



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: October 20, 2023  
Re: Info Update

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#### ME VOY DE VACACIONES !

My oldest daughter Emily is studying in Madrid this semester. Erin, Lauren and I are going to visit her next week. While I am gone, Greg LeBlanc will be the Acting Town Manager. Que Bueno!

#### SALES TAX UPDATE

August sales tax revenue was up 4% . The revenue is up 12% for the year. Overall, summer (June through August) is trending up about 3.5%. Town generated sales tax revenues are ahead of budget, but the County sales tax we receive as a share back is running about 5% behind budget. While that is not great news, the BOCC adopted new percentages for the 2024 share back. Going forward, our proportion is not shrinking as much as we feared, so our 2024 budget projections should be okay. August lodging tax was down about 2% but is up year to date by 14%. RETT revenue is trending okay also. It is slightly less than 3% behind budget.

#### WALKING THE DOG

We are working to get the word out about the changes to the leash law. A media release was distributed to HOAs, local media, part-time residents, and anyone on our distribution lists. We will be working with Tourism to get this in the hands of hoteliers and lodging. This will likely end up in this week's *Snowmass Sun* as well. A webpage was created at <https://www.tosv.com/572/Leash-Law>. The maps and brochure are also located on this page. A social media campaign is scheduled for 4 weeks targeting locals. As always, these posts are intended to drive traffic to the website. Finally, we are also creating old school printed brochures and signage. Its too bad most dogs can't read.

#### BUTTERMILK WILL BE OFF THE TABLE

We met with representatives from JAS to discuss the future of the music festival. We agreed we have a nice partnership and that the event works well at Town Park. While JAS would like to increase their capacity in order to sell more tickets, for a number of safety reasons, we simply can't increase beyond the existing 10,000 folks. We will finalize the agreement and arrangement in the coming months, but we expect to enter into a 2 year arrangement assuring JAS will be here in 2024 and 2025.

## SAVE THE EARTH

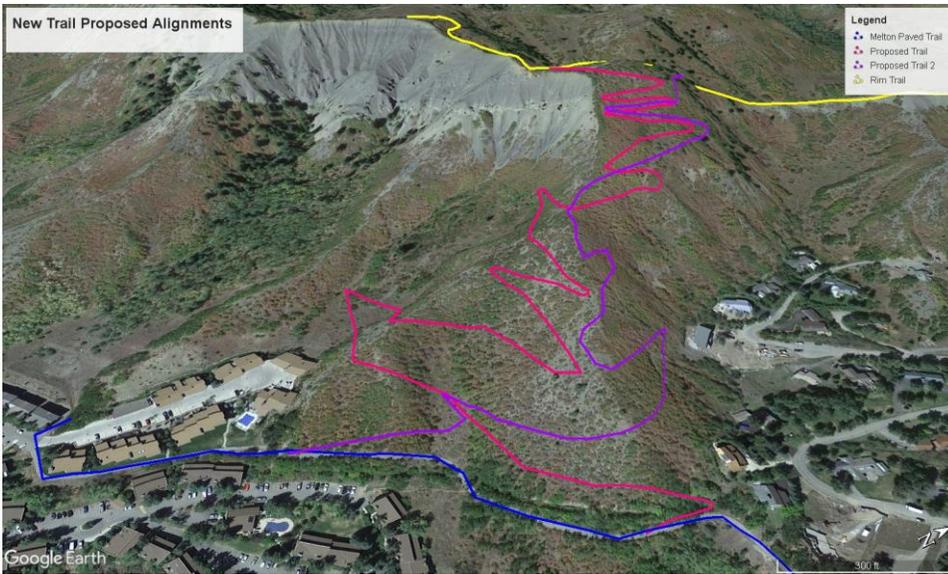
The County is planning to perform a Green House Gas inventory study with the municipalities as partners. The county received a DOLA grant to do this work and only a nominal grant match is needed from us. We expect this to be a good partnership.

## TID BITS:

- At the risk of jinxing it, Brush Creek Road will be open November 1. Needless (but still fun) to say, its on time and on budget.
- We will be meeting Library Staff at the end of the month to further discuss their budget proposal. They are well aware of our disappointment for the decision not to actively move forward on the Snowmass Village library branch next year.
- We are moving forward with a new program to provide Nordic skis, free of charge, to individuals wanting to try out local trails. We will be loaning our relatively modest quiver of skis, boots and poles from the Recreation Center this winter. Details are being developed.
- We are drafting an RFP for a design team to help us develop good options to better connect the Mall, Base Village and the Center.
- In November, the Planning Commission will be starting their review of accessory employee unit regulations.
- All of the TOSV Fall transit service in the Village is demand response. The only fixed route service we are running is the RFTA route to the intercept lot.
- The 2023 we cycle ridership in the Village doubled over last year. The bikes provide about 30 rides a day.
- The joint meeting for Draw Site Housing project is set for November 20.
- We are partnering on a Colorado Tourism Office grant with the Aspen Chamber to study how best to increase physical accessibility to those in need up and down the Valley.
- The TOSV 2024 FLMM grant for \$150k for the Brush Creek Road trail has been submitted to RFTA. It is to be included in the next RFTA budget review round in November.
- While you read your CML update newsletter, in case you were wondering, yes we have opted into the State Prop 123 affordable housing funding opportunity.
- The Snowmass Mountain PUD master plan was submitted last week.
- Its election season, and while you can put your ballot in the election box in front of the Town Hall, we won't have an official polling place here this year. If you need to do anything besides drop your ballot off, you will need to go to Pitkin County.

## TRAIL IDEAS

Below are our initial drafty thoughts on the new trail from the Melton paved trail to the south rim. We are talking with IMBA Trail Solutions to come do an on-site assessment and give us a price for them to design fully and build. We are still hoping to fit this assessment into their schedule this year and before the snow is on the ground. Let me know if you have any questions.



CC: Department Directors