



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

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS.....

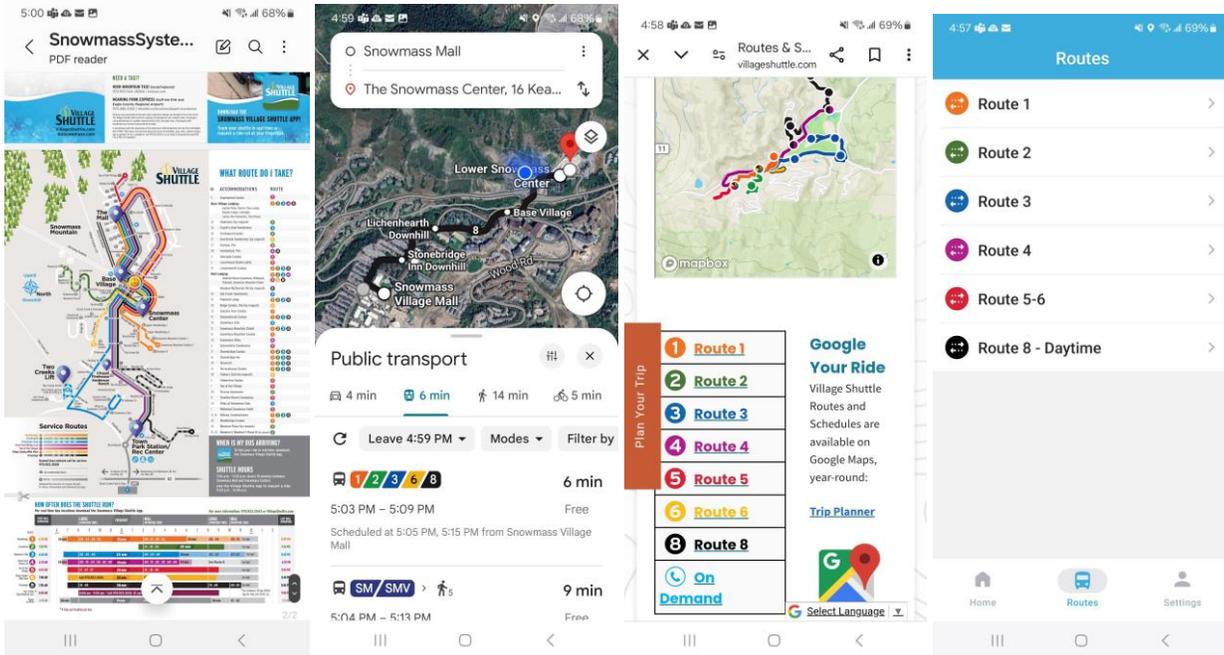
Since the adoption of the Snowmass Mountain Master Plan, we have been meeting with Ski Co to develop a proposal for the future of the Skittles. A condition of approval for the Master Plan was to have meaningful discussions and to have improvement or replacement options by the end of the year. On December 16 Ski Co provided us with a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines a solid path forward to replace the lift. The MOU details our respective, potential responsibilities, but essentially we are proposing splitting the capital costs 50/50 and have Ski Co assume the daytime summer operating costs. The MOU is attached for review. We have let them know that they have met this condition of approval. Of course, this MOU means that the work is just starting, but we are off to a good start.

SPEAKING OF COLORFUL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

As a bit of follow up to the Connecting the Nodes discussion on the December 16 Council meeting, some good ideas were brought up to continue to ease the use of the Village Shuttle. The Village Shuttle has been making a concerted effort to coordinate both bus routes and bus colors across all platforms on which the service is viewed. This helps give riders another way to learn and remember which route they need for their trip. The colors are orange for route #1, green for route #2, blue for route #3, purple for route #4, red for route #5, yellow for route #6, and black for route #8. These colors can be seen in correlation with their respective routes in a number of places:

- Hanging signs displaying the bus number in the Village Shuttle depot
- On our website under Route & Schedules
- In our map brochures
- On google maps when planning a transit trip
- In the Village Shuttle App
- In the Transit App
- Our newest head signs (destination signs on the front and side of the buses) also display the route #s in their corresponding color and we anticipate this feature continuing with new bus purchases

This correlation of color and number along with a variety of ways to find our schedule recognizes that all riders consume information differently, so giving them as many options as possible to learn and remember their routes and schedule is a priority.



BAHHH HUMBUG.....

Global warming stinks.

We are currently reviewing a draft greenhouse gas emissions report we partnered with the County to undertake. Upon the initial read, here are some tidbits that might be of interest:

- In 2023, the Town of Snowmass Village emitted a total of 151,925 metric tons of greenhouse gases (GHGs), a 26% increase from 2019. The primary sources of these emissions were from buildings (66%) and transportation (27%). Of the building emissions, natural gas and propane use contributed most, with a 26% increase since 2019. Although electricity emissions have decreased by 8%, due to improvements in renewable energy, natural gas emissions have risen, highlighting the need for updated building codes and incentives for electrification.
- Transportation emissions, mainly from aviation (10%) and on-road vehicles (17%), also saw an increase, largely due to more accurate data collection. Efforts to reduce these emissions could include promoting public transit, electric vehicles (EVs), and improving EV charging infrastructure.
- Waste emissions accounted for 6% of Snowmass’ total emissions, with a 49% rise since 2019. This increase was largely due to more waste being sent to landfills, while wastewater treatment emissions decreased.
- Snowmass has set ambitious goals to reduce emissions by 63% by 2030 and reach zero carbon by 2050. However, achieving these targets will require significant efforts, particularly in building energy efficiency, transportation, and waste management.
- Unfortunately - and maybe most impactful - despite making some progress, such as reducing electricity emissions, Snowmass Village is unlikely to meet its climate goals without intensified action. Its worth noting that the Town’s tourism-based economy

contributes to higher-than-average emissions per capita. The EAB will be reviewing this draft report in the near future.

THE ROBOTS ARE HELPING (for now)

We reached a milestone this week. The chatbot placed on the public facing website (tosv.com) about 18 months ago is now seeing a self-resolution rate of 86%. We are utilizing a Large Language Model (LLM) to enhance how the public accesses important information by tapping into the dataset of our public records. This advanced technology has allowed us to provide fast, accurate responses to public inquiries, offer summaries of complex documents, and help users navigate various public resources. Our goal remains to develop a more efficient and accessible delivery model for public information, ensuring that residents and stakeholders can easily access the information they need. The chatbot is simply performing the QA function (e.g. learning how to speak human) in these early stages. By using this tool, we aim to streamline internal operations while enhancing transparency and engagement with the community. This is but one of our many cool tools we use to help keep the public informed.

TID BITS:

- We have heard a rumor that the Viewline and Wildwood have been successfully refinanced by the current owners, so the buildings/businesses are no longer in a foreclosure scenario. If the rumor is true, the ownership won't change.
- In our efforts to keep Bob Cratchit employed, we continue to undertake sale tax audits.
- We plan to close on the Willows unit on January 22 ish.
- As part of our current contract to purchase 3 acres above the Snowmass Center for Workforce Housing, we are working to develop a cost share agreement with the current owner for the "east side" access road.
- The employee survey ends on Dec 27.
- Although still in the approval pipeline, Little Red Schoolhouse received a significant private pledge/ donation to help pay for the playground.
- SAAB will be looking at and considering bleacher art ideas along with POSTR Committee next month.
- It's that time of year, lease renewals are underway.
- We had 20 qualified applicants in the lottery for the 1 bedroom Creekside unit.
- The ice rink and groomed trails are in good shape. Be sure to get out and enjoy them.

CC: Department Directors