



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

HAPPY FRIDAY THE 13TH.

SUMMER NUMBERS

Sales tax returns continue to come in strong. There was a 10.1% increase in July over last year. This summer is tracking about 11% ahead of last summer. Year-to-date we are 15% ahead of last year. Suffice it to say, we will exceed our budget projections. Not only is sales tax up considerably, our lodging tax was up 6% in July. It is up 14% for the year. The occupancy rate for Snowmass Village set a new high water mark of 64.3%. And just to round out the good news, both RETT and the Excise Tax are will meet or exceed the budget projections.

TID BITS

- The new HVAC system in the Recreation Center is now cooling and heating
- The work on Coffey Place is moving forward. The required redesign to move the lift station, turn around area and parking is underway. Construction fence is going up around the lots. We are still hoping to get the required utility extension work completed for lots 1-3 this fall. We should know by next week if this work will be able to get underway. We continue to work to secure the required construction loan for the project. It appears that Alpine Bank will be providing this service to the Town.
- In addition to the sticks and bricks progress, we also continue to push some paper. We continue to review draft Housing regulations in house so that a solid draft will be ready for Council review next month.
- For our internal staff use, we adopted a revised purchasing policy
- The Colorado APA Conference will be in the Village September 18-20. Obviously, we will be increasing our police presence and patrols during that time and attempting to keep any potential mayhem at a minimum. Talk about cool kids, those Planners party!
- Speaking of a party, The Planning Commission approved a resolution on a 4-1 vote recommending approval of the Snowmass Center development to the Town Council. Once the proper public notices are given, the Council will begin its hearing process.

- On Monday, September 16 the Transit system will fall back to a fall schedule. Our drivers will take over the Brush Creek Park and Ride route as our local service will decrease until the winter season begins.
- We had a great employee appreciation lunch, pool side, on Thursday. While the skillset of the waiters and waitresses were somewhat rusty, their enthusiasm more than made up for the lack of (recent) experience. Believe it or not, the Yelp reviews have overall been pretty positive.
- Last week, the Balloon Glow, Cidermass, and Septemberfest all went well. Last night the Colorado Grand Car tour came through town and we still have two more weeks of events. The Rotary Wine Festival is this weekend and next weekend is the High School Mountain Bike Championship (bringing over 800 competitors and their families). As we continue to elicit feedback from different stakeholders regarding events, the variety of constructive input never ceases to amaze. Some events are loved by restaurants and retail stores and others are loved by hotels. Unfortunately, the love from these different groups doesn't always overlap for a single event. Hence, we continue to put on a wide variety of fun events FOR all of the different components of the community.
- The bridge crossing on East Snowmass Creek is currently under construction. In addition to Town Crews, yesterday we had 18 volunteers from the Basalt football team show up to help move the exceptionally heavy deck of the bridge. The bridge should be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- The Hawk Ridge Trail remains under construction as well.
- Speaking of trails, the Owl Creek (hard surface) trail project bids have come in. Frontier Paving will be getting this work completed before snow flies this year.
- The local Marijuana Licensing Authority is meeting on Tuesday October 29 at 4:00 to consider an application.
- I misspoke at Monday's Council meeting when I stated we haven't had any turnover (directly) due to pay. Of the voluntary terminations we've had since the beginning of 2017, we've had two employees specifically state that salary was part of their reason(s) for leaving the Town. This is a little less than 10% of the voluntary separations, but I wanted to clarify this after looking into the matter more.
- The Collective (AKA Building 6) is making a lot of progress. East West currently has approximately 18 artists working around the clock to design different components of the building. Below are some recent photos that show the art in progress:

CC: Department Directors



