



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: May 7, 2021
Re: Info Update

BY THE NUMBERS

March sales tax revenues are in. Not surprisingly March 2021 crushed last March; receipts were up 69.5% over last year. Year to date, we are still pacing 15% behind last year, but we are expecting a strong April and summer to at least get us back to even. While revenues in almost all sectors are up, it is good to see the e-commerce revenues continue to increase as well. Tobacco and marijuana tax revenue is up 9% and RETT continues to go gang busters. Lodging tax was up 75% for March but remains down 27% year to date. Overall, we are feeling good with our budget predictions and believe these numbers are on course to meet our budget forecasts.

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- Transit is in our off-season schedule. To date, capacity has not been too much of an issue for our buses to make the run to the Brush Creek Park and Ride. No matter the capacity, the Federal Government extended the requirements to wear masks while on the bus through September 13.
- Speaking of Transit, responses from contractors to “bid” the construction of the Regional Transit Center are due today. We will review their offers and interview contractors later this month.
- The Planning Commission is continuing to review the Comprehensive Plan and develop its report on the “State of the Plan” to the Council. They are taking their time with this review and are being very thorough. No timeline has been set yet for its completion, but the Council should expect a report later this summer reviewing goals, policies, next steps, etc.
- The Tourism Department has been developing a new art walk event for this summer. Town Staff is working with the SAAB to review the pieces (ranging from murals to sculptures) to ensure the art meets appropriate standards. With any luck this will be the beginning of a great, long-term art walk concept for the Village.
- Tolen was the lowest and best bid for the Carriage Way boiler project at the Top of the Village. Work will begin soon.
- We continue to close on homes at Coffey Place. People are happy. The Comcast issue has not been resolved for everyone, but we continue to work on it.
- Because we did not receive any bids for the Daly Townhome retaining wall project, we are now out recruiting contractors.
- Parks, Recreation and Trails is in the process of hiring a new Recreation Center Manager and a new Parks and Trails Manager.

- If you or anyone you know is looking for a summer job in Snowmass Village this summer, I would suggest they attend the job fair on **Thursday, June 3rd** from 2- 7pm at the Base Village Conference Center. TOSV is hosting the Job Fair so Snowmass Village employers can meet and interview prospective full-time, part-time, seasonal, fill-in and temporary or on-call workers for the upcoming season. Feel free to pass the word on to any kid looking for part time work.....
- Town Clean Up Day is Friday May 21
- While we hope we never have to use it, the Police Department is developing an updated continuity of operations plan that we will be able to utilize during our next natural disaster / pandemic. Our existing plan worked well this last year, but is in need of an update.
- The EAB continues to work with CORE on our Carbon Inventory Report, but full emission data isn't expected for another 5-6 months.
- Speaking of going green, effective Monday, May 10 Pitkin County will move to **Level Green allowances on CDPHE Dial 3.0**. The move to Level Green comes after six consecutive days of case counts below six cases per day and decreasing positivity rates. Most significantly, moving from Level Blue to Level Green will mean any business, activity or gathering may operate without any capacity limits other than those resulting from 6 feet distancing.
- In addition to this good news, we had a good meeting with Public Health to determine how best to review special events through the summer. We think we have a good plan and process in place.
- We have a one bedroom Creekside unit for sale. Applications are still being accepted.
- We are continuing to work with our partners up and down the valley to take a regional approach to receive any federal stimulus dollars that might be available to us. The attached letter is a first or second step in the effort.
- After monitoring by fire professionals earlier today, the Forest Service believes that conditions will allow for successful prescribed fire operations at Collins Creek (near Woody Creek) today Friday May 7. The prescribed burn could entail burning up to 1500 acres, but will more likely be between 700 and 1200 acres. The target vegetation is the mountain shrub community (oak brush etc.) and aspen. The prescribed burn operations will decrease fuel loading in the area and improve habitat for deer and elk. Today's wind is expected to help disperse any smoke plume.

CC: Department Directors