



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

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After 40+ years of public service in multiple states and communities large and small, our very own Dave Shinneman let me know this week that he will be hanging up his proverbial land use code so that he can ski, bike, hike and hangout with his bride, kids and grandkids whenever he wants, not just when he isn't working. His last day will be April 3, 2026. I'll bet anyone a buck that he will be more busy than ever starting on April 4. As you would expect, Dave is leaving the Community Development Department in great shape and with an outstanding team. His leadership, deep knowledge, experience, and kind ways of getting things done well, will be missed. He has been a real asset to the Village and made a very positive mark on us. But we have a few months to actively lament his retirement, so we will keep the ball rolling forward in the meantime. We will start a recruitment process in the near future.

INFO UPDATE

- I will be learning to be a better Town Manager Oct 27-29th (wish me luck). While I am at the ICMA Conference, Greg LeBlanc will be the Acting Town Manager.
- Following the Council direction on Monday, we are continuing to finalize the budget materials for 2026. With the expected adoption on November 3, the 5-6 months long process that started in early June will culminate and give staff a lot of great direction for 2026. If the Council needs any further information prior to adoption, please let me know.
- With Budget Season drawing to a close, it appears as though an active Land Use Review Season is just getting started. There will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on November 3 to start the reviews of the Draw Site and Willows projects. The Council will start its review of the Divide Shop proposal on November 17. Then, in the coming weeks, the Council will get to review Comprehensive Sign Plans for the Mall and Venga Venga buildings.
- The Recreation Center will be closed October 28 - 30 so that new weight machines can be installed.
- We are working to finalize a draft ordinance for consideration that will increase our workforce housing mitigation rate from 60% to 100%. We expect this proposed change will be before the Council in the near future.
- We continue to make slow, steady progress on an agreement with Ski Co to replace the Skittles in 2027. Like the current Skittles, our progress has been stop and go for a bit, but we are on track to get his agreement completed so design work can begin in 2026.

- New Housing Director Kevin Rayes starts work on Monday October 27.
- With snow on the mountain comes the hiring season for our Transportation Department. With any luck, we will be fully staffed this year and will be able to change/upgrade/experiment with some new route structure. We expect to create a new fixed route that will continuously loop and connect Top of the Village, Base Village and Mountain View. In addition, we will making some changes to the Snowmass Center routes that increase the consistency and reliability of connecting the Center to the Mall every 10 minutes. And, of course, we will continue to improve our on-demand service for areas off of fixed routes, utilizing our App.
- Speaking of transportation, the City of Aspen is starting the reevaluation process for the entrance to Aspen.
- And finishing with the transportation theme, don't forget to vote yes on issue 1A on the Ballot. A yes vote authorizes bonds to modernize the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport. If 1A does not pass, the County cannot sign contracts nor unlock the full package of federal runway dollars.

CC Department Directors