



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

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

On this day in 44 B.C., do you think Julius Ceaser felt kind of weird vibe in the Senate?

TID BITS:

- We changed our dog registration process to an online process. Please make sure Fido is registered.
- Transit ridership was up 5% in February from the previous year. Unfortunately, we are still down from pre-covid numbers. This drop in ridership can be seen in the impact to our parking lots. Parking demand/use is up by 20%.
- Of course, this increase in parking demand comes right as we need to close the arena section of the Town Park project to parking. We have been parking cars in this dirt section for a few months, but in order to hit the timeline, the contractor needed close this dirt area to public parking so the necessary grading work could get back underway. We expect to “lose” about 80 spaces for the rest of the season.
- Speaking of the rodeo and Town Park, our contractor is hiring Snowmass Western Heritage (aka the Rodeo) to physically install the rodeo fencing. This way TOSV and the Rodeo can insure the arena meets their needs.
- We are hiring CORE to evaluate 250 Carriage Way (the Green Goddess) for possible building efficiency improvements; specifically a potential conversion from gas to electric heat.
- It On!..... Its Off. Its back ON, its delayed..... ok, now, next week for sure! Between weather, traffic and issues with the temporary asphalt subgrade, we have not yet changed the traffic lanes on Brush Creek at Lower Kearns. We now expect the final traffic shift to be completed early next week. The entire \$6 million (ish) project is still on track to be completed by July 1.
- Speaking of road closures, don’t forget, Highline Road will be closed starting April 1. Dig we must, for a better Village.
- The Donny White Curve widening project and Upper Brush Creek pedestrian trail repaving project are both out to bid with construction expected to start this year. We are still seeking additional grant funds.
- We are continuing to work on the mastodon sculptures slated for the Mall. An artist has been presented to and approved by the SAAB. We hope to have draft

images/concepts to review this Spring. Once the sculpture is approved, the artist anticipates it will take a year to create, so installation will likely be in 2025.

- The draft ordinance language for Accessory employee units is still out for review.
- We are in the process for hiring a consultant to help update our lighting regulations.
- Roaring Fork Fire is continuing their investigation into the Willows Fire on Carriage Way. They have found **nothing** suspicious. In order to put that fire out, they were flowing 3,750 gallons of water per minute. They estimated they used over 700,000 gallons of water in total. While this is a tragedy for sure, with no civilian or firefighter injuries, as well as saving Building C, this was a great accomplishment of RFFR's part.
- We will have a major utility project on Faraway Road (from Ridge Road to Valley View (ish)) this summer that will require one lane of traffic to be closed. We are helping to coordinate water, Holy Cross, and gas line improvements.
- Black Hills is working with Staff to prepare an updated Gas Franchise agreement.
- We received a formal request from condo owners on Upper Carriage Way to amend the Comprehensive Plan by removing the idea of workforce housing being constructed over the numbered lots. These kind of requests to amend the Comprehensive Plan are few and far between, but the first step of the process is to request that the Planning Commission study and consider this change. I hope this goes without saying, but this proposal to change the Comprehensive Plan by removing workforce housing options is a BAD idea (my two cents).
- We have hired a design team to study how best to improve the physical connection between the Center and Base Village. They will be studying everything from increased transit, to jitneys, to bridges, escalators, elevators and everything in-between, on top of, and underneath. This is the first big step in studying ways to better connect our Commercial Nodes.
- Check out the facts and pretty pictures in this year's Tourism Wrap Book [Dropbox](#)

CC: Department Directors