



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: May 12, 2022  
Re: Info Update

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- Our White River NF Fire Managers anticipate that conditions will be good this Friday May 13 for igniting the Hunter Creek Prescribed Fire two miles northeast of Aspen. The plan includes burning approximately 1,200 acres of gambel oak, mountain shrub, and aspen to reduce density of this vegetation. Fire managers developed a detailed prescribed fire plan and obtained smoke permits from the State of Colorado for the planned burn. Firefighters have been monitoring the conditions on the ground as well as site-specific weather forecasts very carefully and if the forecast holds up they should be within all the correct parameters for this prescribed fire on Friday. If conditions are not within the pre-identified prescription, they will not ignite the prescribed fire. While some parts of the state are seeing high fire danger, including much of the front range and southwest Colorado, the upper Roaring Fork Valley is not yet seeing those high fire danger conditions. Please do know that a certain amount of wind is necessary for wildland fuel consumption and smoke dispersal, some wind on a prescribed burn day is very normal.
- The Brush Creek overlay project will continue next week. We understand the new top coat of asphalt, covering the entire distance, should be completed by the end of the week.
- Town Clean Up Day is Friday May 20. All the cool kids will be at Daly Lane at 8:30 to receive their clean-up assignments. Then most of those cool kids will end up at the Recreation Center to receive a great lunch sponsored by Alpine Bank and the Rotary Club.
- Renovation work at Mountain View continues. The scaffolding set-up is done for now, and demolition of the existing siding will continue. Some work on decks will be beginning as well. All decks will eventually be removed and replaced.
- We are hiring! Mountain bike instructors, lifeguards, front desk, camp counselors, parks supervisors, oh my!
- The Snowmass Inn project continues forward. The new boilers and hot water heaters are installed. Interior renovations are underway; 1 or 2 rooms at a time.
- The Carriage Way boiler project (at Base Village) is out to bid.
- The replacement sod at Town Park should be ready to go by Memorial Day.
- The Town is paying for and installing a memorial bench for long-time Tourism Board member Robert Sinko at Town Park.
- We are working hard to get the fiber optic cable installation project going forward. Access to 21st Century web speeds are on their way, but not as quickly as we hoped.

- The Fanny Hill Summer Concert Series start June 16. This is our 30<sup>th</sup> year so we are hoping for a big time start. Details will be coming but we will be asking the Council to be there to help us kick off the season.
- The Snowmass Transit Service enhancement study is underway. We are looking at ways to enhance our regional service both down valley and to Aspen.
- There is going to be a lot of construction activity on Wood Road this summer. The construction contractors for Base Village Buildings 12, 11, the Enclave and the Havens (Fanny Hill Townhomes) are all being coordinated.
- The micro hydro project is complete and producing energy. We are working on a ribbon cutting event.
- The Road Division opened the backside of Divide Road today. It's a nice drive with spectacular scenery if you haven't driven it.
- I'm off on Friday, hence a Thursday edition.

CC: Department Directors.