



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: November 21, 2025
Re: Info Update

OUCH

September sales tax numbers do not look good. September returns are down about 15% from last September. Before anyone gets too nervous, overall year-to-date, we are still about 3% ahead of last year and are about 2% ahead of budget. While our sales tax numbers were not stellar, County sales tax returns had an incredible September. They were up 24% for the month, are up 17% for the year, and are (obviously with numbers like that) ahead of budget. For TOSV, the summer season (June- September) was up 3%. While September lodging tax was up slightly, it is still about 2% behind budget year to date. RETT and Excise Tax are well ahead of budget. Let it snow!

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Town, Pitkin County and City of Aspen partnered together to hire a single firm, EPS, to undertake the state-mandated housing needs assessment for each of our jurisdictions. On December 8, the consultants will be presenting the initial findings to the City of Aspen at their meeting and then to us at our meeting. The discussion will be designed to update Council on the HNA data and next steps. This firm MAY also be on the consultant team that will be helping us develop our new housing mitigation study and short-term rental linkage fee study next year.

TID BITS

- In preparation for the Brush and Owl roundabout construction next spring, Gould Construction will be on-site on Monday, November 24, and Tuesday, November 25, 2025, to perform some potholing. This means there will be one lane closure or shoulder work with traffic control.
- We had a follow-up meeting with Little Red School house on a potential lease extension. I think we made some good progress.
- The Draw Site project started its formal land use review in front of the Planning Commission this past week. Following a thorough start, the hearing was continued for further review to December 3.
- With the Destination Management Plan now adopted, we are already underway with a few on the initiatives.
- The next Tourism Talk is scheduled for December 3 at the Limelight.
- The new PD patrol vehicles are now on the road. Be on the lookout for the new cool trucks.

- Let there be light.....we will be getting new lights in the Recreation Center gym next week.
- Let there be ice..... If it ever gets cold, the Recreation Center ice rink is ready to go.
- The proposed e-bike management plan from Ski Co will be going to POSTR Board again in December for further review and discussion.
- We plan to bring an update on the proposed Wildfire Resiliency Code to the Council in January.
- We have a final draft of the agreement to replace the Skittles gondola. We will be getting that agreement scheduled for Council consideration in the very near future.
- Good news, it looks as though CORE has successfully deployed/invested all of the grant funds we provided them for 2025 energy rebates.
- The TOSV Community Grant applications will be going out early next week and will be open for about a month.
- Our very own Village Shuttle will be at full-service levels by Thanksgiving day.
- The long-awaited new stairs for the Benedict Trail connecting Campground to Daly Lane should be installed early in December and are expected to be useable this Winter. The project will then wrap up in the Spring.
- GOBBLE, GOBBLE.....that is Turkey talk for HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

CC: Department Directors