



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: August 2, 2019  
Re: Info Update

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This. Is... SPARTA!

The Spartan Race comes to Snowmass Village for the first time this weekend. We are expecting well over 6,000 folks to participate and watch. The race features a series of obstacle courses that will test the sensibility, endurance and abilities of competitors. These crazy people, aka Participants, can choose to compete in one of three distances - 30-mile, 13-mile and the 3-mile courses with 20-60 obstacles. Even the kids race sounds hard. I will let you know if any Athenians show up.

#### BETTER EARLY SEASON SKIING

The very popular Sleigh Ride Trail is going to be closed due to construction from about August 5 until early October. Aspen Ski Company is working with the Water and Sanitation District on the replacement of an old 18" raw water delivery line located under the Sleigh Ride Trail. The water line will be replaced with a new 20" PVC line, paid for by ASC. The new water line will provide redundancy to the District's primary raw water delivery system and allow ASC to divert snowmaking water from Ziegler Reservoir at higher flow rates. This will allow the Ski Company to have more water available when the air temperatures are prime for snowmaking; thus increasing efficiency and production. So, while it's a bummer to lose this trail for the remainder of summer, the improved snowmaking will be enjoyed come ski season.

On a somewhat related note, the Nature Trail remains closed due to the large 60-inch concrete stormwater pipe that burst early this year causing a significant hole in the ground. The installation of the stormwater pipe precedes the incorporation of the Town so determining the ownership (and responsibility) of the pipe has proven difficult. Nevertheless, we expect to get a contractor on board this Fall, while water flow is low, and work with all of the potential owners of the pipe to get this repair completed before the snowmelt next Spring. The bad news is that this means the Nature Trail will remain closed. We have investigated a number of different options to re-route the Nature Trail in the short term but haven't yet found a good, safe, solution.

#### POST OFFICE

We continue to be in close contact with Scott Tipton's office regarding the service at the post office. Just today, the Representative's D.C. Office received a letter from the Post Office's Government Liaison Manager. In the letter she states the following improvements have been made:

**Snowmass:**

- Hired two additional clerks in the past four months in an effort to provide adequate staffing to meet our customers' needs.
- Reorganized postal workroom by removing unnecessary equipment and obstacles to improve efficiency of delivery operations.
- Will order 60 additional parcel lockers to be placed in the lobby to ease customer access and reduce lines. The lobby is also open 24 hours for customer convenience.
- Hired a dedicated, replacement custodian to clean and maintain the lobby.
- Negotiating with the leaseholder for an increased footprint, which would create space for additional Post Office Boxes and larger workroom.

I would be interested to hear from the Council about what you all have been hearing regarding service levels at the Post Office.

**TID BITS**

- We have an employee survey underway. Its been three years since our last anonymous check in.
- The Part Time Resident Advisory Board and Snowmass HOA are having a joint summer meeting here at Town Hall on August 6.
- Speaking of a good time, mark your calendar; the annual Boards and Commission appreciation diner is scheduled for October 3.
- The Coffey Place affordable housing project continues to make progress. RA Nelson has delivered their proposed guaranteed maximum price. Utilizing this number, Town Staff is working to secure the necessary construction loan needed to finance the project. If land use approvals are received, work could begin as soon as the end of the month.
- Maddie Vincent has been hired as the new Snowmass Sun Reporter/Editor. She started work this week and will be at the Council meeting on Monday.
- The Town Council's comments have been incorporated into the conceptual plan for the Mall Transit Station. A final draft of the concept is ready to be shown to the Council at the workshop on August 12. Once the Council reviews the plan and (eventually) formally approve the concept, we can go to the next level of design.
- Last night's band, McKenna Faith, crushed it. They were super fun to listen to and watch. Their last performance was at the Gilroy Garlic Festival, so they were in need of the great vibes the audience was able to deliver.
- Our Franchise Agreement with Holy Cross Energy expires in April of 2020. As part of this renewal process, we are exploring ways they can potentially help us reach our community carbon reduction goal of 20% by 2020.
- Treasure Hunt; First one to find this new "Colorado C" wins!



CC: Department Directors