



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

TID BITS FOR EVERYBODY!:

- Sky Mountain Park, North Mesa, and Seven Star Trails are now closed for the Winter
- With the ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan approved on first reading, we are continuing to put the final changes in place. We are anticipating second reading and final adoption to happen on December 17!
- Construction on Base Village is continuing forward. The Certificate of Occupation has not yet been issued for the Plaza area. Lots of work is still underway, but there is a strong level of confidence from East West that they will be ready for the big show on December 15.
- Next week, on December 4, Town Staff and Snowmass HOA representatives are meeting with residents of Rodeo Place to discuss their neighborhood HOA and the importance of it being operational and active. As I understand it, some neighbors have been trying to find a way to dissolve it. At this meeting the Town and the Snowmass HOA will be encouraging them not to go down the dissolution route and will hopefully be finding ways to get them on their feet and active.
- Speaking of Rodeo Place, there were 23 qualified applicants for this week's lottery for a townhome there. There was only 1 winner.
- The Ice Age Discovery Center is up and operating in its new location above the (no longer present) Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory space. Some new signage and "window wraps" will be installed soon.
- For Hanukkah this year, the Menorah will be placed in the Collective (Building 6).
- The 2018 Transient Occupancy Study has been completed. This triennial study was last updated in 2015, and like the occupancy reports produced by Inntopia Business Intelligence, this is the result of collaboration between Aspen Skiing Company, the Aspen Chamber Resort Association, and the Town of Snowmass Village. The report touches on many facets, one being bed base. The reports shows that since 2015, Snowmass Village has seen a 4.4% decrease in units, and a 2.6% decrease in pillows. The loss of 79 is primarily the result of a shift from traditionally managed units to RBOs (rent by owner). The report notes that Snowmass Village is poised to see some new additions to our bed base coming online very soon, including The Limelight Snowmass (99 hotel rooms and 11 residences) and One Snowmass (41 additional condominium residences).
- The next Tourism Talk will be December 11 at the Snowmass Club.

- We are continuing to work to finalize the project to install a new and improved hand railing at the Faraway and Brush Creek Transit stop.
- Speaking of improvements, have you noticed the new lights at Town Park Station? If you haven't, that is great, that means they are working perfectly. If you have, then (also) great, because that means are seeing the transit riders crossing the street there much easier. Either way, you win! These lights will continue to be tweaked and enhanced over the coming weeks.
- Parking permit sales are ahead of last year. Hopefully that is a sign of good things to come.
- As you are aware, the County is asking residents to serve on a number of citizen committees to help them with their airport planning efforts. As part of our day jobs, a number of town staff folks have submitted our names for consideration. I applied for the Airport Vision Committee and Tourism staff applied for positions on other committees. With any luck we will be able to help our County brethren identify priority issues and consider input from a wide variety of stakeholders.
- The repairs to the Wood Bridge are expected to be completed by mid-December.
- We submitted a \$200,000 grant application to the Department of Local Affairs to help off-set the cost of the renewable energy projects we have budgeted for next year. With any luck, the grant funds will greatly reduce the payback period and increase the ROI of the project. all while saving the earth by reducing carbon emissions.
- Speaking of saving the world, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has given the town preliminary approval to install our micro-hydro power project. This hydro project, along with the solar project will keep us charging forward to meet our carbon reduction goal of 20% by 2020.
- Good news! The Winter Membership Sale offering discounted recreation center passes has been extended through the weekend.
- The POSTR Board met with the SAAB this week in a joint meeting to review and recommend locations for future art pieces. As I understand it, the respective boards came up with a number of locations that will work well and that Cathy Robinson Park was the initial preferred site.
- Don't forget, all of the cool kids will be at the Town Holiday Party on Dec 7 at the Viceroy. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please let Barb Peckler know if you are coming.
- Speaking of cool kids, we are advertising for folks to serve on Town Boards and Commissions. We are hoping we can make appointments at a January Council meeting.
- The Fire District held its grand opening of its new facility today. It is pretty cool.
- Happy Birthday Tom!

CC: Department Directors