



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

IN LIKE A LION, OUT LIKE LION

The skiing in March was epic. The Ikonic lines were also epic. And now, the sales tax receipts for March are also proving to be epic. March 2019 was up 24% over last March; about \$84,000. Year-to-date, receipts are up 14% over last year or \$156,000. With April numbers still to come, this winter season is already 15% ahead of last winter season (of course, conditions last winter were less than stellar and conditions this winter were outstanding). Tax from lodging continues to be the largest segment of revenue and it continues to grow at the fastest rate. Lodging tax grew at 31% for March and is up 14% year to date.

ROARING FORK HOUSING STUDY

The Regional Housing Study Advisory Committee, has invited us to attend next Tuesday's presentation of the Greater Roaring Fork Regional Housing Study. The consultant team of Economic & Planning Systems (EPS) and RRC Associates will explain the key takeaways and findings from their year-long assessment of the region's housing conditions, including housing gaps, supply and demand trends, commuting patterns, changing demographics, and affordability issues. The presentation will also cover what's happening specifically from Aspen to Snowmass Village. The meeting will be **Tuesday, May 14 at 5:00 PM** at the Pitkin County Library's William R. Dunaway Community Meeting Room.

TOWN PARK PLANNING EFFORT.

We have put out an RFP to receive assistant to develop a master site plan for the entryway and Town Park. The overarching objective of this process is to incorporate the values and ideas identified in the Comprehensive Plan and POSTR Plan. With any luck (and if the rivers don't rise) we will be able to more effectively utilize existing space to create a beautiful, engaging destination that offers fun for all ages on the 22 acres of property owned by the Town of Snowmass Village. At the end of the process we plan to have schematic design site plans that we can use to accompany future applications for grant funding and that can serve as a foundation for more detailed construction documents.

TID BITS

- In order to meet federal requirements, we need to update our flood plain regulations by August 1. We have about 15 buildings in town that would otherwise be negatively affected. We have a draft of the ordinance prepared and will be getting it in front of the Council soon.
- We are also working with the Fire Authority to update our wildfire mitigation regulations. We have some drafts currently being developed.

- Work on the Community Survey is underway. We plan to have a draft to the Council in June to consider.
- The new owners of 250 Carriage Way are crushing it (if I may say so myself). Landscape is already being improved, three units are receiving some much needed attention (i.e. new paint, new carpet, etc) as tenants turnover, a new electrical panel has been installed, and love is being spread all around. The property is one of the identified projects for Town Clean-Up Day volunteers.
- Speaking of Town Clean-Up Day, it is scheduled for May 17. Meet at Daly Lane. All the cool kid will be picking up trash and making the Village look spic and span.
- We are working to develop a contract with RA Nelson to eventually construct Coffey Place. Of course, before any construction gets underway, the project will need to receive land use approval and the Council will need to finalize the financing. Both of these steps will require the passage of ordinances.
- Speaking of nice homes, we currently have two unit for sale in Sinclair Meadows a 3 bedroom and a 2 bedroom.
- The Recreation Center is about half-way through its spring cleaning and HVAC installation closure. The HVAC project is going along well. The facility is expected to be back open and operational on May 20. Between the closure and this week's weather, I am gaining more than my fair share of poundage.
- It also didn't help that I ate my share of the over 59,000 s'mores our guest services staff served this winter season.
- But never fear, with the opening of Sky Mountain Park and the South Rim on May 16, that weight can be used to build high quality momentum on the bike trails. P=MV
- In their effort to better serve Snowmass Village, Aspen Valley Hospital will open its facility under Venga Venga in June and keep it open for the summer.
- Although you can't see it yet, the contractor for the Carriage Way snowmelt system is doing a bunch of behind the scenes work. We expect to "unplug" the boilers by June 1. Maybe it will stop snowing by then?
- Sam's Knob Restaurant underwent an administrative review for an internal remodel. The construction is expected to get underway this summer.
- At the risk of getting anyone too excited, budget season is almost upon us.
- Good news: Ski Co is planning to improve their snowmaking capacity this summer. Bad news; this means we will likely need to close the Sleigh Ride Trail in August and September so a significant water line improvement project (to feed the snowmaking system) can be completed. Details and timing are still being developed.
- Speaking of improvements, the Fanny Hill concert venue will be receiving some improvements this Spring. Assuming it stops snowing at some point, we plan to make some improvements to the turf before the concert season gets underway.
- We are moving forward with the significant solar and hydroelectric projects. If anyone is interested in seeing the vault where the hydro unit is going to be installed, let me know. We already have a "tour" set for Wednesday, 5/15 at 2:30pm if you can make that work. Otherwise, we can set another time too.

CC: Department Directors