



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: December 12, 2025  
Re: Info Update

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#### YEP, IT'S SKI SEASON

Its ski season, but the team continues to work on wildfire issues. The Wildfire Collaborative has wrapped up its data collection last week and sent that data over to Hussam Mahmoud. The Collaborative collected data on 1,457 unique buildings/structures in the Village, many of which have multiple housing units under the same roof (condo building, apartments, etc.). Hussam has completed the initial model of the town and is now integrating home-level data in order to conduct a comprehensive vulnerability analysis and mitigation analysis. We're on track to have recommendations by early spring, with those two components (vulnerability and mitigation) ready by early February.

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But we still held a meeting to discuss the Melton Ranch Trail project on December 9th to discuss schedule, impacts and final design details with the neighborhood for the 2026 Melton Ranch Trail work. The project (replacement of Melton Ranch Trail from Martingale Ln to Upper Woodbridge Rd) plans to kick off in the spring once conditions allow and is scheduled to run into September 2026.

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The Town will be installing the staircase in Benedict Park next week on Tuesday and Wednesday connecting the Benedict Trail directly to Daly Lane. This installation will require a short closure of Daly Lane. Once completed, the access to Benedict Trail should be open year round.

#### TID BITS

- Speaking of Ski Season, the field work for the annual audit will be in March. There is nothing like anticipating and getting ready for audit season.
- In case you forgot, we have a new tenant in the Town-owned Collective Building. Slope and Hatch opens today.
- We hosted a successful Tourism Talk last week. A plethora of interesting stats and numbers about average daily rates and occupancy rates was shared. Unfortunately, even with all of the new data, the bottom line remained the same..... Tourism is down.
- We have an Employee Survey currently open.
- We are continuing to make progress talking to neighbors about the Owl/Brush roundabout construction. We are planning to start work in mid-March on this project.

- The Draw Site project is continuing through the Planning Commission. We expect the final hearing in front of the PC to be December 17. Assuming the Planning Commission acts on December 17, the Town Council is expected to start its review on January 20.
- We continue to make good progress on the design aspects of the Villas North project.
- Following the Housing Needs Assessment presentation last Monday, we are taking steps to meet with the State Department of Local Affairs to submit our AMI waiver request and get on the path to receiving state grant funds.
- Our two newest police officers have been hired and will start the Police Academy in mid-January.
- Snowmass HOA sponsored and completed a fire mitigation project at Fox Run that we had planned since Spring.
- We continue to update our Building Code to the 2021 version. We expect to have this and the draft fire mitigation code ready for review by February.
- The team is continuing to interview for the new communication specialists and HR generalist positions.
- We submitted \$2 million in grants requests for 4 larger bus replacements.
- We learned this week that the “Old SRA Pool Property” has submitted a land use application and will be coming through a pre-sketch review process in the coming months. This will be non-quasi-judicial joint meeting with the Planning Commission.
- 25 years flies by. Next week is Jim Whalstrom’s last week. His retirement party is at 4:00 on 12/16. All the cool kids will be there.
- If it would just get cold enough, for long enough, we could open our ice rink at the Recreation Center.
- The POSTR Board met this week to continue discussing the Ski Company’s proposed e-bike management plan
- Its Ski Season--- free Nordic skis are available at the Recreation Center. The trails are thin, but the smiles are wide!

CC: Department Directors