



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

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- Making History: As a Country we have been having town hall meetings for 244 years. On Monday we are having our first electronic meeting. Congrats and thanks go to everyone that helped get this ready- including the 30-40 staff members that “showed up” to our first practice meeting on Thursday. Cross your fingers, we should be ready to go Monday.
- Some good news: Ski Co is in the process of pulling the necessary permits for the Big Burn Lift replacement this summer. Preliminary work is underway.
- East West is reducing its rents in Base Village to help its commercial tenants. Through a combination of reducing percentage rents, base rents, and CAMs they are hoping to lend a much needed helping hand. This will of course affect the operating budget of the Collective, but we will figure that one out.
- The Pitkin County Health Order was strengthened this week. There is now a quarantine required for second home owners that come here, and group gatherings are limited to 5 non-related people. Education and compliance remain big issues. Enforcement of the order is ramping up and being taken very seriously. The IMT, the Health Department and everyone involved clearly understand that the longer that restrictions are in place, the harder it is going to be to keep people engaged in the tool of distancing. Everyone involved is very aware of the necessary balance of protecting public health and protecting civil liberties.
- We will be discussing financial numbers at Monday’s Council meeting, but in order to tide you over until then, we are projecting a 23% reduction in sales tax revenues for the year. Overall, from the 2020 adopted budget, we are projecting to be down in funds available by about \$800,000. But believe or not, because 2019 was such a great year and ended very strong, we believe our 2020 end of year fund balance will be at or slightly above our budget. Of course, time will tell, but a long history of fiscally conservative budgeting is paying off.
- The Coffey Place Housing Project is shut down until May 1.
- As we plan to take over the Brush Creek Intercept lot route for RFTA in April, we are anticipating keeping the current one hour service. This will affect our contract revenues we receive from RFTA.
- Good news: fuel is cheap right now.
- We are still contributing super high quality staff to help the Emergency Operations Center communications efforts.

- We are still planning a full summer event schedule. At this point we are planning for the Thursday concert series to start June 17(although that start date has not been locked in stone). Some events that were originally planned for June will be moving to August and some other events might shift around, but we are getting ready for a full summer.
- We are now accepting credit card payments for most town services without an additional fee to the customer. While we know this will be an additional cost, we hope the convenience will be a big help to our citizens.
- **HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR ON-LINE CENSUS REPORT YET???**
Get it done at <https://2020census.gov/en.html>
- It seems like an eternity ago, but last month the Airport Vision Committee approved a final recommendation of an airport design to go to the BOCC. The vote was 20-1 to approve the final (middle of the road) design. This recommendation will be going to the BOCC on April 16.
- We are continuing to try to help our residents that are in need. There is an array of financial and other services available including rent and mortgage assistance and food, utility and medical assistance. We continue to try to get everyone the information they can use.

CC: Department Directors