



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

POTLUCK

One of our most fun and engaging community events, the John Bemis Community Pot Luck, is coming up November 24 at the Viewline. Doors open at 4:30. The Mayor welcomes all the cool kids around 5:15, then we get to eat with our friends and family. It's a potluck, bring something to impress your neighbors!

DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

December 3 is the next big opportunity for community-wide input into the development of the Destination Management Plan. In addition to broad engagements such as this event and surveys, our team is also undertaking a number of one-on-one interviews. The DMP Consultants would like to talk with individual Council members to get your thoughts on the topic. To this end, Derek Schimmel from Roadmap Consulting will be reaching out to each individual Council member for a 1:1 interview. This should be an hour or less and will ensure your initial thoughts and insights will be included early in the process. Of course, a bit later in the process, the Council as-a-whole will have ample opportunities to provide feedback.

BY THE NUMBERS

September sales tax returns were up by almost 6% for the month. They are up 8.5% for the year. The County sales tax revenue is 8% for the month and 2.6% for the year, or just slightly below the budgeted revenues. Summer numbers (June through September) were up a bit over 8% from last summer. Marijuana and tobacco taxes are down about 10% for the year. Lodging tax is up about 10% for the year and is trending about 3% over budget. Through September, RETT revenue is tracking about 10% behind budget while Excise Tax is way ahead of budget.

TID BITS

- Per Council's direction, we have tentatively scheduled CML Executive Director Kevin Bommer to discuss effective government practices with the Council on January 6 starting at 1:30. Please let me know if this time and date don't work for you, otherwise we will keep this scheduled and plan on it.
- Winter is coming! We have started grooming trails and will start lending out cross country skis in the near future.
- We are still working to schedule the closing for the Faraway Apartments closing.
- We have started the process to secure the Certificate of Participation (COP) financing to purchase the 3 acre parcel behind the Center. This is expected to take about 90 days.

- Speaking of the Center, the Planning Commission continued their review of the Center on November 20. Their next, and likely final, review is scheduled for December 4. The Council is expected to start its land use review of the Center PUD on December 16.
- The EV stations at Townhall are nearing completion. We are awaiting delivery of some final parts before we can flip the switch.
- We will start ramping up the Village Shuttle transit schedule on Saturday and will be at full schedule starting Thanksgiving. Along with this, we will start enforcing the timed parking lots on Saturday and the rest of the lots on Thanksgiving.
- Sticking with Transit, we have had about 2,000 TOSV transit apps downloaded. That new system has coordinated about 5,300 rides during our start up/ beta duration.
- We will be upgrading our Civic Clerk/Granicus agenda program over the next several months. This is designed to help with the readability and other issues we are currently dealing with. The program we will be migrating to is successfully currently used by Pitkin County.
- Applications for Citizen Grants open on December 2.
- Little Red is expected to be heard by the Planning Commission on December 4.
- We continue to work with the Snowmass Club on the enforcement of the Brush Creek remediation plan. They will be implementing some best practices for water quality management and designing a remediation plan.
- In the Roaring Fork valley, we have placed 8 deed restrictions on homes through the Good Deeds program. Council will get a full update in December.
- Good news – we (really Roaring Fork Fire) was able to hire enough contractors to complete enough work this year to fully spend all of the dollars allocated for wildfire mitigation.
- Bad news—the Viewline still hasn't been able to sign a lease agreement allowing for the (eventual) placement of the Mastodon sculptures. We assume this holdup is due to the property being for sale and no one being comfortable encumbering the property before the sale. Clearly we can't start fabrication before we know we can place the artwork somewhere. So, we are now hoping/anticipating that fabrication can begin in 2025 with the eventual installation to occur in 2026.
- Did I already mention there is a potluck on Sunday at the Viewline?
- There are still a ton of details to come, but with the recent approval of the Airport Layout Plan, the likely earliest date any runway construction could start is the 4th quarter of 2026 or first quarter of 2027. The environmental assessment is underway, but it will be awhile before any dirt is moved.

CC: Department Directors