



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: October 17, 2025  
Re: Info Update

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#### EN FUEGO

Our partners at the Wildfire Collaborative are (figuratively and with every pun intended) on fire. Not only did they introduce TOSV to Dr. Hassam Mahmaud, the expert that is undertaking our fire mitigation modeling effort, but they have also been actively writing a grant application on our behalf. We learned earlier this week that due to the Collaborative's expertise and leadership, TOSV has been awarded a Natural Disaster Mitigation Enterprise grant award for \$850,000. For the record, that ain't chump change. When combined with the expected budgeted proceeds from the Fire Authority, TOSV, and the Snowmass HOA, we will have well over \$1.1 million to implement the recommendations Dr. Mahmoud's modeling. A huge thanks goes to Angie Davlyn for her efforts leading the Wildfire Collaborative. Details to come, but with any luck, the wildfire model should be completed in early spring, so that we can use its results to direct this investment in mitigation. AND sticking with wildfire mitigation for one more moment, we continue to draft the State-required resiliency code for future Council review.

#### AN AUGUST AUGUST

An impressive (or august) August had sales tax revenue up almost 16% over last August which brings our year to date number just over 4% growth compared to last year. We continue to be slightly ahead of budget. This increase was lead by the accommodations industry. August lodging tax was up over 14% compared to last year and is up to 2% year to date; but still about 2% behind budget projections. Excise and RETT taxes continue to perform well. The cigarette/marijuana tax is down over 6% year to date.

#### POST OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Snowmass Village Post Office has informed the community that they will be closed for 5 - 7 days starting Oct 24. Residents will not be able to access their mailboxes during that time. Pitkin County mailed ballots on Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> so Village voters should plan to pick up their mail and their ballot before the planned closure on 10/24/25.

#### TID BITS

- The Snowmass Inn and Benedict Park continue to be reborn. The Snowmass Inn railings are all now replaced. The stairs are next on the list for replacement. The park landscape is largely completed. The staircase connecting the Park to Daly Lane is still to come.
- Congratulations to a whole bunch of people for the successful closing on two mobile home parks this week. It was down to the wire, but everything finally got executed on.

- We are continuing to work on the code amendments that will allow workforce housing projects to go through a special review process (thereby improving land use review time) and also increasing the employee mitigation rate from 60% to 100%. While related, these will be considered at 2 separate ordinances.
- We continue to work with Ski Co on an agreement outlining how best to move forward with the Skittles replacement.
- Application are now open for Boards and Commissions appointments.
- Desimetrics occupancy numbers show that September occupancy was flat to last year at 41% and the average daily rate was down \$23 to \$251.
- The Recreation Center will be closed October 28-October 30. During the closure all of the weight machines and some of the cardio equipment will be replaced.
- The POSTR Board had a successful meeting Ski Co last week to review their request E bike use on the resort. Its my understanding the POSTR Board will be recommending a one-year trial period to allow e-bikes on the resort.
- The employee holiday party will be at the Viceroy on December 5. ATCKWBT
- Last week's Community Picnic was pretty successful with over 200 ish folks attending. The rain storm brought an abrupt end to the festivities, but not before most folks got a burger or a dog. The Recreation Center is free of charge that day and had really good attendance.
- Speaking of fun community events, we will be hosting the Thanksgiving Community Pot Luck on November 23 at the Viewline.
- The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the Shop, the Willows and the revised Snowmass Mall sign plan. These are all making their way to Council.
- The Town was awarded approval by the Colorado Tourism Office to participate in the Accessible Travel Program through June 2026. During the next 8 months a team of experts will help us make our town more physically accessible to those with mobility disabilities.
- Looking forward to the continued budget discussion on Monday. If you need additional information in the meantime, please let me know.
- Party On! Betsy's retirement party last night was a hoot. Kevin Rayes will start his new job as the Housing Director on October 27 and Betsy's last day as a full-time employee will be November 3.

#### SPEAKING OF COOL KIDS

Check out the nice e-mail the Council received from the residents (new owners) of the Aspen Basalt Mobile Home Park.....

#### **Dear Town of Snowmass,**

We are thrilled to invite you to a special celebration marking a major milestone for our community—the successful purchase of the mobile home park by its residents! This achievement would not have been possible without your generous support. Your belief in our vision and commitment to empowering residents has helped turn a dream into reality. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.

**Please join us** along with friends, families, and neighbors as we come together to celebrate the beginning of our new resident-owned community.

 **Location:** 1900 Willits Ln, Basalt

 **Date:** October 25

 **Time:** 12-3PM

 **Potluck Style:** Feel free to bring a dish to share!

We look forward to celebrating with you and expressing our heartfelt gratitude in person.

Warm regards,

**Aspen Basalt Homeowners, Inc.**

CC: Department Directors