



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

IT'S MY FUALT

I purchased a new snowblower this past summer and I only put a half-ish effort into the Mayor-led Thanksgiving Potluck group snowdance. I appologize for my missteps. To rectify the situation, I have gone ahead and washed my car, am snow dancing as often as I can, and am planning a drive to Denver tomorrow. With any luck, these will be small but important steps to make it snow.

WHILE WE SLEEP

Some of us get an opportunity to slow down and take few days off over the coming days. As we relax, let's please take a minute to think about all of our friends and colleagues that are kicking it into high gear at work. The foks in our PD, Housing, Transit, Public Works, Parks, Rec and Trails, the Events team, our Guest Services, Town Hall, and many others that I am failing to mention, will be working their tails off in the coming weeks. Even if the snow isn't here, the tourists are; so the work is happening. Without the dedication and hard work of the TOSV Team, this place wouldn't run. Soooo, "TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT", and thanks for making this place work so well.

TID BITS

- October sales tax revenue was down about 6.5%. Even with that dismal number, we are still slightly ahead of budget. Lodging tax was down about 1% but is up about 2% year-to-date. Cross your fingers for a stronger December. RETT and Excise tax revenues are tracking well and the cigarette/marijuana tax continues to be about 7% behind last year.
- To the credit of Alpine Bank, they were able to catch a scam in process with a thief attempting to (essentially) pass a bad TOSV check. Anyhow, with this fraud case successfully thwarted, Alpine Bank and the Finance Department have upped our fraud security one more level with even more fraud defenses put in place.
- Last week the Planning Commission had their final hearing and recommended approval of the Draw Site project. The Council is scheduled to start its hearing process on January 20.
- In addition to the Draw Site project, we have received an application for a pre-sketch review on the SRA property (the old pool site) adjacent to Daly Lane. We understand the applicant wants to put workforce housing on the site. We also understand we should expect an application from the Viewline and Snowmass Chapel in the near future.

- In January, the Council will be asked to approve some updates to the TOSV employee handbook including changes to personnel days, sick leave accrual, long-term leave and vacation leave.
- The POSTR Advisory Board continues to wrestle with the proposed e-bikes management plan the Ski Company is putting forth. We expect to have their recommendation to the Council in the coming months, intime for a trial effort to be implemented this summer on Ski Co property.
- Design on the roundabout is continuing forward. The designers were able to take the Council feedback and increase the landscaped area by about 200 square feet. Work is still planned to start in March.
- The Mountainview bus stop on Brush Creek Road was hit last week by a Tesla. The Tesla won. Repair work is underway.
- As a goal of the Destination Management Plan, we are upping our reporting/data game. The Tourism Board saw the first version of a new monthly report that will be coming out starting next year. By all accounts, the extended analysis was very helpful, but some tweaks need to occur for the next edition that comes out in January. Once the format and details are finalized, we will making the report widely available to the public.
- We are in the process of hiring a firm to update our employee mitigation rate study and to develop an employee linkage study for STR units. The Council has already increased the employee mitigation rate from 60% to 100% (utilizing the old analysis) for new development. The updated employee mitigation study will confirm the employee generation numbers and add things like construction activity that was not in the existing analysis. Pitkin County has recently used this firm for a similar effort.
- Most years we hire and pay SkiCo to put on a fireworks show and torchlight parade on New Year's Eve. We have let them know, that if these can't be done this year due to safety (lack of snow) reasons, we will figure something out and go to a Plan B. We will know more next week.
- We are in the process of renewing our 300 rental leases. We are making a list and checking it twice, trying to find out who is naughty and nice..... And by naughty, I mean not meeting the mandated work requirements.
- The PD is undertaking a comprehensive examination of their policies and procedures. Yes, we will continue to have the best PD around, they will just have some updated policies to keep in mind as they keep us safe.

ENDING ON A HIGH NOTE

If you asked Santa for a fully staffed Transportation Department (for the first time in a very long time), or for the new stair case to be installed along Benedict Trail connecting Campground Lane to Daly Lane, or for an addition \$42K from the County for the Little Red School House project (making their total contribution to the project \$250K), then you are in luck..... All those presents have been delivered.



CC: Department Directors