



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: January 12, 2024  
Re: Info Update

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- With the Council's action on Monday, the overall Town mil rate was reduced from 7.3 mils to 5.7 mils or about a 22% reduction in rate. The Town's overall assessed value went up by about 68%.
- I met with the Divide HOA at the end of the last year to update them on a number of community issues, including Krabloonik. Their HOA Manager and Attorney were obviously very tuned into the Krabloonik issue and provided us with some additional legal document (that weren't recorded) that could affect the future use of the property. At first glance, we don't think the agreement provides any new information, but Jeff is in the process of reviewing the document.
- The deadline to receive Community Grant requests has passed. We ended up receiving 40+ applications. The Citizen Review Committee will be meeting in the next several weeks to review the applications and make a recommendation to the Council in March to award \$175K.
- Don't forget, the next Share a Drink with Council is January 22 at Juice.
- We had about 480,000 passengers ride the Village Shuttle in 2023. This is about 5% over 2022, but still below pre Covid levels.
- Short Term Rental Permit enforcement is starting to pick up. We expect to cite our first case into Muni Court in the coming week.
- Have you noticed that shiny new trash truck that is now on the streets? For about \$250K, you too can own one of these massive, critical, cool, vehicles (CDL not included).
- The cross country ski loaner program is continuing to do well. All the new snow has helped "business".
- Speaking of cold weather, the ice rink is open. Hockey leagues have started on Wednesday nights.
- Wanna know what a cool community character that is emotionally connected looks like? Click below on to see the clip that Powder Magazine recently did about Dave Kraft and the Village Shuttle.

<https://www.powder.com/region-colorado/dave-kraft-the-minstrel-of-snowmass-shuttles?fbclid=IwAR2jOVjMTnlqAKCkgDxswoJ6dDIS5lyA9SbH3rODshQ4QLtHfjgMFoRnrb>

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- I haven't been by today to confirm this, but the Brush Culvert project at the Chapel was supposed to be completely wrapped up by the end of today.
- The Owner of the Snowmass Mall has requested time on the February 5 Council meeting to discuss "Mall Redevelopment First Steps and Transit Reboot" (their agenda title). Dwayne has an idea he wants to show the Council in order to receive initial feedback.
- Speaking of Planning, the Snowmass Mountain (PUD) Master Plan could be before the Planning Commission as soon as February 7 (depending on how soon the Draw Site review will be completed).
- The Finance Advisory Board met this week to discuss their ideas on how best the Town can meet the Council goal of Preserving, Protecting, and Retaining Locally Owned and Locally Serving Businesses. They had a robust discussion and hope to finalize some of their recommendations at their next meeting.
- As reported at Monday's Council meeting, the Aspen Science Center started leading tours of the Ice Age Discovery Exhibits each Tuesday at 1:00. The "free tour" (of course the Town pays the Science Center for the service) starts at the Limelight Lobby. The Shimukappu group was the first group to take advantage of this new amenity.
- We haven't updated our community profile on the website.
- We are continuing to enforce housing regulations in a firm but compassionate manner.
- We are making great progress on the new, proposed dispatching software for the Village Shuttle. We are planning to contract for the dispatching software which we expect to look and function like the Downtowner type system currently used in Basalt and Aspen. We hope this consistency will help and be a big plus to our system users. With any luck, we could have the system up and going in the summer of 2024.
- As a follow up to the question asked in the last Council meeting; Yes, we still put out Pitkin Alerts when our parking lots are full early in the day.
- The Vidal Gulch repair project looks great. The rock work is done and the bridge is installed.



CC: Department Directors