



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

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#### MALL TRANSIT STATION DESIGN

We had our second meeting this week with the team designing a proposed improvement to the Mall Transit Station (aka, the existing RFTA stop). SEH is the design firm working to crunch initial numbers trying to determine how a new transit station could work and what it might look like. One primary goal we are aiming for is to make the use of a single transit station more intuitive. We think this can be achieved if we can create enough space for both RFTA and the Village Shuttle to operate out of one area. Our goal for the design team is to come up with three different reasonable, practical solutions that can fit within the budget. This is going to take a few months to achieve. Our hope is to have some solid ideas for review by the Council and the community in April.

#### SPECIAL EVENT PLANNING

Yes, we are still in the heart of ski season, but event planning for this summer is well underway. This summer we will have some new events like the Denver Post Ride the Rockies bike tour, and some reoccurring favorites like the RAGNAR/beer festival weekend and Heritage Fire. The balloon festival will of course return, but this year the night glow will be on Friday at Town Park. At this point, we are not expecting Mudder or AREday to return, but we are working on a couple of new big events, one of which will be a major bike race for high school kids and their families. This action packed event season will have a super strong start in June. In the meantime, enjoy your winter.

#### RECREATION CENTER

The Recreation Center is a popular place to be! In December, there were over 5,000 people that checked in to use the facility. That is about a 10% increase in usage over December of 2017. Total for the year, we had we had a 9.2% increase in usage in 2018 over 2017. This goes without saying, but all the cool kids were there.

#### WILDLIFE

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is working on a project with Pitkin County Open Space to undertake an Elk Demographics and Recreation Impact Study. The study area is expected to include Sky Mountain Park, Burnt Mountain, and Wildcat area. To do the study, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will need to collar a certain amount of elk in March. This will require the use of helicopters to net the elk, take vitals, asses health and pregnancy, and place a GPS

collar on them. One of the expected outcomes is to create more data that can inform how we manage our seasonal habitat closures.

#### TID BITS

- X games was a hit. Parking continues to be one the larger impacts to the Village. We are already thinking of ways to make improvements for next year.
- The sales tax rebate program for residents is underway. Rebate requests must be submitted by the ides of March.
- We are working on another community outreach event for the Town Council. Après' with the Council is planned for March 14 at the Collective. Details are being developed now.
- Our next Tourism Talk is scheduled for 11:30 on Feb 28 at the Limelight.
- As the Council is aware, we have several projects lined up in 2019 that are designed to greatly improve upon our energy efficiency and to do our small part to save the world. Two of those projects will be going out to bid shortly; the upgrade of the boiler equipment for Snowmelt Road and the upgraded HVAC equipment at the Recreation Center are expected to be on the street for bidding soon.
- The Snowmass Center PUD is currently under review. The Town Council and Planning Commission will see their first presentation on February 19. The Planning Commission will then start their review shortly thereafter.
- A two bedroom Sinclair Meadows unit will be going to lottery.
- With the apartment complex at 250 Carriage Way now under contract, we are hot and heavy into our due diligence efforts. At the risk of jinxing anything, so far; so good.
- Design efforts for the Coffey Place project remain underway. As the Council is aware, our goal is to submit this project within all of the confines of the land use code. We are aiming not to have any variance requests. As we work through soils conditions, utility alignments and other development constraints we believe we will be submitting a project with 17 units.

CC: Department Directors