



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: March 8, 2019
Re: Info Update

FREE REFILLS

And the snow keeps on coming!!

THANK YOU!

While continually dumping snow is a blast to turn in, it makes for a ton of work for Town Crews. Before this most recent storm, we have already removed over 12 feet of snow (in 53 days of plowing) from the roads this season. Without a doubt, the team is up for the challenge and by ALL accounts is crushing it. Everyone in operations is affected by these storm cycles. Equipment operators are continually looking for new and creative places to push and store the snow from the roads and parking lots, the mechanics are dealing with all of the busted equipment this heavy snow is causing (not to mention the equipment that has been involved in accidents), the solid waste and recycle guys are busting their humps moving bins through deep snow, and the facilities team is doing everything they can to keep snowmelt systems functioning; and that is just Public Works. Housing, Transportation, Police Department and Parks, Recreation and Trails are each putting all hands on deck in order to deal with this extraordinary snow fall. Understandably, the team is getting physically fatigued, but continues to battle through. Normally, I don't bet against Mother Nature, but I am pretty sure the TOSV Team can take her. When you see someone from the TOSV team out in the elements, be sure to thank them, they have done a yeomen's job keeping the Village safe and operating in a super high capacity manner. The skier in me wants to say "let it snow", but the manager in me knows these folks need a chance to catch their breath and get a break. A great big thank you to everyone for doing such a great job!

KEEPING IT SAFE

Pitkin County is organizing an emergency disaster training exercise on April 25th and has invited the Town Council to observe it. Our local Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Infrastructure Protection Team will facilitate the training exercise. The scenario will pertain to a mass casualty incident at a large outdoor special event and all the cascading consequences that ensue. As Town Councilors, the exercise will help you to understand the structure we have in place to respond and recover from emergencies. You are welcome to be at Bumps Restaurant starting at 8 a.m. and stay as long as you want (it will go until 3). Please let me know if you would like to attend so we can RSVP, etc.

SPEAKING OF SAFETY

On Feb 28, 2019, the PUC approved the application from the Telephone Authority (made up of Pitkin County Sheriff's Office, Aspen Police Department, Aspen Fire Protection District, Aspen Ambulance District, Snowmass Village Police Department, Snowmass-Wildcat Fire Protection District, Basalt Police Department, Basalt and Rural Fire Protection District and Carbondale and Rural Fire Protection District) to increase the surcharge on your phone bill to \$2.00 from \$1.25. The Authority is responsible for the guidance and funding of operations for the Pitkin County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center at an annual cost (budgeted for 2019) of ~\$2.2M. Currently the phone line surcharge is the only outside source of income for the authority – all other funding is divided among the authority members. In 2017, the surcharge generated ~\$600K. The proposed increase will add ~\$300K to the surcharge income. These monies will be used to partially cover our operational cost increases expected with new technologies in the center, dispatchers, IT support labor costs and capital improvements.

TID BITS

- We're famous! Here a link to a piece on Snowmass that ran in the New York Times this past weekend. At the risk of stating the obvious, this is a pretty major deal. Congrats to the Tourism Team!

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/02/travel/snowmass-colorado-skiing.html>

- Next Thursday, March 14 is the "Après" with the Town Council" event at the Collective. This is yet another opportunity for the community to communicate with their elected official; but without television cameras, microphones and minutes. We had great success with ice cream at a concert this past summer. Hopefully, this will be just as fun.
- The Part Time Residents Advisory Board had their winter meeting. By all accounts it was informative and much appreciated.
- Travis asked that I inform the Council, that while he is out on vacation, he has appointed me the acting assistant to the town manager. Please wish me luck.
- We are continuing to take steps to hone in on a few Mall Transit Center design options to be considered by the Council. We are still developing details, but on April 1, there will be a presentation to Town Council showing three rough sketches/ideas/concepts. April 8-11, 2019 we will set up a series of meeting to get input from stakeholders and the public.
- A Sinclair Meadows employee housing unit is for sale. Check out TOSV.com for details.
- The Finance Advisory Board met this week to discuss the Tourism Department Budget. John Quigley, Chair of the Marketing, Group Sales and Special Events Board and Rose Abello did an outstanding job updating the FAB on the benchmarks, indicators, standards and metrics used to measure the success, efficiency and effectiveness of the Department's expenditures. A lot of information was shared. At the end of the meeting, the FAB Chair stated a strong level of comfort with the checks and balances in place.

CC: Department Directors