



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

THE ALOHA SPIRIT

It was great to spend two weeks on the beach with family and friends relaxing, cocktailing, and playing in the water. While the vacation was fantastic, it was pretty easy to come home to the Village. You know you are lucky when you can have the time of your life celebrating the aloha spirit and still be happy to get to come home. From oceans to the mountains; life is good.

STENCH

The only thing that could potentially dampen the aloha spirit is the stench that is coming from the storm drains at the Viceroy. As the Council is already aware, the results of the water quality testing show that the smell is not caused by any sewage type pollution; so we are confident that there is not a risk to public health. That said the stench is a very real nuisance and a very real concern. Starting today, the Viceroy is implementing the remediation process outlined by their 3rd party water quality expert. They will be plugging their storm drains and filling the pipes with water and a bleach/chlorine solution that is designed to kill the organic material in the drains that is causing the stench. Let's hope this works. In addition to Related's/Viceroy's work, we have gone ahead and asked our own environmental consultant to review the water quality report and mitigation plan to ensure that all of the bases are being covered.

SALES TAX REPORT

Sales tax in May was up 10.5% for the month; obviously great news. Of course, the base is so small, that only equates to about a \$2,700 increase in real dollars. Year to date, sales taxes are up .69%; pretty flat. More good news, lodging tax was up a whopping 80% in May, or about a \$2,500 increase in real dollars. Year to date, lodging tax is down slightly over 1%.

ROUNABOUT

Geez, I take a vacation and the roundabout makes a significant milestone with the first layer of asphalt going down. I guess I should take more vacations! It was great to hit this benchmark ahead of schedule, but there remains a lot of work to do. Work on the crosswalks is underway and Upper Brush Creek Road is now closed. With this road closure, RFTA cannot make it up to the Mall (their buses cannot make it up Snowmelt Road and turn around) so RFTA is now only going to the Base Village Transit Station. That is requiring our very own Village Shuttle to pick-up this gap in service and get riders between these two key locations and to employee housing on Brush Creek. This arrangement is expected to last through the end of July. In other roundabout news, construction on the mini roundabout is expected to begin near the end of September and take 3-4 weeks.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROJECTS:

The Snowmass Wildcat Fire District is still coordinating a wildfire mitigation project in the Faraway and Ridge Road subdivisions. Residents should expect to see heavy equipment removing hazards and improving the aesthetics of the landscape in HOA common areas. The Town committed \$35,000 toward this effort. In addition, beginning on July 20th, the newly formed Pitkin County Wildfire Council will be leading a free chipping program for residents in the Melton Ranch Subdivision. More than 25 homes have already signed up. If you know of anyone that lives in the Melton area, have them visit www.pitkinwildfire.com to learn more and to sign up.

TID BITS

- A hardware store called AJAX Supply has pulled a sign permit for the second level of the Snowmass Center. Of course this is no guarantee, but it looks like the Village may get a chance to buy cool stuff at our very own hardware store.
- The Town is taking steps to improve medians and gardens. Next time you leave the Village, take a look and the new and improved plantings in the median at Brush Creek and Hwy 82. In addition to that, check out the new planting in front of the Welcome Sign right before the town limits. Through some ingenious planning and “engineering,” we were able to get water to the site which is going to help that garden stay naturally beautiful for a long time.
- In case you are looking for something to do, swing by the Recreation Center and take part in a mountain bike clinic, swim lessons (whoops sorry they are full), or the summer camp. Lots of cool stuff going on.
- Just in time for Tough Mudder and few other year end events, our new special event process is now on-line and working well.
- The Part Time Resident’s Advisory Board held their summer meeting this week. The Mayor gave a rousing speech that made the audience laugh, cry, and feel every range of human emotion. That, plus a variety of information was shared. I understand that the meeting was a success with over 30 part-time residents present.
- Welcome to Megan Boucher, or new record’s specialist in the Police Department.
- Our Housing Renovation Project remains underway. Buildings and sidewalks are torn up, energy efficiency is increasing, and the project is on schedule. It is amazing what a \$3 million project can do.
- We currently have two employee housing units for sale; 1 in the Daly Townhomes and 1 in Creekside.
- With the concerns we have received about mountain bike speeds on the Tom Blake Trail, we will be stepping up education and enforcement in the area. Ride safely and respectfully when you are out there.

CC: Department Directors