



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: April 9, 2021
Re: Info Update

MONDAY'S COUNCIL MEETING

Don't forget, Monday's Work Session will begin with a site tour of the new Coffey Place homes. Please plan to meet on site. Park your car in one of the driveways of the new homes in the northeast corner of the development (homes 9-12). We are planning to walk in each of the different styles of homes. I would recommend you wear shoes that are easy to put on and slip off—please no dirty shoes in the homes.

YEP, COVID IS STILL WITH US

It was announced yesterday afternoon that we will be returning to yellow level restrictions on the COVID dial tomorrow. That is great news that will hopefully help with a strong end to the season. With ski season and the State's COVID dial requirements both coming to an end, we are working with other mountain communities to align our future safety regulations so that someone traveling between counties can have a reasonable idea of what to expect. This past week, Public Health Directors from a number of Rural Resort Counties met to discuss strategy for unwinding the State's Public Health Order requirements in a coordinated way. The conversation remained at a high level, but some general direction did emerge. With the State transferring responsibility for COVID restrictions back to Local Public Health Agencies on April 17, these concepts are being considered as areas of general agreement among the most counties:

- Current dial restrictions should remain in place through May 27th (ish). We anticipate that a combination of off-season activity lull and increased vaccination rates will significantly reduce incidence rates for rural resort communities going into the summer season.
- After May 27th we anticipate moving away from dial capacity restrictions, but will continue to require a common set of protective measures which may include indoor mask requirements, social distancing (6' spacing between households) and event safety plans that demonstrate how protective measures will be ensured for larger special events. Of course, there are no guarantees yet, but these conversations should help with some of our summer planning.

(As a quick follow up to the Monday's mask discussion, at this time, there is no expiration to the County's Public Health Order, which includes the Pitkin mask mandate.)

SPEAKING OF SUMMER PLANNING

With the State's upcoming changes to the COVID dial and the very likely loosening of restrictions/ regulations for outdoor events, we are working to gather information and make a decision regarding the Fanny Hill concert stage. A month or so ago (aka an eternity in COVID regulation times), we thought the best approach might be to forgo the stage and uphold our

Thursday night music tradition through different, smaller efforts. But as the future regulations become a bit more clear, we are again considering putting the stage up for summer events. Of course, safety planning and execution will be paramount if the stage goes up. Knowing that our traditional music season would start on June 10th ish, we need to be making the stage decision in the near future.

TID BITS:

- I am going to be on vacation at the end of next week going on a college tour with Emily. Travis will be in charge of the place.
- The Snowmass Village Public Education Fund Committee met this week to review a request from the School District. The Committee unanimously voted to support the requested use of funds.
- We saw this coming, nevertheless, it still wasn't fun to learn that February sales tax revenue was down 31%, putting us at 37.8% down for the year so far. The winter season is down 27%. Lodging tax revenue was down 43% for February and remains 50% down year to date.
- Bids for the Top of the Village boilers project came in within the revised budget amount. While we are still reviewing final details, but the apparent low bid came in at \$1.6 million.
- The GID will be making some improvements and maintenance to the Skittles this upcoming off-season. As part of this discussion with Ski Co, they offered to help monitor the use of the bikes on the Skittles this summer. Finally, as part of this discussion, we continued to reiterate the need to replace the gondola with something that would better meet the needs of the community.
- Base Village decided to pull the plug on the rink for the season. I understand their goal is to have the plaza converted to turf by this weekend.
- Speaking of melting, we are clearing paved trails, taking down our ice rink, and had to stop the ACES tour on the Nature Trail. But never fear, you can still get a s'more and listen to live music.
- Texas is messing with us..... the freeze they experienced last month is messing with a couple of our supply chains. We have had to push the pool resurfacing project to the Fall because parts from Texas aren't available. Street paint is another product that has been limited due to the freeze. The street painting schedule has had to be pushed back as well.
- As part of our educational campaign to be nice while using our trails, we are once again giving away free bike bells with safety messages.
- The Plexiplanter giveaway is underway. There is more demand than supply, so we are working on good ways to distribute them.
- We-Cycle is considering adding a couple of electric bikes to the system that serves TOSV.
- We submitted a grant this week that could help off-set the cost of future electric buses.
- On that note, we hope to have another electric bus demonstration here in the Village this upcoming week.
- Don't forget, during the last week of the season, parking in the numbered lots will be free.
- The elk need a place to rest. The Burnt Mountain closures are coming up.
- We are scheduling closings for Coffey Place homes. The first TCOs have been issued.
- The Mountainview remodel planning remains underway.

- The Planning Commission is still undertaking their State of the Comprehensive Plan review.
- Some upcoming projects coming through Community Development include a new sketch plan review of Deerbrook, a final review the Enclave expansion, and the Sam's Knob facilities improvements.
- We have an RFP out for a contractor to help design, price and (eventually) construct the Regional Mall Transit Center.
- New appointments to the Board of Health are expected on April 28th.
- At the groundbreaking this week, it was announced that Electric Pass Lodge has 21 of their units under contract.
- Staff is trying to pay attention to the proposed transportation funding proposal expected to be introduced in the State Legislature in the next couple of weeks. The proposal is expected to raise \$4 billion to address Statewide needs. At this point, CML is supporting the proposal.
- Through the generosity of many, the save Snowmass Restaurant Campaign was a huge success. The campaign raised just under \$49,000 and was able to help 17 different independently owned restaurants. A letter from the Community Foundation that coordinated the effort is attached.

CC: Department Directors