



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: December 3, 2021
Re: Info Update

LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

We are continuing to work with the team from Brodsky Research and Development to explore how best to increase and improve the early childhood learning opportunities here in the Village. As this analysis continues, the Board from Little Red School House (LRSB) has let us know that they will be changing how they provide their service to their current clientele. As a non-profit organization, they currently have an Executive Director (and staff) who takes care of the day to day operations of the school. LRSB Board has let us know that the Executive Director will be leaving in the near future. The Board has told the parents and the Town that it has decided to work with Wood Creek Kids Early Learning Center to begin providing the service at Little Red. In our limited research, Wood Creek Kids has a good local reputation and has (or can have) all of the required licenses and state approvals to operate at the Little Red School. In our discussions with both Wood Creek Kids and the LRSB Board, we have made it clear that the Town's goal is to ensure this critical service continues to be provided here in the Village. Assuming that LRSB Board and Wood Creek Kids continue forward, we will likely need to update our lease for the facility. We will plan a simple 1-year lease for 2022 in order to help ensure continued service to the families that use Little Red and to provide time for the Town to work with Wood Creek Kids to evaluate how best to continue to provide service. Obviously, there are a number of details that need to be worked through.

HERE COMES WINTER!

Off season is over. Put on your seat belts and get ready for our tourist friends to come and visit our fair Village. All of our occupancy reports and projections continue to show that guests are on their way in numbers that will far exceed last year and likely be amongst our busiest ever. Next week we will have two large groups (1,500+ people) coming to enjoy the slopes and the apres scene. To help host, serve, and accommodate all of these guests, the Tourism Department hosted a village-wide job fair on Wednesday drawing about 20 employers and 80+ job seekers. Businesses were super appreciative and many were able to hire folks right on the spot. As the guest continue to come, we have gone to our winter levels of service; of course, one of the best parts of winter level of service is the return of S'mores.

TID BITS

- We continue to make progress on the design of the Mountain View apartments remodel project. We expect construction to get underway next year. Attached for your review are the proposed color schemes we plan to use.
- COVID Testing is back at Town Hall. Individuals must sign up at least 10 minutes in advance at www.rfvcovidtest.com in order to receive the free tests.

- The Town continues to have a number of positions open in a variety of departments. We are doing our best to fill all of the positions from Transit Drivers, to Life Guards, to Town Clerk, to Street Superintendent to Ice Rink attendance. We are being as creative as we can to keep recruiting high quality talent. We are planning on some service reductions, but with any luck, the vast majority of the public will not notice them.
- There is no room at the Inn. The Snowmass Inn is full.
- We continue to complete punch list items at Coffey Place such as a detention pond improvement.
- The WE-cycle season has come to a close. Compared to all WE-cycle stations including the Mid-Valley and Aspen, both Snowmass Stations rank about 15th and 16th out of 50, for frequency of use which is pretty good for such a small system. A few stations with similar amounts of ridership are Gondola Plaza and Truscott, both in the Aspen system. WE-cycle will return next year.
- We have submitted the \$13 million grant for the Mall Transit Station. Obviously, 13 mil is bit more than just chump change, so keep your fingers (and toes) crossed.
- Also not chump change, we have submitted a \$300K Great Outdoors Colorado grant to help offset cost for the Town Park project.
- The Black Friday membership sale for the Recreation Center was a success with 80+ new passes sold.
- Construction at the Viewline (the Westin) remains underway. While the work was slated to be done in November, we remain hopeful that the rooms will become available during the winter rush.
- Fiber—it's not just for breakfast anymore—We are planning for the in-town loop of fiber optic cable connecting Public Works, the Recreation Center and Town Hall to be completed by the end of the year.
- The micro hydro project is still under construction.
- The Daly Townhome retention wall project is still under construction. We expect the wall to be stabilized with soil nails by the end of the month. The remaining dirt work will occur in the Spring.
- We are starting to wrap trees in and around Town Park with a steel mesh in an attempt to keep the Beavers from taking down any more big ones.
- Sky Mountain Park closed to humans on December 1
- The lease renewal process for our rental units is underway. This cycle we are verifying current employment more strictly than ever. While there are ways to retire in a unit that someone owns, in order to stay in rental units, the renters must be actively employed.
- The Base Village garage will begin charging for parking on Saturday.
- The Federal mask mandate for Transit service has been extended to March 18, 2022.
- The Red Bull Illume Action and Award Imagery Show starts this weekend. It is a series of very cool, large photos that are back lit and placed on Fanny Hill to view in the evening. Swing on by and take a peak (pun intended).

CC: Department Directors

