



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: January 2, 2020
Re: Info Update

HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE FEDS FOLLOWED OUR LEAD

Last year, the Town Council raised the legal age to purchase and possess cigarettes in the town to 21 years old. Well, on December 20, the federal government raised the minimum age of sale for all tobacco products to 21 years of age **NATIONALLY**. This includes all tobacco products for all retailers. The provision was passed as part of the federal budget bill so it happened without much notice. Because we had already raised the age in the Town, nothing much will change for our merchants, but because this is now a national law, it should make it easier for retailers to explain the regulation. The Village remains more strict in banning flavored tobacco. While we don't allow the sale of any flavored tobacco, the Feds still allow some flavors to be sold. The details are still coming out, so some regulatory issues remain in flux.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 1,339** number of vehicles parked in public day parking on January 2 (a record)
- 4,000** average number of people a day The Village Shuttle is moving this week
- 21** number of days Emily had her license before her car ended up in a ditch (she and the car are fine)
- 34.5 million** the amount revenue projected in the TOSV 2020 budget
- 6** number of inches of snow plowed so far this year
- 39** miles of road we have removed the snow from
- Zero** number of times TOSV was mentioned in the recap of 2019 "Top Ten Articles" from Aspen Times and Daily News --no news is good news?!
- 133,000** Number of balls in the Collective's Ziegler ball pit
- Zero** Number of people lost in the Ziegler ball pit
- 262** number of leases renewed on Town Rental units
- 1** number of State inspections completed, of which we are aware, of High Q. We understand it went well.
- 80,000** approximate number of vertical feet I enjoyed while on vacation last week—I know, I know..... I need to keep practicing and step up my game.
- 8** number of units in Carriage Way apartments (out of 12) we have been able to renovate (so far) as the units turn over.

TID BITS

- We are continuing to receive feedback from local architects on the draft land use code change regarding the size of basement exemptions for mechanical spaces. The Planning Commission will hear the proposed changes in January.
- In order to improve the traffic circulation around Building 7/8 (One Snowmass), East West will be changing the flow of traffic in the adjacent parking lot to two-way traffic so that vehicles can enter via Carriage Way or the garage entrance.
- Speaking of traffic- this has been a busy couple of weeks with a few significant traffic backups; both in the morning peak hour and the afternoon peak hour. Transportation, Public Works, and the PD continue to work through these operational issues that occur when we are at this peak volume.
- We are now a two rink town (better than a 3 ring circus). The Town ice rink opened last week and, of course, the Base Village rink is open as well.
- Sales tax rebate forms are now available on line for year-round residents.
- If you happen to have a dead pine tree in your living room, you are welcome to take it to the Rodeo lot and place it in the dumpster until January 12. After that, you are on your own if you want to mulch it.
- We have selected three firms to interview to help develop a plan to locate where the next 185 employee housing units will be developed in the Village.
- East West has submitted an application for a minor modification to the Base Village PUD. The application is not yet considered complete. Once complete, the application will eventually be heard by both the Planning Commission and Town Council.
- Little Red School House is continuing to investigate ways to expand their facility and provide more services.
- Anecdotally, we have heard from the Mall Merchants that they have had a solid holiday season. In a continued effort to make sure the Town is supporting programming similarly between Base Village and the Mall, the Town will be sponsoring an après concert series on the D&E concert stage next to the s'more fire pit. The concerts will start on Thursday January 9 and continue for each Thursday (a continuation of the Thursday concert series) through the ski season.
- The Plat was (finally) completed and executed for Coffey Place last week. With that document now recorded, building permits can be issued and construction can keep moving forward. The project will be completed in early 2021.
- The Finance Advisory Board will meet next week to review the Town's solid waste management report and an overview of the town's compensation and retirement practices.

MORE NUMBERS

We continue to be exceptionally fortunate to have such an incredible high-quality staff. While I often brag about staff members here, I now also get to brag that we are doing a pretty good job of keeping folks in the organization. Last year, our staff turnover rate for fulltime employees was 10%. For comparison sake, the average for resort areas in the state

was 15.7%. The average turnover rate for all employers in Colorado was 19.9% and the average for all government employers in Colorado was 17.2%. There are a number of factors that lead to this low turnover rate, including our benefit package. Starting next week, we will implement the approved increase to our retirement contribution by 1 percentage point. As the Council is well-aware, the Town does not contribute to Social Security for our employees so this increase in retirement will help get us more financially competitive. And it will help our staff be better prepared for retirement, when the time comes.

CC: Department Directors