



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: February 13, 2020
Re: Info Update

A SPECIAL THURSDAY EDITION

The State Championship High School Swim Meet will be in Denver starting on Friday. I will be in the stands cheering on Emily and the rest of the team. So, you get a special Thursday edition of the Info Update

NUMBERS CAN BE FUN!

When sales tax returns are up like they were in 2019, numbers are a blast to look at. December returns were up 5% over last year. For the entire year, sales tax numbers were up 13% in 2019 over 2018. This increase was spread over a number of different industries. Lodging tax was up 14%, revenue from restaurants was up 10%, e-commerce was up 34%, and general retail was up 24%. Lodging remains our top sales tax generator. While this is great news, the cherry on top is that both RETT and Excise Tax exceeded their budget projections as well. Finally, the positive trend appears to be continuing forward. This winter's sales tax receipts are tracking about 7% ahead of last winter.

COFFEY PLACE

We are continuing to dig holes, install utilities and build retaining walls at Coffey Place. We are also continuing to work with Alpine Bank to close on our construction loan. Of course, nothing is easy or without problems, but we continue to make progress. At the risk of providing too much detail, a few specific questions were asked at the last Town Council meeting about the boiler systems going into the Coffey Place homes. The systems were recommended by our mechanical engineer and approved by the architect. The mechanical engineers have used the recommended Navien Combi Boilers in several locations including in Telluride and other high elevation locations. The boilers are factory rated to over 10,000 feet. The mechanical engineer has de-rated the units for elevation and sized them appropriately from there. Their experience is that the product is a well-made boiler with a 10-year heat exchanger warranty. The system maintenance would be the same as a standard boiler. Hope that helps.

TID BITS

- The Water and Sanitation District is starting to plan for their water line replacement on Brush Creek between Homestead and Sinclair. We are going to try our best to align our planned Brush Creek road maintenance project with the District's waterline project so that they aren't cutting into fresh asphalt and we are still taking good care of the road.
- If you love the earth and like art, put the evening of Feb. 26th on your calendars and be at the Collective, 6-7:30 PM for the Imagine Climate Billboard project kickoff party.

- The Planning Commission will be considering the council-initiated request to rezone Parcel F (town owned property adjacent to the Horse Ranch pasture) to open space next week.
- The SAAB is looking for sites for the (potentially donated) Beckerman piece.
- We had over 50 folks attend the Tourism Talk this week at Anderson Ranch. Tourism Talks continue to be super worthy and informative event for the business community. It is a great combination of information sharing and networking.
- The EAB is continuing with its efforts to study sustainability and resilience. The board started to review an initial idea to install a micro grid that would be able to power a focused part of the town if there were a long-term electrical power outage. There is a long, long way to go with this analysis, but the wheels are starting to turn.
- The Town Council will be hosting an Apres with the Town Council on Friday April 3. Be sure to invite your friends.
- Following the update the Council received last week, we are kicking off the staff portion of the housing development master plan process this week.
- We have a three-bedroom deed-restricted unit in Sinclair Meadows for sale.
- The much beloved Patagonia Repair Truck is coming to Snowmass Village on February 20-22. It will be located in lot 6. The repair truck will repair any piece of outdoor clothing you have that needs some TLC; regardless of what brand it is. It is a great community service.
- Mardi Gras is coming soon and the King and Queen have been anointed! Duke and Julie from Gene Taylors will be Mardi Gras royalty this year. Be sure to treat them accordingly.
- Speaking of a party, on Saturday April 11 Gwyn's High Alpine is going to host their year end blowout party. Stay tuned for details.
- And finally, while we are on the fun wagon Town Employee Ski is set for April 10.
- The Colorado Association of Ski Town will be hosting one of the quarterly meetings here in the Village on October 22/23.
- As you may have read in the paper, the Maroon Bells bus service is going to start a reservation system next year. I have attached some information regarding that process.
- The Colorado Department of Local Affairs, CDOT and local governments up and down the valley are meeting March 12 in Glenwood Springs to discuss transportation, housing and jobs. An electronic invitation has already been sent to elected officials. As I understand it, the meeting is designed to have a regional approach discussed. The draft Agenda is on the next page. If you plan to attend, please let me know so we can have proper public notice.

CC Department Directors

Transportation, Housing, and Jobs: Connecting the Dots in a Changing Region
A Summit for Elected Officials in the Roaring Fork & Colorado River Valleys

March 12, 2020 // 11:30 – 4:30
Morgridge Commons, Glenwood Springs, CO

Join other local officials in the Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valley's to discuss the region's economy, housing market, and transportation system, and the connections between them.

Draft Agenda

- 11:30 AM Networking Lunch**
- 12:00 PM Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks**
Following a brief welcome and round of introductions, we'll hear opening remarks from Rick Garcia, Director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, and Shoshana Lew, Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation.
- 12:30 PM Connecting the Dots: Challenges and Opportunities in a Changing Region**
The Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valleys continue to grow and change. What does that change look like? What does it mean for communities as well as the region's economy, housing market and transportation systems? This session explores the trends and issues shaping the region and connections between them.
- 1:45 PM Break (15 min)**
- 2:00 PM The View from Here: Local Perspectives on Regional Issues**
Building on the previous discussion, small groups will work together to clarify and understand how broader market, economic and demographic forces shaping the region play out in different communities. After the small group table exercises, we'll come together for a full group discussion and debrief.
- 3:00 PM Break (15 min)**
- 3:15 PM Progress, Possibility and the Road Ahead**
We conclude with a forward-looking discussion about how we respond to the challenges and opportunities in front of us. After a presentation and panel discussion, we'll break into groups to discuss how best to respond to key needs and opportunities within the region. We'll wrap-up with a full group debrief of the ideas from the small group discussions and then discuss where we go from here.
- 4:30 PM Wrap-up and Closing Remarks**