehicles over the next few years; 1 full size bus and 4 cut-aways. For reference, a full-size bus cost a bit over \$500,000.

SPREADING OUR LOVE

We continue to work hard to make sure our love and attention is given equally to merchants and restaurants on the Mall and in Base Village. With the opening of the Town-owned Collective Building this weekend and other events going on in Base Village, we continue to strive to make sure we are providing programing in the Mall as well. We are meeting with Mall Merchants next week to ensure the conversation is on-going. Between upcoming ice sculptures, Dickens Carolers, Santa, s'mores, and pass a palooza we should have plenty going on in both locations.



Ice sculpture celebrating Gene Taylor's 50th year of business and the new fire pit location on the Mall

TID BITS

- We have received 7 proposals from firms looking to help the Town determine feasibility of different locations for future workforce housing projects. We are evaluating the proposals now. The overarching goal of the project will be to help determine if, where and how we can reach the Council goal to building the next 185 units.
- Speaking of new units, we are continuing to try and finalize the Plat for Coffey Place. While this legal paper work is being completed, excavation and utility work is underway. We are also working with Alpine Bank to finalize the financing paperwork in order to put the necessary construction loan in place. We expect to have the project complete and houses sold by January ish 2021.
- We are also in the process of renewing all of our rental leases. The new lease rates go into effect January 1.
- The solar project at the Recreation Center is continuing advance well, and the solar project at Town Park Station passed all the necessary inspections. It should be online and connected to the grid sometime next week.
- SEH will soon be starting work to develop “Option 5” for the Mall Transit Center. We plan to work very closely with RFTA Staff on the proposed design ideas/criteria to ensure the project continues to meet their needs.
- We were recently made aware by the mortgage holder of 250 Carriage Way that the flood plain map has been changed by FEMA and that part of the property, including a corner of the building might now be in the flood plain. We are in the process of hiring a surveyor to helps us determine the accuracy of this new FEMA map. Our worst-case scenario is that we may need to purchase flood insurance for the site.
- The Town of Snowmass Village issued its first retail marijuana license this week. With the license in hand, the new store is now authorized to open. It is up to the business owner to determine how soon that will be.
- The last few years, the Town has set up a community-wide customer service training designed to help our local businesses continue to provide top-notch service. This year’s training will occur early next week.
- We are still looking for a few good men and women to apply for Boards and Commission seats. Appointments are expected to happen in January.
- While cardboard recycling will help the community meet our environmental goals, the logistics for Mall Merchants has always been difficult. The Romero Group’s old cardboard receptacle failed this past summer in the Parcel C garage, and the new location is on the far east side of the Daly Lane Depot. The location is far from ideal; unfortunately no one has come up with a better solution/location that will allow cardboard to be recycled. The good news is that the container still needs to be screened, so the visual impact will be improved somewhat. The better news is that once a better solution is developed, we can implement it quickly. In the meantime, we are allowing an eyesore to be present in order to meet our environmental protection goals.
- The new medical clinic in One Snowmass (Building 8) is expected to open in January. In the meantime, the hospital will operate the clinic in its existing location below Venga Venga.

- We are continuing to work with We-cycle to have bike stations installed at Town Park Station and Club Commons. We-cycle hopes to have an operations proposal to the Town in the next few weeks.
- The Tourism Department spearheaded the first-ever part-time job fair for the Snowmass community. Thirteen businesses participated and more than 100 job seekers attended. Virtually every business participating reported identifying several qualified candidates to follow up with and make offers to fill both part-time and full-time positions.
- This past Thursday's Tourism Talk saw the biggest crowd ever with more than 70 stakeholders in attendance. Tourism provided an update on its efforts as well as an overview of news, events and initiatives for this winter season.
- We are working with Pitkin County to collect their new voter approved cigarette tax. Because they do not have a sales tax collection method, we are working to develop an IGA whereby we would assist them in the collection for those businesses that sell cigarettes in the unincorporated parts of the community.
- The Employee Holiday party starts shortly, get your dancing shoes ready!

CC: Department Directors