



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: July 14, 2023  
Re: Info Update

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#### HAPPINESS IS.....

A super clean audit report! Never have more lovely words than this be stated: “In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with account principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”..... Awwww, such lovely poetry. For those with less refined tastes, this is auditor speak telling us that our annual financial audit was squeaky clean. The Finance Review Board (FAB) met with the auditor early this week and reviewed the details, all was bliss. In the near future, the FAB will provide a formal update to the Council. A big congrats to the Team in Finance for once again knocking it out of the park in this critically important effort. If you can't wait for the update from the FAB and are just dying for a sneak peak, I'll be happy to get you your very own advance copy.

#### SPEAKING OF HAPPY

It's BUDGET TIME!. That wonderful time of year when we get to review Council goals and priorities and ensure we are investing tax payer dollars in the most efficient and effective manner possible to meet those goals. And the cherry on top is that we get to do all that through crunching numbers. We are still finalizing timelines, but we will likely present the 2024 draft budget to the Council on October 2. Blissful.

#### AND, IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME ABOUT HAPPY AND LUCKY....

Take a peek at this little bonus video to remind us what a special place we live in...<https://vimeo.com/845123379>

#### SNOWMASS ICE AGE; THINGS ARE HAPPENING:

Although we had a minor Ice Age meltdown in the Skittles last week, we are continuing to make good progress on all of our Discovery endeavors. Check out the new website <https://snowmassiceage.com/>; bus panels have been installed; the first of three murals gets painted next week (in the tunnel by Gene Taylor's); the viewfinders will get installed next week at Spiral Point and much more. In addition, coming up, be sure to save the dates for Ian Miller, the

head paleo-botanist who was on site for the Snowmass Ice Age dig. Ian will be here in August to help us officially launch our new Ice Age experiences. Save the dates for:

Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> an invite-only reception before/during the concert (at the Viewline) thanking everyone that was involved with the “Dig”

Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> an evening lecture at the Limelight Snowmass from Ian.

Saturday, August 12 a community celebration the afternoon/evening around the Ice Age installations followed by an event in Base Village

Things are happening!

#### TID BITS:

- I was wrong..... Again. At Monday’s Council meeting I said I was pretty sure we were funding our partnership with CORE through general fund dollars. I was politely corrected on Tuesday. We are actually using revenue from our Renewable Energy Offset Program (REOP) fund. These are revenues derived from in-lieu fees to facilitate and enhance energy efficiency throughout the Town.
- If you haven’t checked out the yarn bombing installation yet, you are missing out. If you can, check it out on Fridays from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. through August 4. Not only will get to see cool art, but you will also get free ice cream. Community turnout has been pretty good for this weekly event. For a full view of this art installation, [click here](#).
- Traffic on Owl Creek continues to increase slightly. We had about 82k trips last week. That stated, as expected, the detour is still taking less than the 5 minutes.
- For some reason, a few builders got a bit careless last week and stopped following our rules. We had to issue 3 different “red tags” or stop work orders.
- Speaking of enforcement, STR complaints are coming in. We are offering as much leniency as is reasonable for this new program, but that too is going to come to an end as education and enforcement ramps up.
- The Snowmass Club has set a pre-application meeting. Although we don’t have a lot of details, we understand they will be asking to amend their PUD to allow for more housing to be constructed.
- For those of you keeping score at home, Ski Co still hasn’t submitted their updated Master Plan yet.
- We keep chipping away at the improvements at the Snowmass Inn. Out of 40 units, we only have 6 units left that need updating.
- The party is on at the Recreation Center. Membership revenue for June hit an all-time high. The summer camps are filling up and the electricity to the gym has been returned.
- We have finalized the Horse Ranch/ Melton Ranch Detour for JAS weekend. Huge props go to the Snowmass Chapel and their willingness to work with us to put this together. An image is attached.

#### TOO CLOSE TO HOME?

At least we aren’t alone in our efforts.....

[Multimillion-Dollar City Beautification Project Results In 3 New Blades Of Grass \(theonion.com\)](#)

CC: Department Directors