



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

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STUFF TO DO ON THE MOUNTAIN

Within the next few weeks, the U.S. Forest Service will publish the Public Scoping Notice that describes the Ski Companies proposal to construct additional summer activities on Snowmass Mountain. This scoping notice formally initiates the NEPA Review process, which in this case will be an Environmental Impact Statement, and allows the general public 30 days to comment on the Proposal. Ski Co expects the NEPA Review to take place over the next 12 to 15 months. The summer activities that Ski Co is proposing to the Forest Service include additional mountain bike trails, a mountain coaster (similar in nature to the one in Glenwood Springs), a permanent outdoor climbing wall, a ropes/challenge course, a canopy tour/adventure course (zip line) and other additions. In addition to this Federal planning process, Ski Co understands they also need to complete a land use review with TOSV as well to achieve approval prior to implementing these amenities and activities. Assuming they receive a favorable Record of Decision from the Federal government and approval from our local land use process, Ski CO could start construction for these amenities to begin as soon as June 2017.

STUFF TO LOOK AT IN THE MOUNTAINS

After interviews with three very qualified consultants, the Snowmass Arts Advisory Board (SAAB) selected Dr. Lynn Waldorf to assist them in developing the (Council directed) Arts Strategic Plan. Lynn is a former TOSV resident and currently resides in Aspen. She has done a tremendous amount of arts advocacy in school districts throughout California, is an artist herself, and has created a new non-profit in the valley called Colorado Artists as an advocate for addressing the needs of artists to sustain our creative communities. The SAAB will be holding a special meeting with Lynn on March 28th to further refine the scope of services that will result in Snowmass's first Arts Strategic Plan.

YET ANOTHER LIKELY TAX PROPOSAL

At last week's Colorado Association of Ski Town's (CAST) meeting, it was abundantly clear that state-wide transportation funding continues to be a significant topic. It remains equally abundantly clear that the bulk of the conversation about Colorado's transportation funding future – or lack thereof – will occur outside the statehouse and rather will likely be in the form of initiated ballot measures. By early April, several versions of a draft **statewide sales tax** for transportation will be filed and begin their way through the process. While no one knows exactly what it may look like, the last guess I heard was that the backers will be asking voters to increase the state sales tax from 2% to 2.75%. The proceeds from the proposed tax increase would somehow (yet to be determined) be

split between the state, counties, and municipalities. Obviously, transportation funding is critical to our economy. It will be interesting to see how this plays out. Stay tuned.

HE IS THE CHAMPION (well, at least **our** champion)

Our very own Chief of Police and skier extraordinaire (downhill and cross country) earned a 2nd place finish in the in the Police Championships Super G earlier this week. The North American Police Ski Championships brings in racers from Austria, Great Britain, and Canada and all the proceeds raised during the week go to the Special Olympics. The event had to import the only faster racer all the way from Austria. Congrats to Brian on finishing so strong.

TID BITS

- We expect Related's final submittal of documents on Monday. Cross your fingers.
- We have a traitor in our ranks (at least for two more weeks). Our very own Parks and Trails Manager Ted O'Brien is leaving TOSV for a position at Pitkin County. Ted has brought our trails system lights years forward from where he found them when he started; for that we are thankful. But for his upcoming position, he has already been constantly reminded that Snowmass Village is within Pitkin County, so we expect his hard work and effort in his new position to continue to serve the residents and guests of the Village well into the future, just from a different position.
- The housing renovations project is continuing forward. We are finalizing designs and physical work on the project expected to start in April.
- Speaking of projects, plans and designs are nearing completion for the Brush Creek/Wood Road Round about. Although the final 10 development agreements are not executed, we are continuing forward with Related and its contractor assuming an April 11 start date for the project. To answer the question in the back of your head, yes, I know what assume can stand for.
- Mark your calendars- Town Clean- Up day is set for May 20. We are going to change the format a bit this year. Rather than doing a little bit around the entire town, we are going to focus on cleaning up one area (all of the numbered lots) to a spic and span level. We are hoping that this concentrated effort will really make a positive, visual impact.
- Earlier this week, Howard Gross, Chair of the Marketing Special Events and Group Sales Board, volunteered to lead a workshop geared towards retailers to discuss and learn about best practices and to receive tips and ideas on how to improve sales. Howard's expertise is a result of his career wherein he served as President & CEO of Victoria's Secret, President & CEO of The Limited, President & CEO of Today's Man and others. The workshop was very well received by the retailers and will likely be a springboard to similar future events. If you see Howard, be sure to thank him for his time.
- Vehicle weight limits are in effect from 3/15 to 6/15 each year to protect the Town's secondary subdivision roadways when roadway sub bases are wet and soft. The maximum gross vehicle weight limit for these posted roadways are 40,000 pounds.
- The Recreation Center "leap year pass sale" was a success. We were able to attract a number of new members that we know will become very satisfied customers.

- The Planning Commission is taking the very initial steps to begin the process for the TOSV Comprehensive Plan review. The Council put funds in this year's budget to get the process underway.
- Transportation and the Police Department Staff have selected 4 parking vendors to interview to help us improve the town's parking management program.
- The Aspen Club is closing for 8-10 months or maybe even longer. We are working with them to develop a punch pass process whereby they pay for their members to use the Town's Recreation Center during that period. We view it as a win/win for both of us. Before we feel too special though, the Aspen Club is creating these types of agreements with a number of other centers, including the Snowmass Club.
- Good bye EchoBravo; hello Vladimir Jones. We were unable to come to a contractual agreement with the advertising agency EchoBravo. Sometimes, good news comes in odd ways. We are excited to now be moving forward with the advertising firm Vladimir Jones. So far they have been fantastic.

CC: Department Directors