



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: June 19, 2025  
Re: Info Update

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#### SAY IT AIN'T SO

I guess the old adage is true, grandkids trump work everytime. After a storied career of creating and providing homes for our fellow human beings, Betsy Crum has decided to retire..... or more accurately not work fulltime any more. Her last day will be early Novemeber so we will start our recruitment process in the very near future. More well-deserved acolodades will follow at a later date, but for now, suffice it to say, she is leaving some big shoes to fill (insert your own short joke here).

#### MORE EXCITING NEWS

Most opinions are not clean nor are they unmodied. But when your auditors gives your organization a clean unmodified opinion, well that is the best opinion you can get. The Finance Advisory Board met with the Audit Team last week to receive their report. There was laughter, tears of joy, and just general frivolity in the room as the team from Eide Baily reviewed their findings with the FAB. As the Council is aware, we did have one demirit, but since we found the mistake and reported ourselves, it wasn't a significant finding. I am 99% sure I sent the Council all of these reports and findings several weeks ago, but if you would like to have them resent, please let me know. With the audit now completed, we get to enter the greatest season of them all..... Budget Season!

#### MORE NUMBERS

April sales tax revenue was down by 4% compared to last year, year-to-date we are up 2% . This is pretty close to budget projections. The County's April sales tax numbers are up by 9% and 13% year to date. With April numbers now reported, we know the overall ski season tax receipts were up by about 3% over the previous ski season. Lodging tax was down 3 percent in April, and is flat year-to-date compared to last year. Lodging tax is about 2% behind budget. Marijuana and cigarette tax remains on its downhill slide and is down 9% year to date.

#### GOTTA TRAVEL

It's never fun to miss summertime in the Village, but a guys gotta do what a guys gotta do. I'll be on vacation through July 4. While I am gone, Greg LeBlanc will be the acting Town Manager.

#### TID BITS:

- The next Coffee with the Council is June 23 at 9:00 am at Anderson Ranch. All the cool kids will be certainly be there.

- We are still working, and are so very close, to acquire an easement from the Viewline to place the Mastodon sculptures. Once we have the easement, we can set the artist loose to create.
- The new on-demand transit service continues to improve. As expected we had a kink or two to work out. This ridership continues to increase at the same time the We-cycle ridership is increasing. We-cycle is averaging about 69 rides a day. It's fun when a plan comes together.
- The most recent occupancy report shows we are pacing behind last summer. With the most recent sales tax report in mind, this is a critical KPI for us to keep an eye on.
- On a split vote, the Planning Commission passed a resolution recommending approval to allow workforce housing projects to use a (quicker) special review process, rather than require a PUD process each time. This concept and recommendation will be before the Council in the form of an ordinance in the near future.
- The Community Development Department is going to be busy. The Dearbrook final PUD, the Ski CO Divide Workforce Housing preliminary Plan and a PUD from the Willows have all been submitted. They are all officially in the quasi-judicial process.
- Improvements for Villas North continue to be under design.
- Wednesday's Community Wildfire Mitigation discussion was well attended. RFFR is planning to attend the July 14 Council workshop to discuss recommended next steps for the community.
- Brush Creek Trail has been repaved.
- Bridge Lane is closed for a significant Water and Sanitation project. About 8 houses are heavily affected.
- Our primary contact with CORE has left that organization. We expect this will impact the timing of our deliverables.
- Earlier this week, the Mayor and two key staff members drove to Grand Junction to make a presentation for our Little Red School House Energy Impact Grant request. No official word yet on the outcome.
- The POSTR Board heard a request/idea from Ski Co last week to use the Town Maintained Village Bound Trail and Discovery Trail for e-bikes. The POSTR Board plans to hold a special meeting in July to review the request/idea.
- Unofficially, we have heard that 69 of the 89 units in Stratos have already been pre-sold. One of the remaining units is listed at \$30 million. We can expect to see this project start with vertical construction over the next couple of months.
- The RFP for Rodeo/entry way improvements is out on the street.
- Melton Ranch Trail will be open by July 4.
- Comcast has an emergency repair construction project on Faraway Road near last year's Water and Sanitation project that required the extended road closure. Although in the same vicinity, the two projects are not related.
- Fire mitigation work on Lemond and Sinclair is expected to start this week.

CC: Department Directors

