



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: April 30, 2021
Re: Info Update

NORMALISH

Yes, COVID is **still with us**; but our incident rates have leveled off into the Blue level numbers on the COVID Dial and as of today, about 62% of Pitkin County residents are vaccinated. The Town's ordinance requiring masks to be worn outdoors at the Center, Mall, and Base Village is in effect through June 7. The Board of Health is planning to meet on May 13. At that meeting, it is expected that the Health Department Staff will recommend that all Public Health Order regulations, except for **indoor** mask wearing, be changed to guidance (hence not mandatory). We continue to work with the Health Department to develop safety plans for our summer events such as Fanny Hill concerts. We are expecting a normalish summer occupancy with September likely being the busiest month. The commercial flight schedule is looking very strong. As part of our return to normalish, we have implemented a return to the office policy for Town offices. While most of our staff have been working safely in person for many months, we are working to get back to a routine. At the Recreation Center we are changing our reservation process by adding a bit of flexibility for users to make reservations and go between different parts of the Center. That stated, lockers and showers are still closed for now and specific reservations are still needed for fitness classes and lap swimming. Normalish (and that is a relative word around here), is looking closer than it has in a long time.

GRANT AND REIMBURSEMENT DOLLARS

As I am sure you have read in the papers, there are a lot of different funding programs being introduced by the State and Feds and some existing programs that are benefiting from increased funding levels. While not finalized by the State Transportation Commission yet, we continue to be optimistic about a \$4.5 million grant that will help construct the Regional Transit Center at the Snowmass Mall. In addition, we continue to work with State and local partners to receive reimbursement for several hundred thousand dollars of COVID related direct expenses. Going forward, the State is working to develop/coordinate a regional effort to tap into Federal stimulus money. The Roaring Fork Valley and Colorado River Valley are applying to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for a technical assistance grant. These grant funds will provide "technical assistance" to facilitate a community discussion to help identify regional priorities. Once identified, these regional priorities will likely be eligible to receive further federal funding to achieve regional goals. If this sounds exceptionally bureaucratic and process oriented; it is. That stated, if we want to eventually be eligible to use Federal Stimulus Funds, we need to be very willing to play ball with their rules. Batter Up! We are on deck to participate with all our local partners to identify needs ranging from housing, transportation, early learning/child care, and mental health care.

SPEAKING OF EARLY LEARNING/ CHILD CARE

The Town of Snowmass Village, in partnership with the Little Red School House, Kids First, and the City of Aspen, is gathering data to help determine what services families need around childcare in the community. Please take a few minutes to complete our childcare survey by following the link below:

[ECE Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TOSVECE1) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TOSVECE1>

Once you have completed the survey, please be sure to pass the link on to others that have needs of which we should be aware.

A WORD FROM THE STATE AUDITOR

Attached is a letter from the State Auditor that lets the Town know if they see something in our Financial Statement that we should address. As you will see, there are two items listed:

- 1) Positive unassigned fund balance in funds other than the General Fund. In English, the CIP and Debt Service Funds showed unassigned balances...we will change these to assigned balances in the 2020 audit.
- 2) Disclose gross amount of Capital Assets acquired by Capital Leases. In English, this is the Carriageway Lease. We will footnote that the Carriageway Lease was used to acquire the Carriageway property in the 2020 audit.

Please let Marianne or me know if you have any questions.

MOVE THAT BUS

After a month-long delay (due to an accident in the previous community) we will have a trial eBus demonstration here in the Village next week. During our test drive, we be able to put this bus on route to see how it performs.

TID BITS

- Welcome to Sara Nester, a great addition to our Community Development Department. With Building 12, Electric Pass Lodge, the Westin, the Enclave, and other projects in the process, she will get to jump right into the deep end of the pool.
- We are working with the County to determine where our marijuana and tobacco tax dollars can be best invested to help meet needed mental health services.
- We are in the process for applying for the coveted Tree City USA designation.....yes, I know we are a town, but.....
- SAAB has scheduled meetings in May to check out and select the pieces for this summer's proposed art walk and another meeting to understand where the Beckerman and Ice Cube sculptures will be installed.
- We are in the hiring process for the Recreation Center Manager and Parks and Trails Manager.
- Try to contain yourselves here.....pickle ball nets (and tennis nets) are going up this weekend.

- We are continuing to close on homes in Coffey Place. Besides a snafu with Comcast connections, things are going well.
- We did not receive any bids for the Daly Townhome wall repair project. We are working on plan B.
- We learned this week through a mass e-mail and an article in the paper that Roaring Fork Cycling decided to end its 4-year partnership with the Town to provide bike riding lessons to kids. It's our understanding that they are now partnering with Ski Co to provide this service to community youth. Our multiple calls to Roaring Fork Cycling have not been returned so we don't have any more information than what we have read in the paper.

CC: Department Directors