



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
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Re: Info Update

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- We're hiring; drivers, parking enforcement, police officer, and at the Rec Center.
- Congrats to Ms. Jamie Tannenbaum on her promotion to Lead Driver and to Mr. John Carlin to Foreman.
- The new and replacement ev charging stations at Lot 3 and the Town Park lot are up and running. The new location at Housing is close behind.
- Our grant application for the Mall Transit Center is submitted and in process.
- As part of our regional carbon footprint analysis, a vehicle miles traveled analysis is completed. A pat on the back goes to the community for Snowmass Village for having the most transit ridership use per capita.
- Town Park planning, design and pricing are still going on. We expect the rezoning and site review process to formally begin next month. We are continuing to have lease extension conversations with the Rodeo board and are working to better understand what they can contribute to the necessary upcoming capital improvements.
- Our new ad agency is undertaking community interviews as part of its research for our new and improved ad campaign slated to start the summer of 2022.
- Base Village Building 12 will be in front of Council on December 6
- Deerbrook Sketch Plan will be in front of the Planning Commission on November 17.
- We are closely tracking the progress being made at the Viewline (previously the Westin).
- We will once again be hosting a COVID testing site in the Town Hall parking lot this winter. We expect testing to begin soon after the Thanksgiving weekend.
- Town Staff is participating in the Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST) housing task force. The task force will be discussing potential statewide legislation; one piece of potential legislation may allow a variety of short term rentals regulations.
- The planning for the Mountain View remodel project continues forward.
- Shocking News! This year's Governor's Conference on Tourism had a tremendous focus on the (lack of) work force. It is a state-wide issue. Hopefully when the conference is here next year, we have a silver bullet solution identified.
- The Daly Townhomes retaining wall repair work started this week.
- The (now) annual Black Friday sale for memberships at the Recreation Center begins November 24.
- First coyotes, now beavers. We have about 10 Beavers in town wreaking havoc on trees up and down the Brush Creek wetlands. We are contacting wildlife experts to get expert advice on how we can best slow their habitat building habits.

- September sales tax revenue was up 31%, year to date revenue is up about 13%. Summer sales taxes (a combination of June, July, August and September) were up 51% over last summer. Lodging tax was up 41% in September and is up about 2.5% year to date. We expect this trend to continue as Winter bookings / occupancy is looking strong. They are at or above last year and historic averages.
- Our new residential composting program will begin about the first of the year. We are currently developing a communications plan so residents know about the new program and to provide some education on how to compost properly.
- The fiber optic cable installation project is underway. It looks as though the in-town loop, connecting Town facilities will be completed by early December. Unfortunately, because of the wildlife closure on the Brush Creek bike path and timing with Holy Cross it looks as though the final connection to Hwy 82 won't be completed until the spring of 2022. So, we should see some improvements at town facilities this year, but the big improvements will have to wait.

Fly Aspen Snowmass ASE October Results

- Even though flight capacity was down considerably from September, October turned out to be a remarkably strong month for ASE with record October passenger traffic and load factors.
- **Scheduled Flights:** 285 flights scheduled in and out, +20.8% more than the 245 scheduled last October, and +4% more than the 274 flights scheduled in October 2019.
- **Total Actual Flown Seats in & out:** Up +8.3% over last October; down -1.9% from October 2019.
- **Total passengers flown:** 29,490 arriving and departing pax, up +42.7% over last October; up +4.9% over the prior October record from 2019.
- **Overall October Load Factor:** 83.9% this year versus 63.6% last year and 78.4% in October 2019. This is also the strongest overall monthly load factor I could find for any month at ASE, pre or post pandemic.
- As a point of comparison, overall TSA throughput in the U.S. during the month of October was down -20.7% from 2019.

CC: Department Directors