



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: September 22, 2023  
Re: Info Update

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#### BALLOON FESTIVAL

The balloon festival is underway, although winds kinda busted this morning for the forty or so balloon teams that are here. I learned that hot air balloons don't go up with winds greater than 5 mph. At about 50 feet high the winds were at 18 mph this morning so the balloons stayed grounded. Cross your fingers for tomorrow. And don't forget, we are not going to try to undertake a night glow event this weekend.

#### CH CH CH CHANGES

Earlier this week our very own Rose Abello announced that she will be retiring in March 2024, after 9 years with TOSV. She plans to stay in the Valley and do more of all the things she loves about living here -- golfing, hiking, biking, yoga, skiing, uphill and more. Look for her to be sporting 100-day pins for both skiing in the winters and golfing in the summers! With her retirement plans announced, The Tourism Director job description is now posted to gather candidates and begin interviewing in October/November. The Town is hoping to have an offer out in time so that the new Tourism Director will have a few months to smoothly transition with Rose. There are many accolades to come, but one of Rose's biggest and best achievements is building a super strong, smart, fabulous Tourism Team. We are in a good position for a seamless transition.

#### TID BITS

- Speaking of awesome colleagues, our very own Sue Whittingham was awarded the Colorado Tourism Office Award for Front Line Employee of the Year.
- Mark your calendars for the Community Picnic on Oct 7 at the Recreation Center, and then October 12 at 6 for the Boards and Commission Dinner.
- August Village Shuttle ridership was up about 10% from last year, but we still haven't reached pre-pandemic rates. But our We-cycle use continues to increase and be one of the busiest stations in the Valley. We have a ridership survey currently underway to see how we can better serve our riders.
- Speaking of saving the earth, we hope to have an EV charging station installed here at Town Hall before winter starts.
- The Brush Creek Intercept Lot project is almost done. It is sooooo close.
- The Town Park is just underway and not even close to being done. That said, we are making good progress adding a tremendous amount of dirt to level out that site.
- We are experimenting with new residential Bearproof trash cans in the Fairway Drive neighborhood. The new cans are expected to be in homes in October.

- WE will have a trash dumpster placed at Town Park for leaf collection and composting starting in early October.
- Anne Martens and Sam Guarino have prepared a funding request for the EOTC to help pay for the Donny White Curve pedestrian enhancements. The EOTC has been very generous in funding these types of project in Aspen and Basalt, so we are hoping they will be equally supportive of this project in TOSV as well. There will be an EOTC preparation agenda item on the October 2 Council meeting. Hopefully we will be ready to go to get his approved at the October 5 EOTC meeting.
- Both the Chapel and the Lower Kearns culvert projects are making solid progress.
- The Mountain View rehabilitation project is nearing completion..... Yippee on a job well done. The project scaffolding will be coming down soon.
- Just a reminder, we will not be running a local fixed route bus service this off-season (at least to begin with). RFTA will operate as normal but there will not be a route #3. Service should be as good or better than the 30 minute headways folks are used to.

ON VACATION

I will be celebrating my 25 year wedding anniversary with my bride next week, 9/25- 9/29. Then October 2, 3, and 4<sup>th</sup> I will be back from vacation, but I will be in Texas learning to be a better Town Manager at ICMA.

CC: Department Directors