



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

LET'S READ

The County is continuing its early planning to consider consolidating library services to one location in Snowmass Village. The Pitkin County Library is working with the Town to consider the possibility. The library would like to hear from the Village community. The library will be hosting public outreach sessions in the Town Council Chambers on Thursday, April 21 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm and on Friday, April 22 from noon to 1:30 pm. The sessions will focus on current trends that are driving changes in libraries. Everyone is invited and those cool kids attending will help the library develop a plan for programs and services. They will be asked to contribute to a vision that will combine a mix of library services in one new, convenient location. The main question posed will be, “What do you want the Snowmass Village library ‘station’ to be?”

DOING OUR PART TO SAVE THE WORLD

Looking to the future and trying to save the world, we have requested grant dollars (specifically a Congressional earmark) to start replacing our bus fleet with electric buses. Our earmark request is to replace 2 existing buses in 2024 and 2 existing buses in 2025. If the dollars materialize, we will replace the smaller cutaway buses that were already programmed for replacement. While electric buses are considerably more expensive and the current technology may not give us the distances we need to complete a shift with a bus, we know we need to start down this path of electrification. Assuming the earmark materializes, we believe acquiring these types of buses will offer a good learning experience for the rest of the eventual fleet conversion. Put on your seat belts.

BAD SUPPLY CHAINS AND INFLATION STINK

All of our capital projects continue to fight against inflation and unstable supply chains. Our Mountain View rehabilitation project had to power through this issue the first week after we had executed the contract. The Town Park project was finally able to get a few contractors to review the dirt work portion of the project so we could at least get some competitive bids for this critical component and the Mall Transit Station is experiencing similar economic pains as its design gets finalized. At this point, in order to fight cost issues with the Mall Transit Station, the design team is considering a number of alternatives devised to keep the cost of the project within the budget. The realignment of Carriage Way continues to be the financial Achilles heel for the project. One of the beauties of this project is that we brought both a design team and contractor on early, to work as a coordinated team, in this design phase. As they continue to work through and iron out ideas, we have put a hold on the land use review process. We want to make sure that that the results of the “owners” design process are aligned with the end design that will go through

regulatory review. On a higher note (even higher than inflation), we are meeting with the Feds this month to line up the required process to utilize the \$13.5 million grant we received.

TID BITS

- Like most every business in the community, we are sprinting (maybe with a solid limp) to the season's finish line. We are working through staffing issues but with the "A" Team staff we have remaining, I very much doubt any members of the public will see a decrease in service or notice that small hitch in our giddy-up.
- As per usual, soon after the season ends, we will be taking over the RFTA service to the Brush Creek Park n' Ride.
- On April 15 we will be hosting a retirement party celebrating David Peckler's 40+ years of service to the Community. Please be on time (get it?) and join us at Mix 6. Knowing David isn't retiring until May, you might ask why his party is so far in advance of his departure. The short answer is off-season. We wanted to make sure we could have the party here in Town, so we needed the celebration to occur while restaurants are still open.
- As mentioned above, the nearly \$8 million Mountain View rehabilitation project has started. The project will take about 18 months of work to complete, but because we won't be working through next winter, the project won't be done until the summer of 2023. This week RUDD Construction mobilized, started insulation installation, and a lot of scaffolding started to get mobilized. The bulk of the work is expected to start the week of April 18.
- Good Bye Vladimer Jones. After a great 5 year partnership with Vlad as our advertising agency, this week our new firm Genises became our new agency of record. Along with our new agency, our new summer campaign started this week as well.
- The DAV wrapped up this past week. While their future in the Village remains a bit unclear, we understand there are some ideas to shift dates to better accommodate the Veterans and the lodging community. Cross your fingers.
- The snow is melting too fast on the Mountain and not fast enough on the paved trails, so we have started to plow some of trails to help Mother Nature along.
- The sod work on soccer field should be replaced in the near future (when temps allow) but before high season
- The Town's new compost program is off to a good start. The compost bin is located at Public Works. Swing by the PW office and pick up a compost bucket, start composting your food scraps (including pizza boxes) and start helping to save the atmosphere and maintain our climate.
- The new staircase that will connect Creekside to Mountain View is in fabrication.
- We are working with our partners in the County to complete the required Hazard Mitigation Plan update. It helps everyone in the County plan for any potential natural disasters that may occur..... like a world-wide pandemic or something like that.
- Our street sweeper is on the fritz and has been sent back to the manufacturer. They have loaned us a temporary sweeper for the time being, but it may be more dusty than usual for a bit.

- The bid for the replacement boilers in Lower Carriage way (located in Base Village) will go out next week. These are the last of the dozen or so boilers we have replaced in recent years to keep Snowmelt Road operating through the winter.
- We are under contract with Sopris Engineering to develop some conceptual solutions to widen High Line Road and improve Donny White curve.
- We are currently in conversations with another engineering firm to provide alternate options for traffic calming in Snowmass Club Circle area.

CC: Department Directors