



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: November 3, 2023  
Re: Info Update

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#### OPEN SESAME

Alright! Brush Creek Road will open officially on Tuesday November 7. That means Transit Routes and other official routes will be using Brush Creek on Tuesday. Unofficially, we are planning to have the barricades removed and normal traffic flowing on Brush Creek by Monday afternoon (ish). Cosmetic work that is out of the flow of traffic will remain underway; this primarily includes finishing the rock walls, removing (now) unused utility conduits, and completing the natural rock stair cases on both sides tunnel. We are planning to have the ribbon cutting once these cosmetic components are completed. For now, if you would, please pencil in a ribbon cutting ceremony for around noon on Friday November 17 that would be great. We will continue to work through the details next week, but at this point we believe all the substantial work should be completed by then and the site should be ready for a great photo opportunity.

#### SPEAKING OF HOLES IN THE ROAD

The Brush Creek/Kearns Culvert project continues to progress with the shoring installation/drilling. In the next couple of weeks, the excavation for the culvert replacement will begin. Brush Creek Road will remain in this configuration until December, with some occasional one lane closures. In all honesty, the project won't look too different to the typical driver as we progress through this phase. Dig we must for a better, safer Village.

#### LET THERE BE LIGHT (ed fiber optic cable)

Earlier this week, IT completed the fiber optic connections between Town Hall, Public Works, and the Recreation Center. Fiber was "lit up" and a ring connecting the town facilities to each other is close to completion. The final testing and configuration is in its final stages. With each of these facilities connected by fiber, it provides a direct network communication allowing simplified access to Town systems and perform their jobs with better efficiency. This has been a multiyear project which has been highly subsidized by state grant funds and a partnership with Holy Cross. But, we won't rest on this feat, design for Phase 2 is underway.

#### TID BITS

- September was the fourth consecutive month in a row with record passenger numbers at the airport.
- We-Cycle service is now done for the season. Our stations remain amongst the most heavily used in the entire system.

- We poured new concrete at Town Park station. The pad will be electronically heated in order to keep this highly used transportation hub safe for our guests.
- We continue to work on a long term fix for the Vidal Gulch water line that blew out earlier this summer just above the Nature Trail. With the engineering nearing completion, it looks like we will not be able to have an “open ditch” type solution we had hoped for. The steepness of the line and the velocity of the water appear to require that the drain line remain in a closed pipe. We are working to find a contractor..... and while the odds are not great, we may have a 50/ 50 chance of getting this completed before winter while the water flow is lowest.
- The work on Owl Creek Trail is wrapping up for the season. The retaining wall work is complete so we will be able to Nordic ski on it this winter, but the pavement won't be placed until next Spring.
- We continue to make good progress at Town Park. MW Golden is pouring foundations for both the maintenance facility and the new grandstand. As the crew continues to make progress, the construction fence will continue to be moved back which will, in turn, open space for increased parking use. The fence will be moved in time for Ski Season traffic.
- As outside temps drop, indoor activities gets underway..... pickleball is now inside.
- Substantial completion for the Mountain View rehabilitation project is expected in a couple of weeks. On time and on budget.
- We are working through all of our rental units on a number of compliance and safety issues.
- The County received a grant from the State, with TOSV as a partner, to help us more accurately undertake and update our Green House Gas inventory.
- Looks like our EV charging project at Town Hall will need to be pushed to the Spring. Between freezing ground, grants funds, and delays in equipment progurement, we couldn't get the installation done this year. The project will still move forward in 2024.
- We changed the staff liaison for the SAAB from the Community Development Department to the Tourism Department. With a number of projects underway, Tourism is going to be able to have higher level of synergy with the Board.
- Each ski season we give away something like a billion calories of s'mores at the Mall and Base Village. In an effort to support local businesses, we awarded a contract to the Edge Restaurant to bake them for us.

### Tree Removal

In partnership with the Fire District, we have working to identify hazards. The tree below was dead inside with tons of beetles inside. All would agree that it was a wise decision to remove it



this time of year. And check out the creative new trail bench the arborist created.



CC: Department Directors