



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
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Re: Info Update

OUR FAVORITE HOLE IN THE GROUND

The Kearns Road culvert project continues to progress. The hole is actually getting smaller, for now, as utility lines get covered back up and we prepare to shift the traffic lanes. At this point, the team has removed the sanitary bypass equipment located at the intersection of Brush Creek and Lower Kearns on the Alpine Bank side of the intersection. Having this and other equipment removed will require a lane shutdown with flaggers on Brush Creek Road. The exact schedule for the lane closure on Brush Creek Rd is weather dependent. The traffic lane shift (toward Clarks) is still expected in early March. The project completion is expected July (ish).

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- We met with the attorney representing the Laurelwood and Timberline (among other condo associations) regarding their concern with (at some point in the future) developing workforce housing over the numbered lots. At this point, we don't know if they will submit a request to change the Comprehensive Plan to have this concept removed.
- Speaking of possible requests to change the Comprehensive Plan, we understand that the Snowmass Club will once again be requesting a change to the Comp Plan in the near future.
- Ridership numbers on the Village Shuttle are down about 5% for January. This mimics the other "soft" tourism related numbers we are seeing. One number that is not soft is the parking count at Town Park. We are consistently averaging 500 cars a day there.
- For all year-round residents, don't forget that your sales tax rebates are now available. The Council raised the rebate amount to \$75 a person this year.
- We are hiring IMBA Trail Solutions to develop an initial design for a "mid-rim" trail connection. Initially, it looks like the trail may need to cross some private HOA land near the top of the Rim in order to make it most feasible. The proposed trail would then connect to the Melton Ranch trail. We will provide a more thorough update to Council once we have more details.
- Yep, its warm, but the ice rink remains in good shape, the cross country rental program continues to work well, and we have had over 200 individual users in fitness classes lately.
- This week, we Met with Pitkin County about the potential for getting the planning for a Snowmass Village library branch going again. As the Council will recall, the

County was pretty egger for this project when we met with them this past summer. Then, we learned they did not include the planning for the project in the 2024 budget. Since then, the County has been awarded a significant grant that will help off-set the cost of adding electric boilers to the library in Aspen. This grant has freed up some funds that can be used to get the Snowmass Village library project moving forward, again. Put on your seatbelt for this roller coaster ride, but at least we are going in the right direction again.

- Speaking of good news and fun, a big congratulations to long time locals, Jeff and Annette Kremer on being named the Mardi gras King and Queen.
- The skiing is starting to get good, but we are already planning for summer. Toruism ads for summer start running in April.
- The free Ice Age walks on Tuesdays continue to be successful.
- Its our understanding that the Collective has seen record attendance at the game room and on the ice rink.
- The Planning Commission will soon be reviewing proposed changes to the accessory Employee Unit (AEU) ordinance.
- We are continuing to make progress on the fiber project.
- We brought the Little Red project to the Planning Commission this week to get their thoughts. The POSTR Board will see it soon. We have also started looking for potential grant funds for the project. We have submitted for and requested congressionally directed funding.
- The Tourism Board will meet next week. One topic on their agenda is discussin ways to help meet the Council goal of supporting locally owned and locally serving businesses.
- Our Franchise Agreement (terms we rent right-of-way) with Black Hills energy will need to be reviewed in the next several months. The existing term ends this summer.
- We are continuing to work to get more of curbside trash cans to be (more/increased) bear proof. The Rodeo Neighborhood will be the next to receive upgraded trash cans.

CC: Department Directors