



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: July 23, 2021
Re: Info Update

SHOCKING NEWS

The Village is busy. Despite Aspen Ideas Festival being largely virtual and The Food & Wine Classic moving to September and other events moving later in the Fall, both Aspen and the Village saw occupancies on par with years prior to the pandemic. Combined, the municipalities finished June at 58% occupancy, ahead of 2019's 56% and 19% in 2020. Aspen's occupancy came in at 64% an increase of 3% over 2019. Snowmass Village finished June with 47% occupancy, which was a slight decrease of 2% from 2019.

SPEAKING OF BUSY

The Council's discussion on Monday about the impacts of the summer season on the community made the Denver Post this morning. Here is the link; <https://denverpost-co-app.newsmemory.com/?publink=1229e581b> I know Councilor Shenk is working to line up a presentation on the CAST/NWCOG migration report, but if there are other issues the Council would like to line up for further discussion, let me know.

TID BITS

- The Planning Commission continued its review of the Comprehensive Plan. They are now hoping to finalize their comments on August 18. They will also continue their review of the Housing Master Plan on that date.
- Play Ball! Triple Crown Baseball is here and contributing to our high occupancy
- We are continuing with the Mall Transit Station design. We met with the owners of the Mall to discuss their access points and to ensure the building is adjusted and lined up with the primary Mall access point while simultaneously addressing its secondary access point. They were happy we were considering both locations in our analysis. We think we have found the correct sweet spot to facilitate the pedestrian movements.
- The State grant that is helping to fund the Mall Transit Station project is requiring a number of studies and additional analysis to help determine how the proposed project would affect historic properties like the Pokolodi (that's not a joke). We will likely need to hire an outside firm to help complete this analysis. And yes, this extra work is worth it. After all, it is a \$4.5 million grant.
- Housing is hoping to throw a tenant appreciation party on September 10. Of course, all the cool kids will be there.
- The Snowmass 50 Bike Race is tomorrow. It is one of the limited races we allow on Town Trails.

- “Get the Scoop” with the Town Council is tentatively scheduled for August 19 during a Thursday night concert. The details are being developed, but we are planning to focus more on providing an opportunity for high quality Council outreach rather than simply passing out free ice cream.
- This morning a commercial truck snagged a banner on the Wood Bridge and pulled the entire system down. So, for now, Town Staff mounted the banners on the railing of the bridge itself until we come up with a repair plan.

ASE June Results:

- Completion %: 98.4% this June which is comparable to the 98.1% completed last June.
- Total Actual Flown Seats in & out: A six-fold increase over last June; up +27.7% over June 2019.
- Total passengers flown: 45,237 arriving and departing pax, a 5-fold increase over last June, but a -8.8% decrease from June 2019 and just 1% shy of June 2018 levels.
- Overall June Load Factor: 51.5% this year versus 59.3% last year and 72.0% in June 2019.

CC: Department Directors