



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

SALES TAX RETURNS

The numbers are in. While bleak, they aren't as bleak as forecasted. April sales taxes were down 53% for the month. We had projected them being down 60%, so it's not as bad as projected. For the year, sales tax revenues are down 16% from last year. For the winter season, sales tax numbers for November through April we were down 9.7%. For the year, sporting equipment/clothing is the industry group hardest hit, it is 23% down; restaurants are down 20%; and lodging is 16% down. Now for some good news; although the numbers have not been officially reported, we understand our share of the County sales tax is ONLY down by about 6% for April. Single digit down is the new up. We should know more next week, but in the meantime, cross your fingers.

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- Speaking of sales taxes, the state and home-rule municipalities are close to aligning our sales tax requirements such that we can start collecting sales taxes on all internet sales. We expect to have an ordinance for the Council to consider at the July 6 meeting to allow this to happen.
- 4 positive COVID cases reported this week, 1 in Pitkin, 2 in Eagle and 1 in Garfield. Knowing that our goal is to slow the spread of the virus, not stop it, more cases showing up should not be too concerning. As businesses continue to open, we expect the number of cases to go up. One number to keep in mind is that the positive cases resulted in 50 other people being quarantined. To keep the quarantine numbers down, be sure to keep your 6 feet of distance, wear your mask and wash your hands.
- As many of you know, last Friday was Mark Kittle's last full time day as our Chief Building Official. So, this week it is time to welcome our new Chief Building Official Mike Metheny. Mike has worked for the city just a few miles south of the Village for the last 14 years. We are excited we were able to convince him to come work with us. He starts work in the Village on July 6.
- The Planning Commission had a site tour of Base Village on Wednesday to get a feel for the project on the ground and understand how the proposed amendments would affect the already entitled project.
- We had over 100 folks attend the Tourism Talk yesterday. Everyone was muted, but I assume there was huge applause when the new proposed stimulus package and voucher program was announced.
- The Recreation Center opens on Monday.
- The Transit system is on its summer service schedule.
- The Town Hall solar project and housing master plan project are moving along

CC: Department Directors