



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

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- East West has submitted an Administrative Modification for Building 6 that would allow for an outdoor bar to operate on the patio of the building starting this winter. The idea behind the proposal is to provide some activity near the building and to utilize the patio space. Per the PUD guide, the neighbors have been notified of this process.
- Speaking of Building 6, we are aiming to provide an update to the Town Council on the potential uses of the building on September 17.
- Speaking of good times, The Colorado Municipal League (CML) is hosting a Regional Meeting in Aspen on October 11. We don't know the details of the times yet, but they are usually held in the late afternoon/evening. These District meetings have proven to be a good training opportunity for local officials, a great opportunity to learn about the state-wide ballot initiatives that will be on the November ballot, and a good time to catch up with elected officials from neighboring communities up and down the Valley.
- We are continuing to crank on developing the Town Budget. It is always fun and challenging to find ways to invest about 30 million bucks each year. At this point we have budget discussion planned to be part of the regular Council meetings on October 1, October 8 and October 15. With any luck, we are planning to adopt the budget on November 5. If the Council wants to hold its traditional half day meeting to review the budget, please let me know what date we should be shooting for. Otherwise, we will aim to get the budget reviewed in already scheduled meetings.
- Speaking of cranking, JAS is about ready to kick off. As everyone should already know, there is only one entrance this year. In addition to that change, JAS decided to utilize school buses to move patrons to and from the event from within the Village. We will keep a close eye on all of this and see how this year's experiments work.
- Speaking of big events, Tough Mudder went off pretty dang well last weekend. About 8,000 – 9,000 of our closest friends ran a lot, got really dirty and then got electrocuted; but apparently they really liked it. Go figure.
- Speaking of running, the campaign trail this year will likely be pretty short now that we know that only the incumbents are running and all of the races are unopposed.
- There are going to be a number questions on our ballot this Fall. In addition to the state-wide initiatives and our own TOSV questions, the Fire District is moving forward to put a question on the ballot that will essentially “de-Gallagher” the district.

As you know, the Gallagher Amendment to the state constitution keeps the ratio of property tax revenue a government receives from residential and commercial property constant. Because of the way Gallagher works, many special districts have seen their revenues from property taxes shrinking over the last several years. As I understand it, the Fire District will be asking the voters for the ability to keep their property tax revenues flat.

- The Coffey Place project continues to make progress. Soil testing and design work are underway.
- The Mountain View roof replacement project is almost done.
- It's that time of year when Ski Co starts hiring and new employees start knocking on our door looking for apartments to rent. Of course, we are already at 99.9% occupancy and have a long waiting list.
- While your Outside Side is outside at JAS this weekend, be sure to pop into our Tourism tent and take advantage of our cool new photo booth.
- The events in September don't end with JAS. September 7-9 we have the Balloon Fest, On September 8 we have a new Cidermass event (a hard cider tasting like a beer tasting) in the early afternoon on the Mall and then later that evening we have Septemberfest in Base Village, topped off with a balloon glow that night. On Saturday September 15 we have the Wine Festival. And finally, September 16-17 we will have the Vintage car race. Oh, BTW, September is also a good time to get on your bike or take a hike to do some leaf peeping.
- Mark your calendar, on December 15 East West in planning a Grand Opening celebration for Base Village and the Limelight hotel.
- The pedestrian improvement project at Town Park Station is still being tweaked and worked on. The final light poles are not expected to be installed until late October or early November. In the meantime, the new crosswalk orientation seems to be working well.

HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND

CC: Department Directors