



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

DIG WE MUST! RIDE' EM COWBOY, PLAY BALL, START THOSE ENGINES!

Following a (many) multi-year planning effort, initiated by the Town Council, led by the POSTR Board, recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, and ultimately approved by the Town Council, we will be starting construction on the Town Park project in the next couple of weeks. Our Contractor, MW Golden, was able to bring the project in line with budget expectations so we will be finalizing the contract ASAP and dirt will fly after the last rodeo! We did need to utilize some of the authorized contingency funds in the overall CIP budget, so this \$6.4 million enhancement project is ready to go. By next summer the entryway will be beautified, the rodeo grandstands and rodeo arena will be brand new, we will have a new Parks Maintenance Facility, we will have a greatly improved parking surface for both skiers and summer users, and more grass turf for playing and programming. There have been enumerable public meetings on this project and a tremendous amount of public input over the last many years. And, while we found it impossible to put 10 pounds of the site's needs in the proverbial 5-pound sack; I am pretty confident we successfully got about 7 pounds of improvements in this project. With all of the necessary approvals in place, now the hard work starts. We have a lot of coordination with the Rodeo, JAS, Ski Co, Crown Castle Towers (the cell tower) and other to get underway and manage. This construction schedule is tight, but we remain committed to not missing a rodeo season. We will have the rodeo up and operating by the time the first cowboy wants to get bucked off a bull in June. YEE HAWWW!

TID BITS

- Congrats to the SAAB, Community Development, and the Tourism Team on another successful plein-air festival.
- Speaking of parties, we are aiming for 10am -2pm on Saturday October 7 at the Recreation Center for the "Town Picnic" Details to come, but we are thinking food, fun, and a free day at the Recreation Center. Let us know if you have ideas.
- How do we explain the ongoing giggles in the hallway of Town Hall you ask? Well, it's Budget Season! We are laughing, we are crying, we are feeling every range of human emotion as we develop plans for next year..... We are planning to start its review with the Council on October 2.
- (at the risk of jinxing the project) The Mountain View remodel project continues to go great. While it is certainly a PITA for those residents living in the construction zone, most

every reasonable person is realizing the long-term benefits of this much needed rehabilitation project. We expect the vast majority of it to be wrapped up before the snow flies.

- The ICE AGE is back. Be sure to get out and see all of the new installations.
- A significant planting project is underway at the Council Corner, aka the corner of Owl Creek Road and Brush Creek Road. This is essentially a repair project necessitated by the gas line installation that occurred earlier this year.
- For you gym rats out there, don't forget we will be closing the Recreation Center over Labor Day weekend to better accommodate JAS
- We have fire mitigation project underway at the intersection of Baby Doe and Faraway Road. The work will continue downhill to Ridge. This is a joint project between the Fire Authority, the Snowmass HOA, and TOSV. The goal is thinning and clumping undergrowth and dead aspen (creating healthy forest openings and fire breaks) while removing dead standing and lying deadfall where possible. The group will leave live mature evergreen. This continues to be a great partnership. Here is an image of what's going away.



CC: Department Directors