



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



All Hail the Mardi Gras King & Queen

Fat Tuesday is March 1, get your party shoes on and get ready to have a great time with this year's King and Queen of Mardi Gras, our very own Dave & Barb Peckler. You may know these love birds as long time, loyal TOSV employees, but their 40 years in the Village is full of many more adventures than their current day jobs. From raft guides to Snow Bunnies, to literally singing with John Denver, these guys have made huge positive impacts throughout the community. Congrats! And Party On!

A SMOOTH TRANSITION OF POWER

I'm not sure if this King thing went to his head, but after 40+ years of high-quality public service to the Town, Mr. David Peckler has decided to officially hang up the keys and retire this Spring. More to come regarding his career, but for now, suffice it to say..... Holy Cow! Dave has helped with everything from comprehensive planning, to Village-wide safety and traffic improvements, to making the buses run on time. Not only is he respected in Town, but his state-wide efforts have recently earned him the additional recognition as the Transportation Professional of the year for Colorado. We have a few months to figure out how best to fill his crown/shoes. Luckily, all this power and glory didn't impact the Mardi Gras Queen in quite the same way, so we get to keep Barb's services for a bit longer.

SPEAKING OF TRAFFIC

Dig we must, for a better a better community. There are going to be several significant road projects affecting Village residents this upcoming Spring. The Aspen round about on Hwy 82 will be under construction starting in March with shoulder work. The conversion from asphalt to concrete is expected to be complete by the end of June. Then, later in the summer, there will be a milling and paving project on Hwy 82 from the AABC to the roundabout. Although details are still being developed, this project is expected to be mostly night work. And then to complete the Hwy 82 trifecta, work is expected on the Castle Creek bridge in September. CDOT is leading these project. Finally, and most importantly, the County will be overlaying Brush Creek Road from Hwy 82 to the Town limits between April 1 and June 15 this year. Brush Creek will remain open through this project.

TID BITS

- December sales tax revenue was up a whopping 44% over last year. Year to date, town sales tax was up 18.7%. Not to be outdone, the County sales tax was up 28% for the year. Marijuana and tobacco tax revenue was up about 7% over 2020 and lodging tax up 11.6% for the year. Finally, RETT ended up 21% over 2020's record year. For those of you keeping score at home, yes that means 2021 is the new record year.
- We had in-person interviews with the Assistant Town Manager candidate today. Cross your fingers.
- The Tourism Board met this week and held some initial discussions regarding short term rentals. The Board and members of the lodging community offered some of their insights into a proposed process that we will work to incorporate. The Board also started to review a few drafts of the proposed new logo and brand position. It is proving to be an evolution, not a revolution and is looking good.
- The View Line officially became a part of the Marriot family this week. I'm not sure if this is coincidental or not, but their General Manager, who was a member of our Tourism Board also transferred out of town this week. So eventually the Council will need to make a new "lodging" appointment to the Tourism Board. Per the code, a recommendation will be coming your way shortly.
- This summer is the 30th anniversary of the Fanny Hill Summer Concert Series. We are trying to pump some extra "love" into the concerts with some improvements to the facility and perhaps some upgrades to the bands.
- We are continuing to carry forward with our enforcement of Housing Regulations and the associated employment requirements. As with all of our enforcement matters, we are working to combine the necessary compliance with an empathetic approach.
- We have another two bedroom Creekside employee unit for sale in the lottery. I heard the outgoing owner was a real bureaucrat.
- One of our larger capital projects this summer is the exterior remodel of our Mountain View apartments. Because we are going to keep the properties occupied during the remodel work, this much needed project will be especially complex.
- Yep, we are only about halfway through the ski season, but the sign up for Summer programs begins in about 4 weeks.
- SHOCKING NEWS! We are still hiring for a lot of positions.
- Our annual traffic counts occur this weekend.
- The Snowmass Club made a presentation to the Planning Commission this week regarding their request to amend the Comprehensive Plan to allow for more housing development in the Club area. After reviewing the proposal and hearing the presentation, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to NOT support making an amendment to the Comp Plan at this time. So the request for an additional CPA that would have allowed for additional development around the Club was recommended for denial by the Planning Commission.
- Last year, the Council changed the municipal code to simplify the process for cell service carriers to improve their coverage in the area. We have received our first request to upgrade the existing antennae at Town Park.
- In recent years we have held an Après' with the Town Council type listening event near the end of the ski season. If you are up for another one this year, please let me know a few dates you think might work and we can start pulling the details together.

CC: Department Directors