



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: December 15, 2023
Re: Info Update

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- In working with Harvest for Hunger, we understand they are hoping to get the food pantry open for service December 26.
- We are continuing to work on ideas to improve the Mall Transit Station and the RFTA Depot. At the direction of Council, our goals remain to make incremental improvements that will still make notable improvements. We haven't found the any silver bullets yet, but we continue to explore.
- Taste of Philly has sold.
- We are continuing to explore a new dispatch technology solution to help our Transit drivers and riders. We are anticipating that the technology deployed will be similar to that used by the Aspen Downtowner and the Basalt Connect and are therefore hopeful for a good level of synergy with Basalt and Aspen (and eventually Carbondale, Glenwood, and RFTA).
- The liquor license for GG Liquor in Base Village was approved. The new Aspen X store in Base Village also received a liquor license.
- The time has come for a multi-day road closure on Lower Kearns Rd during the week of December 18th. Lower Kearns is tentatively scheduled to be closed December 18th through December 21st during construction hours (approximately 7 AM to 5 PM). It will re-open nightly. We are trying to get this disruption and the associated disruption on Brush Creek Road completed before the major crowds show up on December 22. We are still anticipating the lane switch around the end of January.
- We are continuing to seek more grant funds for the Donny White Curve pedestrian enhancement. We just submitted a grant for another \$250K.
- The Vidal Gulch project continues to make good progress. We are expecting the "gulch" to be open and rock lined rather than piped. The Nature Trail from lot 7 will have a bridge over the running water, so it should be a nice amenity.
- The Mountain View rehabilitation project is complete. This roughly \$8 million investment in workforce housing was well worth it. Congrats the Housing Team and RUDD construction for bringing the project in on time and within budget.
- It our understanding that High Q may be changing ownership. If they do, that change would need to be considered (and approved) by the Marijuana Board.
- BIG NEWS. We were able to book the Spazmatics for our 4th of July Thursday Night Concert. We will make this a community centric day around a great concert.

- Buildings 10 A and B submitted for building permit review. Assuming they can line up their financing, etc, they are anticipating start of construction to be in the Spring or Summer.
- Our newest officer on the Snowmass PD, Cory Rhea, graduated at the top of his class last week from the Academy. We will have him on the Village Streets in the next week (ish). Tell him hi when you see him.
- Our new cross country ski “lental” program is about ready to go. We will be lending skis and boots from the Recreation Center.
- The State Department of Local Affairs let us know that our Strong Communities Infrastructure Grant request was denied (this was for the Draw Site). We knew it was a long-shot because the land use approval hasn’t even started yet (Planning Commission starts next week) and they were looking for more shovel ready projects.
- The *Town Rundown* is becoming the *Daly Update*. To better serve our community, staff is revising the look of the monthly newsletter and improving how we get the word out. The first edition should go out at the end of the month.
- Staff met with Roaring Fork Fire & Rescue to plan wildfire mitigation work for 2024. Planning is still underway, but the goal is to target the areas around workforce housing, Town Hall, and the numbered lots.
- Phase II of the fiber optic network is in design. Staff is working to finalize this phase’s design ahead of construction.

CC: Department Directors