



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Travis Elliott, Assistant Town Manager
Date: August 13, 2021
Re: Info Update

COVID-19

The Board of Health voted yesterday to update the standing Public Health Order and require masks be worn indoors at schools and in childcare settings beginning August 18th. Public Health confirmed today that this will apply to our Kids Camps at the Recreation Center and youth programs. We are prepared and will implement these rules accordingly.

CANYON CLOSURE

The state is hopeful I70 in the Glenwood Canyon will partially reopen on Saturday with two lanes of traffic – one westbound, one eastbound. However, the timeline for a full reopening and the impacts of the closure are still mostly unknown. In the meantime, we are continuing to work with lodges to clarify that local traffic, including guests arriving in or departing from Snowmass Village, are authorized to use Independence Pass / Highway 82. We have also set up a “project code” to track any Town expenses incurred from the closure, which may be eligible for reimbursement under the State’s emergency declaration.

NOT THEIR FIRST RODEO

We are continuing to work with SWHA on their preferred rodeo arena size, layout, and design to include in the Town Park Master Plan. They recently informed us that the latest design, with a 120’ wide arena, will not work for their operations. The experts at Preifert are re-working the design accordingly to review the alternative options, and the update to the Town Council has been postponed to a later date. It is not on the agenda for Monday, August 16th.

COFFEY PLACE UPDATES

RA Nelson’s team has been in the neighborhood over the past days to assess and repair the damage caused by the monsoonal rains and associated flash flooding from a couple of weeks ago, as well as address final site work to close out the construction phase of the project. We have verified that the site work was built according to the drainage plan designed by our civil engineer, who was on site yesterday to review everything.

Erosion control mats and baffles have been installed around lots 1A, 10, 11 and 12, as well as along the backside of the hill behind 10-12. These will remain throughout the fall and winter and into the spring to provide both erosion control and additional soil support while the native grasses take root. RA Nelson is also deepening the drainage swale behind 10-12 to direct some of the runoff to the detention pond, which will lessen the amount of water draining to the front of the properties. The retaining walls behind the duplexes are working as designed – taking the water

that comes down the hill and discharging it to the drains below. The swale alongside Lot 2B will be modified slightly to avoid draining onto the adjacent property. The detention ponds behind Lot 6 and Lot 12 are also working properly and handling the normal site run-off and protecting the sensitive adjacent wetland. All areas where topsoils and seed drained away are being restored, damaged garden beds and sod are being cleaned up and mulch is being replaced as much as possible.

From everything we have read and heard, this will not be a frequent occurrence. The storm from two weeks ago was highly unusual and happened so soon after the landscaping was complete, it allowed little to no time for some of the seeded areas to take root and help with the erosion control against rainwater. With the restoration of the landscaping and the extra erosion control measures now installed, we believe the issues will be mitigated until these areas are fully established.

TID BITS

- PTRAB is hosting their annual Summer Meeting at the Collective on Tuesday, August 17th. Mayor Pro-Tem Alyssa Shenk will be delivering the “state of the village.”
- The annual Get the Scoop with Town Council and Community Photo on Fanny Hill is set for this coming Thursday on August 19th. Council members and their loved ones will be invited on stage for the photo. Please find Rose at skier’s left of the stage during intermission.
- We are planning to participate in a regional “roadmap to recovery” effort that is being spearheaded by DOLA with Pitkin and Eagle Counties. The goal of this group is to evaluate regional efforts to increase our economic and workforce resiliency, in light of the pandemic and recent natural disasters / events. The effort is scheduled to begin in early September.
- The Recreation Center is still busy. The children’s summer camps continue until August 24th.
- Save the date: the Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for September 30th.
- The Town’s broadband project and fiber optic installation project is progressing well. With any luck, installation will begin the week of September 20th.
- We have started receiving the various components and materials for the Lower Kearns PRV micro hydro project. Installation is planned for this fall.
- The Town is hosting a regional course of “Our Community Listens” (OCL). The course will continue for the next couple of weeks.
- Upon approval of the winter parking plan by the Town Council, we are hoping to begin parking permit sales on September 1st.
- Departmental budget meetings commence next week. Rumor has it that Clint can’t wait to return and start making cuts.
- The upgraded and more efficient boilers for Snowmelt Road at the Top of the Village have been delivered and are being installed.
- The Marketing, Group Sales, and Special Events Advisory Board plans to begin collecting feedback and discussing the topic of Tourism and our marketing efforts this week. They will bring feedback to the 9/13 Town Council meeting.

- The foundation for the Ice Cubes sculpture at TPS has been poured and is ready for art.
- We have finalized the scope of work for the early childcare needs assessment with the Little Red Board of Directors. We hope to issue a formal RFP next week.
- Don't blink or you might miss the rest of summer. There are only two free concerts on Fanny Hill left to attend, and only one more rodeo. However, many more events and activity will be finishing the summer strong. Occupancy looks strong through September.
- Due to holidays, there is a big gap between Council meetings after Monday, 8/16. The next Town Council meeting will be Monday, 9/13. The Town Council's new virtual meeting policy will take effect at this meeting, and we will be switching to the Microsoft Teams platform. Virtual attendance will be "by invitation only." Details to follow.

CC: Department Directors