



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: October 1, 2021
Re: Info Update

THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND

Our very own David Peckler was bestowed the hard earned and well-deserved Transit Professional of the Year by the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA). This statewide honor recognizes the contributions of individuals in Colorado who have made notable contributions to transit. The Transit Professional of the Year award is the most competitive of the annual awards. With a pioneering career with Snowmass Transportation, he was one of the original staff members when the Village Shuttle started in 1979, we all know of David's hard work and tremendous results. It is super gratifying to learn that not only do we appreciate all of his accomplishments, but the rest of the State also appreciates all that he has done for Transit throughout Colorado. A huge congratulations to him.

SPEAKING OF LEGENDS

Our very own Snomasokist, Johnny Boyd, has decided to hang up his proverbial keys to the bus system and retire from the Town. Never one to be shy with his thoughts, which were mostly right-on, attentive, and helpful, he set a high bar for the Village Shuttle and has been a decades long contributor to its success. His bold ways, honest thoughts, quick wit, and rugged good looks will be missed. His last day is next week.

NO FARE

TOSV, Aspen and Pitkin County Staffs put together a very unified position to strongly encourage RFTA Staff to recommend to their Board that RFTA start to pick up 100% of the cost (essentially loss of fare revenue.) for our local no fare service. To RFTA's credit, they had crunched the numbers in a similar manner as the EOTC Staff had so we all got to the conclusion together pretty easily. Fundamentally, because of the way sales tax is now collected by the State, the EOTC was paying RFTA considerably more because of the way we share revenues. RFTA understood and agreed with the "windfall" in sales tax collection and agreed to use this additional revenue to offset the cost (revenue loss) that was previously covered with Use Tax. While nothing is in stone yet, assuming there is a positive response from the RFTA Board on Oct 14, we should expect that work will begin shortly thereafter on a written agreement between RFTA and the three EOTC jurisdictions to spell out the terms of this assumption of cost. This agreement would be to insure that RFTA continues to cover the cost of the No-Fare service into the future.

TID BITS

- We still haven't received confirmations that anyone from the Rodeo Board can attend the October 11 Work Session as requested by the Council.
- The Rodeo's three year lease to use the Town own facility ended at the end of the 2021 Season. We are currently working to update a new lease with updated requirements such

as meeting special event standards. We are also considering increasing their current lease rate by 500%..... all the way to \$5 per year.

- The Town is hiring bus drivers, a police officer and a snowplow driver amongst other positions. Feel free to let good people know.
- We are continuing to work through the grant application process for the Mall Transit station.
- The work at the Recreation Center pools is now complete. The water is fine, jump on in cannonball style!
- We expect plans for Building 12 in Base Village to be submitted soon.
- The Planning Commission approved an expansion to parking for Sonnenblick, subject to conditions.
- The fiber optic cable installation project has started. 21st Century, here we come.
- We continue to investigate the bad smell emanating from Brush Creek near Base Village. Our experts continue to suspect that an anaerobic condition has been created due to nutrient loading into the storm sewer. The anaerobic discharge is causing the septic odor people are complaining about.
- We have officially taken over the operations of the Snowmass Inn
- The Architect and contractor of the Mountain View freshen up project continue to develop that will modernize the look and harden the structures for fire resistance and maintenance
- Aspen Sojourner is writing a story on the Coffey Place project.
- The Oak Ridge Drive paving project was completed this week. There was a lot of neighborhood input into the project.
- Painting of the Little Red School House, should be done by next week. I haven't been by to see it, but I understand we didn't change the color scheme. 😊
- We received two great responses from expert firms that help assess the feasibility of expanding early childhood education opportunities.
- Winter is coming. Our advertising campaigns have begun.
- While winter is coming, bike riding season is still here. Check out the new bike fix it station that was installed this week by the Recreation Center.
- The construction firm, MW Golden has been hired to perform construction management for the Town Park project. They will be working hand in hand with our Connect One Design Team.
- Deerbrook is starting their review in front of the Planning Commission on October 20.
- The SWSD, Town, and Mueller Construction are hosting a pre-construction meeting next week for the micro-hydro project. Installation is expected to commence in the next couple of weeks.

CC: Department Director