



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: December 1, 2023
Re: Info Update

BABIES!

We are very happy to welcome our newest little member to the TOSV Team! Leo Asher Ogren came into the world on 11/26/23 at 16:30. Leo's Grandpa and Dad are doing well.

SAVING LIVES

Our regional 9-1-1 Communications Team was able to successfully lobby the State PUC to allow our 9-1-1 surcharge on phone bills to increase to \$4 (from the current \$2) beginning in February 2024, through 2028 in order to help fund needed capital equipment purchases. While no one wants an increase on their phone bill, I think it is safe (pun intended) to say we all want a 9-1-1 system that works. As I have informed the Council previously, our current dispatch system is aging quickly and needs millions of dollars of reinvestment. With this additional funding, we should be able to move forward as a region to upgrade this critical software and hardware. TOSV has already committed \$250,000 toward this multi-year effort. The Regional Communications Team is continuing to work on grant funds and other sources as well. We will continue to work with our partners at the County, Aspen and Basalt to keep this project moving forward.

TID BITS:

- We will be interviewing three candidates for the Tourism Director position on December 8. In addition to interviews by Department Directors and Tourism Staff, the Tourism Board will also be participating in the interview process as well.
- We currently have a total of 1,229 active STR Permits. 302 of the permits are Permit Type 3 (not a lodge, but condo in a multi-family building) and 101 Permit Type 4 (single-family residences.)
- The ownership of the Mall is exploring an initial design concept for a new, revised Mall Transit Station. The draft idea/proposal has a smaller deck than previously proposed by the Town and anticipates having RFTA and the Town Shuttle operate on different levels; RFTA at the Mall level and the Village Shuttle underneath. Once they are ready, we asked the Mall ownership to provide a brief overview to the Council. In the meantime, we are continuing forward with the Council direction to find incremental improvements to the RFTA and Daly Lane Depots. We are expecting some proposed ideas from SE H Engineering on these improvements in the near future.
- With the budget now adopted, we are starting to advertise for the TOSV grant opportunities. Of course, this process is overseen by Citizen's Grant Review Board.

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife will commence its elk capture and tagging process in the area between December 1st and December 15th. As per usual, a helicopter will be used during the project.
- As we continue to prepare for our free rental program (really it is more like a library) of nordic gear, we learned that there are no children's sizes in the used equipment we purchased from the Ute last year. So, to begin with, our library of skis will be adult size only. If the Ute can find similarly aged children's equipment, we will be sure to work with them to expand our library of resources.
- We are continuing to make good progress on Town Park. Concrete continues to be poured for the bleachers and the buildings.
- Speaking of progress, we are working on our ice rink. While cold weather is good for it, this snow is not. For the record, as a skier, I am still going to hope for snow.
- We are planning to have our newest member of the Police Department, Cory, start in mid December.
- We have received a new retail liquor license request for a GG's in Base Village.
- The Brush and Owl culvert project is still getting wrapped up. Rock work is continuing under tarps in the snow.
- The Lower Kearns culvert is making good progress as well. We expect the "lane change" to the south to occur in January.
- Repair work on the Vidal Gulch storm water line is continuing forward. While the final design is not yet complete, it looks as though we will not replace the pipe, but rather create an open stream flow where the pipe burst this last summer. While this will look great and be a nice amenity, it also means we need to find a bridge for the Nature Trail to cross this new stream flow.
- Although we have not seen much communication from Xfinity, we understand they plan a wide internet outage on December 30 around midnight to put some system upgrades in place.
- The Planning Commission is continuing its discussion on allowing accessory employee units.

TALKING BUSINESS

As a follow-up to the Council's meeting with representatives of the business community on Monday, below are a few ways we are continuing to keep everyone informed of the services our Tourism Team provides:

Here is the link to sign up for Tourism communications, including the SMS (text) alerts:

<https://www.gosnowmass.com/sign-up-welcome/>

Occupancy Report

[Click here](#) to download the occupancy report as of October 31.

Stay in the Loop!

Whether you're a long-time Snowmass employee or new to Town, make sure you're receiving all of the vital information you need to help you give our guests the best Snowmass experience possible. Sign-up to receive our various communications below and please share with your employees:

- Snowmass Tourism email communications (including weekly event/activity flyer and occupancy reports): <https://www.gosnowmass.com/sign-up-welcome/>
- Already receiving our emails but want an easier way to know what's happening around the Village? Sign-up to get timely SMS/text message updates: <https://www.gosnowmass.com/sign-up-welcome/>
- Town of Snowmass Village communications: <https://tosv.com/GetConnected>

Snowmass 101 Tour: December 6 & 19

You and your employees are invited for a walking + bus tour around the Village. We will be hosting two sessions and encourage both new and seasoned employees to attend on either Wednesday, December 6th at 9am or Tuesday, December 19th at 4pm. This is a free event. *Invitation and registration to come.* Please email Debbie Collins (dcollins@gosnowmass.com) with any questions and to send talking points about your business to be included in the tour.

Tourism Talks

Thank you to those who tuned in for last week's Tourism Talk. If you'd like to watch a recap or were unable to attend, please [click here to watch the recording](#). Also, be sure to save the date for our next Tourism Talk on **Thursday, December 7th at 10am**. This meeting will be virtual only.

Ramp Up for Winter with These Additional Tourism Services

- Winter collateral pick-up starts on Nov. 23 at Town Park Station (8:30a-2:30p)
- Sign-up for the pro photo program (3 *free* hi-res photos of your business) via Rachel Falk: rfalk@gosnowmass.com
- Sign-up for a Digi 101 session with Maria Sechrist: msechrist@gosnowmass.com

Finally, we have a “jobs campaign” underway helping local businesses advertise their current employment opportunities.

CC: Department Directors