



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: October 22, 2021
Re: Info Update

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- It's off-season, hunting season, budget season, biking season, and get ready for winter season.
- Speaking of hunting, the coyotes are hungry. We have had at least four small dogs killed by coyotes in recent weeks. All of the dogs were unattended and/or off leash. We have had other reports of aggressive coyotes on the ski area. As it has been explained to me, coyotes are at their peak population, which means their food source is at a low, which means watch your small animals.
- We are preparing the budget for its expected adoption at the November 1 Council meeting.
- The Finance Advisory Board Reviewed the 2020 Audit last week. We laughed, we cried, we felt every range of human emotion as the Auditors gave the Town a clean review. We did receive one "ding" in the report. It turns out when we receive enough dollars from the federal government (like we did from COVID funding), there is a requirement to ensure that any vendors we paid (more than \$25K) with those funds are not on a federal list of disbarred vendors. It is a procedure we have never had to do before, and one that we missed. The good news is that we didn't use any disbarred vendors, the bad news is that we didn't have a procedure in place to ensure that didn't happen. That is now rectified. The FAB is finalizing their comments on the Audit report to provide to the Council, likely next week. The bottom line is that the review went well, it was a clean audit, and we need to implement one new procedure in order to spend federal dollars. Once the FAB report is complete, I will forward it on to the Council.
- With last year's change in state law dictating how on-line sales taxes are collected, we have had a number of companies come to the Town voluntarily, to catch up on back tax they owe. In order to keep everyone on a level playing field, we have developed a new Voluntary Disclosure Agreement (VDA) for business to do the right thing and pay the sales taxes they owe. To date, we have had less than a half dozen businesses use the VDA process, but we are predicting more use as time goes on.
- Lot 12 is calling. Resident parking permits are on sale now.
- We are hiring for facility maintenance folks in Transit, bus drivers, a plow driver, a police officer and a parking enforcement officer among other positions.
- The electrical upgrades at the Snowmass Inn are scheduled to begin next week.
- Speaking of Housing, the demand for workforce housing continues to increase. We are receiving more calls than ever looking for options.
- The POSTR Board met with representatives from the Rodeo again this past Wednesday. The meeting went well and there was a high level of confidence that the design issues the

Rodeo Board brought to our attention could be worked out. We are also continuing to work through their lease renewal (their current lease ended at the end of the summer).

- The tennis and pickle ball nets are coming down and the ice rink is starting to go up.
- As a follow up to the electric vehicle charging station question asked during the CIP review on Monday, we are also planning to install a station in Lot 10 to serve employees and those staying in lodges on Upper Carriage Way.
- Party On Wayne!!! The holiday party will be at the Vice Roy on Friday December 3. Be sure to RSVP.
- **BREAKING NEWS:** Sawyer Edward Szdlowski joined the world about 2 am this morning. Everyone is short on sleep, but otherwise doing well.

CC: Department Directors