



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: March 26, 2021
Re: Info Update

COVID STILL SUCKS.

In case you have been living under a rock lately, the State has moved Pitkin County to Orange Level restrictions on the COVID Dial. In order to return to yellow, we need to have both a yellow level incident count AND a yellow level positivity rate for 7 consecutive days. I think today is our first day back in that range of numbers. While our incident rate is up, it was interesting to learn that we are testing for the virus about 2 to 4 times as much as our neighboring counties. As an optimist, obviously increased testing is helping to “box in” the virus and help decrease its spread. As a pessimist, increased testing also contributes to finding cases, which drives up our incident rate. We are currently working with the State to help account for these testing rate inconsistencies between the counties. On April 16, we are still expecting the State to remove most of the restrictions it has put in place and devolve its authority to local counties to determine what, if any, restrictions should be put in place. In essence, the State will be providing guidance, but the regulations will need to come from a local level. While I am generally a proponent of local control, the State’s expected approach is likely going to create a mishmash of standards and regulation up and down our Valley, let alone from Summit County to Mesa County. We are monitoring the proposed changes very closely and trying to understand how these changes could effect the rest of the Winter season and, of course, our summer season. Stand by for details. Closer to home, our organization continues to be affected with staff in quarantine and other impacts. But that isn’t stopping us from thinking about what the new normal will look like. We are investigating all sorts of ideas about what work life will look like going forward.

NEW AND IMPROVED VILLAGESHUTTLE.COM

The 21st Century is upon us!! As proof, the Town launched a new and improved www.villageshuttle.com this week. In addition to a fresh new look, the website is designed with users on-the-go in mind. The site was created to be extremely compatible with mobile devices to make it easier for commuters, guests, and all residents to get on the Village Shuttle. The main objective is to get more people on the bus, but the new site also incorporates marketing features to make riding the shuttle as seamless as possible. We want to make riding the shuttle part of the Snowmass Village experience, rather than just a form of transportation.

The new site launched just before the end of the ski season so we can get feedback during the peak Village Shuttle rider season. Feedback and edits will be made during the off-season before the site goes into "summer mode." The Town welcomes any and all feedback on the new site. If you have comments, please let Travis or me know.

WILDFIRE PLANNING UNDERWAY

The Town's partnership with the SHOA and Fire District for wildfire mitigation will continue in 2021. We held a preliminary meeting with the Fire District last week to begin planning mitigation projects for the upcoming spring / summer. There were several great projects identified that will help improve the safety of the Village; one area will likely be starting with the area behind Town Hall. This is tentatively scheduled for late April / early May, depending on the availability of the state's SWIFT crews. They will aim to remove patches of the brush adjacent to the building to create a buffer around the perimeter of the building— especially near the new 800 mhz radio tower. Stay tuned for details.

TID BITS

- Save the Date: the Annual Town Clean Up Day is going to return in 2021, and it will be held Friday, May 21st. Details will be forthcoming.
- We received our executed contract this week from DOLA for the \$345,000 grant we received for the fiber broadband project. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.
- Public Works has multiple projects out to bid on the Town's website.
- Applications for Planning Commission are due March 31st
- Knud from the Westin needed to resign from his (newly appointed) board position so applications for the Marketing, Group Sales, and Special Events Advisory Board are also being accepted and are due April 9th.
- We recently updated our CORA Open Records Request policy and online form to make sure we are consistently providing open records in a timely and legal manner.
- Parking in the Village Lots will be free during the bonus ski week, and the Village Shuttle will be extending service to transport skier that are here for the extra turns.
- We are still recruiting for several summer seasonal, part-time, and full-time positions. Details and applications can be found at tosv.com.
- Nearly 100 people registered for the online Tourism Talk on Thursday, where the Tourism staff were able to provide updates on lodging, events, and upcoming summer marketing plans. As part of that presentation, Tourism announced the initial slate of summer events and activations. As the COVID restrictions and requirements for special events continue to evolve, we will continue to evaluate the calendar.
- The lottery for another Daly Townhome was held today. There were eight qualified Snowmass Village applicants.
- CORE has issued an RFP, on our behalf, to conduct the update to our 2020 carbon emission inventory.
- CAST and NWCCOG are still soliciting responses for their Mountain Migration Survey. Responses from part-time residents in Pitkin County are lagging, so PTRAB sent out an email to their PT resident email list this week. Responses are due March 31st.
- Pitkin County is in Orange COVID-19 Restriction Levels, but 5-star businesses can operate in Yellow. This includes the Rec Center.
- Microgen and Roaring Fork Neurology has informed us that their contract with CDPHE was extended through June. This means the COVID testing location at Town Hall will remain in place through at least June.
- Town Ski Day is next Friday! ATCKWBT

- We are working to get another electric bus demonstration here in the Village in April so we can better understand how well they can operate in our unique conditions.
- As we plan our overlay projects for the summer, we are being sure to coordinate with the Water and Sanitation District to make sure our respective CIPs are in line with each other.
- We have extended permission to Ski Co to keep their temporary tents up on the Mountain up for one more year.
- Coffey Place continues to make progress. We are anticipating the first round of closing in the middle of April. Shocking News!..... managing 15 closing at one time is a lot of work.

CC: Department Heads