



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

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#### DEMOCRACY.....

It might not be perfect, but it is better than all the other forms of government. Soooo, if you have a friend, a neighbor, a colleague, or otherwise know an interested, intelligent person that is willing to serve their community, you should starting talking to them now about their willingness to serve on the Town Council. Election petitions for the two “open” Council seats and the Mayor’s seat will be available starting August 6 and are due back August 26. Clearly, All the Cool Kids are doing it!

#### SPEAKING OF UPCOMING VOTES

The Board of the Colorado Association of Ski Towns has taken an Oppose position on the upcoming state-wide Initiatives 50 & 108. Fact sheets are attached. The opposition campaign *Coloradans for Local Communities* has more information at <http://coloradans4communities.com> In short, the initiatives have been described as being driven by “wealthy developers and conservative funders” who aren’t satisfied with how state legislators temporarily addressed property taxes this last session. Initiative 50 and 108 would have very significant impacts to local governments, especially special districts and school districts. The feeling is that robust and early opposition is important to keep the proponents from gaining momentum. Here is slide deck with more information if you are interested:  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1NZb2G\\_mhjHE84Hb8lGIfc0k5gUJf5pkME20EM4aKITE/mobilepresent?slide=id.g274c04be0bd\\_3\\_45](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1NZb2G_mhjHE84Hb8lGIfc0k5gUJf5pkME20EM4aKITE/mobilepresent?slide=id.g274c04be0bd_3_45)

#### THE FUTURE OF TOURISM IS OURS TO DETERMINE

Our Tourism Team is taking initial steps to start preparing an updated Destination Management Plan for the Village. The Destination Management Plan will essentially be a strategic plan/ business plan guiding our tourism goals going forward. It will address things such as sustainable economics, natural resource management and many, many issues that fall within our Just Big Enough philosophy. We expect this to be a planning process with lots of touch points, Council involvement, stakeholder involvement and community feedback. The Plan will help us address what is working well and where our opportunities for improvement exist. We hope to have this project started in September ish, and we expect it to be about a 6 month endeavor. With any luck, a ton of community involvement and a lot of hard work, we will have a collective unified vision of how we want Tourism in the Village to look like going forward. Stand by for details.

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- The Tripple Crown baseball tournament will be in town next week. About a thousand kids playing America's past time. Its pretty cool.
- The big comedy festival begins tonight!
- We are continuing to work on the renewal of our Black Hills franchise agreement
- We are also continuing the development of an improved lighting ordinance.
- Last Thursday moved about 1,800 concert goers on Transit system for Spazmatics. We estimate we had about 4, 000 in the venue.
- We are continuing to work through punch list issues at the Rodeo, including power issues, irrigation issues, etc.
- We had the State Port of Entry truck inspection team here in the Village earlier this week. This state inspection team helps to make sure all of the commercial trucks and construction equipment are in safe working condition.
- Congrats to Coach Andrew Rushing (and our very own patrol officer) for getting his baseball team to the championship round.
- And not to be outdone, congrats to Greg LeBlanc on, not one, but TWO photographs making their way to earning major awards.
- The RFP is on the street for the Draw Site contractor.
- In the meantime, we expect to have a cost estimate for the Draw Site completed by the end of month.
- We are continuing our partnership with the Fire District and other private property owners for various wildfire mitigation projects. Seasons Four HOA paid 15,000 for mitigation around their own buildings and the Town and Fire District agreed to supplement the trail system trimming behind these Condos. The Fire District will continue to do more work around TOSV this Fall.
- Ending on a high note, I plan to be on a family vacation starting on July 19 (ish) and returning July 29. As per usual, Greg LeBlanc will be in charge while I am gone. Be kind.

CC: Department Directors