



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

NEW STATE LAW

The Governor is expected to sign into law the Enhance Law Enforcement Integrity Act (“ELEI”) sometime next week. The ELEI will mandate changes in many areas, to include: (1) requiring all peace officers in Colorado to be equipped with body worn cameras by July of 2023; (2) limitations on the force that can be used during protests; (3) an expansion of criminal liability for peace officers and associated limitations on the use of force and deadly force; (4) mandatory revocation of an officer’s Peace Officer Standards and Training (“POST”) certification if found criminally or civilly liable for certain conduct; (5) mandatory employment disciplinary sanctions for officers; (6) mandatory comprehensive reporting requirements for peace officers and police departments; and (7) a new civil cause of action under Article II of the Colorado Constitution for claims alleging excessive use of force or violation of other rights. Most organizations are claiming this new state law is a sweeping change in law enforcement; a real reform. Without weighing in on the new law itself, I want to take a brief second to appreciate how good we have it with our local law enforcement. Without question, the TOSV Police Department is above reproach. There is no doubt whatsoever that everyone in the Department is committed to serving our community, and I truly believe the community rightfully trusts the department. This is no small feat; in fact it is a tremendous success. The leadership of our department is stellar and the mission of all in the department remains clear; I have every confidence that our Police Department will continue to serve and protect everyone in our community and will continue to uphold the highest levels of professionalism. To quote Chief Olson’s recent letter to the editor, “As a society we need to reflect and act on inequity and create change in the criminal justice system..... Now is the time to ask ourselves both as individuals and as institutions how we can act to create positive change to help bring real equality to all.” I have every confidence that our department will continue to respect, listen, hear, acknowledge and make any change where needed. As those efforts continue, and the new state law is implemented, I want to take the time to thank everyone in the Police Department for its commitment to true community policing. The significance and gravity of the movements across the nation are not lost on any of us, but it is an excellent reminder that high quality police service is really hard work, and it is greatly appreciated.

COVID UPDATE

Ever since the Governor issued his original Safer at Home order, the state has been inundated with “variance” requests from communities seeking to “re-open” quicker than the state as a whole. This week, the Governor announced a different path to relieve locals from state public health order mandates. The new “Protect our Neighbors” program will apparently allow counties and regions to exercise much more autonomy to manage re-opening without needing to ask for more

and more specific “variances,” as long as certain criteria are met. The program will still cap capacity at 50% of normal, have social distancing requirements, and a maximum gathering size. The new order is expected to have a particular focus on indoor and outdoor “venues” allowing the following to open with limited capacity if safety measures in place:

- Bars to open at 25% capacity up to 50 people
- Museums and conference centers and rodeos will be allowed to open in some capacity
- Residential summer camps will be allowed to open
- Outdoor events will be increased over the current 10 allowed but we do not know what the state will propose or whether Pitkin Health will agree with it
- Personal services will increase to allow facials, lip waxing, and beard trimming

We do not have much in the way of specifics until we receive the new PHO, but our understanding is that the changes will be made soon. One change we are expecting to have approved is allowing drive-in movies and concerts. Details are still being developed, but we are planning to put together a drive-in event or two here in the Village.

Finally, we are expecting the Health Department to reexamine its restriction on hotel and lodging capacities next week. We are hoping that if the COVID cases remain in a “comfortable” level that the occupancy restriction will be lifted so that lodging can go to 100% occupancy.

SPEAKING OF LODGING

June lodging numbers are pacing 85% behind last year. While hotels were able to open for business in June (with 50% occupancy), the order came late, not providing much time for the community to ramp up efforts to fill available beds. The uncertainty of both health and financial concerns remain; as of May 31, commercial lodging for summer is pacing at 9.7% occupancy, down 72.% from last year.

GOOD NEWS

County sales tax revenue was only down (just less than) 5% for the month and it is only down 4.5% YTD. For reference, we projected a 60% decrease a few months back. If orange is the new black, then single digits down, is the “new” up.

TID BITS

- The Recreation Center is open. We have had about 700 people sign up for reservations this week to use the pool, workout facility and gym. We still have some space, but reservations are starting to go fast.
- In addition to normal recreation center operations, the kids summer camp started this week. All 20 slots were filled.
- We are working with the developers of the Wildcat Ranch subdivision to re-route the alignment for the South Rim Trail as a requirement of the vesting extension granted by Council.
- Coffee Place continues to go vertical.
- The Village Shuttle is in summer service mode. On average, we are moving about 100 people a day.
- Wow, can you smell the anticipation? Budget season is coming. We are starting to pencil in review dates now and are aiming to have the budget adopted in early November.

- The Planning Commission continued its review of the Base Village PUD amendment this past Wednesday. The Commission continued its review until July 1.
- Office renovation in the Tourism Department will start next week.
- The integrated marketing campaign- Love a Local-- vouchers and more-- should hit homes about the week of the 29th
- In addition to Love a Local, PTRAB created a go fund me campaign to make donations to restaurants. They call it Save Snowmass Restaurants. PTRAB is partnering with the Snowmass Village Community Foundation and hoping to raise \$150,000.
- This summer we will have guest services staff at Town Park station and the smore's cart on the Mall 7 days a week until October
- A Board and Commission user guide is being developed to help “on-board” new members
- The Brush Creek road project starts on July 15
- With Julie Ann Wood’s decision to abandon ship, we’ve officially started recruiting for our new [Community Development Director](#).
- Next summer we are hosting the CML conference. Check out the welcome video that will be shown at this years meeting.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/yis5gv7zm7o2q62/CML_WELCOME%20VIDEO_2021.mp4?dl=0

- May was another really tough month for the entire airline industry. United’s schedules were reduced from 41 flights per week originally planned from DEN to 12 flights per week, Delta’s service was reduced from 14 flights per week originally planned from SLC to 7 flights per week. For May:
Total Actual Flown Seats in & out: Down -60.3% from last year.
Total passengers flown: 2,681 arriving and departing pax, down -88.6%.
For some good news, American’s flights from DFW are absolutely jam-packed right now. Every inbound flight from DFW-ASE is now booked to its authorized capacity through the 4th of July.

CC: Department Directors