



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

THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 1/20 NOT MONDAY 1/19

SUSTAINABILITY

As a follow up to Monday's meeting, we will soon begin advertising for a part-time person (or firm) to lead up the initiatives that were identified. Of course, fire modeling and the recommended outcomes from the model will remain the top priority. Once onboard, we will have the position focus on commercial composting and construction debris management. In the meantime, we will be earmarking \$50k from the sustainability line item to go toward the (overall) \$80K project to improve water use efficiency at (and around) Town Park. With any luck, the water efficiency project will be done before we turn the system on for the season.

OUCH

On a percentage basis, November sales tax numbers were rough. Revenue was down 18% from last year. This is unfortunately, the third month in a row we have seen declining sales tax revenue compared to last year. On a more positive note, November is traditionally one of our slowest months, so a huge percentage decrease (on a small basis) is less impactful. Further, even with three months of decline, we are still ahead of budget by about 1%. Finally, the County sales tax revenue is killing it. They have had 6 months in a row of double digit increases; this revenue source is 16% ahead of last year. Marijuana and cigarette taxes are about 15% behind budget. Lodging tax is about 2% ahead of last year, but 2% behind budget. RETT revenue is about 30% behind last year, but (due to conservative budgeting practices) is ahead of budget. Looking ahead, occupancy for January and February is looking slightly down. An increased ADR may offset occupancy loss, but we will have to wait and see.

DELIVERY

Earlier today, the Mayor participated with Senator Bennet in a Mountain Town Postal Roundtable with Postmaster General Steiner. She planned to provide some insights to the Senator and Postmaster General to highlight how postal service issues impact daily life in the Village, including the lack of available PO Boxes and basic delivery/ timing issues.

E BIKES

This past week, the POSTR Advisory Board reviewed ASC's second draft of the E-Bike Management Plan and unanimously agreed to prepare a recommendation for Town Council to consider approval of the proposed E-Bike Management Plan subject to several conditions of approval. The conditions are

intended to ensure enforceability, clarify responsibilities, and provide an objective framework for evaluating the recommended trial period.

TID BITS:

- We are continuing to make plans for the installation of the Little Rec School House. No, that is not a typo, this is the affectionate name of the temporary modular unit that will be placed at Town Park (behind the bleachers) that the kids will use during 14-15 months of construction. We are considering ways to make pick-up and drop off as easy and safe as possible amongst other logistical issues.
- The next Share a Drink with Council will be on January 26 at 9:30 am at Gorsuch Coffee.
- We have had some significant (major per the code) STR violations we are currently working through.
- The Grand Prix worked out well last week. Of course we received some constructive feedback on the numbered lots closing, but overall, we were happy we could help Ski Co out.
- We are continuing our effort to purchase some smaller, more nimble Transit vehicles. We just signed a contract to purchase 4 vans that will help us to transition to a more agile service.
- Of course, we can't go too small. In 2025, we moved about 463,000 riders on the Village Shuttle. And while that is pretty cool, even more cool is that the average driver rating was 4.9 stars.
- We plan to have a lottery for the Daly Townhome unit next week.
- The 2026 sales tax rebate is now live at TOSV.com As the Council will recall, the rebate was increased to \$200 per resident. Here is the link; <https://www.tosv.com/313/Refunds-Rebates>
- Our Community Development Department is getting busy. We currently have three pre-sketch submittals that are being processed. One is for a workforce housing project on the "old SRA site". Council and Planning Commission will have a joint meeting on March 2 to see the proposal. On March 16, the Council and Planning Commission will see the pre-sketch proposal for the Ritz Carlton Snowmass (Viewline). The last application is still being reviewed and has not yet been deemed complete.
- The Town and Fire Authority have been working with Eastwest on the 10 A/B (Stratos) work that impacts the Wood Road traffic. In order to improve safety, due to the cranes/unloading of material for the elevator shafts at the site, we have authorized a controlled lane closure on Wood Road for about a month. We are sending out community messaging for the work closure. Closing a lane for this long and impacting traffic like this is not a decision we take lightly. It is never an easy decision. But in this case, we think it is necessary.

- The monument sign at Divide Road has been upgraded and completed



- It must be winter; the ice rink at the Recreation Center is now open form 8-8! The picture below is the team breaking in the fresh coat of ice.



NIFTY NINE-PEAT

Victory is ours..... Again. The Town is the nine-time Champion of the Gay Ski Week Downhill Costume (and dance) Competition.



CC: Department Directors