



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

GREAT NEWS FOR THE MALL TRANSIT STATION

The State of Colorado continues to strongly support the Mall Transit Station project. CDOT let us know on Wednesday that they will be awarding the Town's project an additional \$1 million. A million here and a million there; pretty soon we are talking real money. Even though we had anticipated this additional award amount, it's always nice to get the notice. As we discussed at the Council meeting, we will keep cranking on the design revisions and design improvements in anticipation of a Spring start.

LOCAL ELECTION NEWS

We learned today that the County would not accept the ballot title the Council adopted on Tuesday for the question to expand the use of the marketing sales tax and lodger's tax to be used for workforce housing. Essentially the County couldn't make it fit on the ballot. After working with our sales tax attorney and the County, the ballot title is now "Authorizing the expanded use of existing tax dollars for workforce housing". To be clear, all of the legally required ballot language is the same, only the title needed to change.

MORE LOCAL ELECTION NEWS

Grey Warr let us know that he has decided not to run for Town Council in November. With a newborn on the way and toddler already at his feet, he decided to remove his name from the ballot.

JAZZ ASPEN SNOWMASS

By most all accounts, JAS was another success. There were no major incidents, and we were able to clear the venue in about 1.5 hours each night. The take down is still underway, but should be completed soon. Once the VIP grandstands are removed, we will be able to assess any damage to the field, etc. It'll be interesting to see if they want to return next year. I will keep you updated.

FIRE MITIGATION

Monsoons are great, but we continue to also undertake a variety of other fire mitigation efforts. Roaring Fork Fire continues to lead the non-Mother Nature related efforts. While most of this year's work is done, they are planning on one more project along a Faraway Road parcel this fall. In addition to this local effort with the Snowmass HOA and the Fire Authority, we are also working to join a valley wide effort (currently led by the Forest Service) to ensure we are all coordinating and collaborating on all of our mitigation efforts. As it turns out, wildfires don't follow political boundaries, so we expect this upcoming joint effort to be very useful.

TID BITS

- The hot tub at the Recreation Center is going to get resurfaced this Fall.
- The responses to the Community Survey are lagging behind..... I'm sure everyone who is reading this has already completed theirs, but if you know someone who hasn't please let them know the deadline is fast approaching
- The housing project at the Water and Sanitation District is underway.
- August ridership on the Village Shuttle is up over last year, but we are still not at pre-COVID levels.
- To help increase our ridership, we plan to increase the marketing of our (sort of new) Transit App. In the next few weeks, we hope to get the word out so current and potential riders know it exists. If you haven't used it, the app is super helpful to know when buses arrive and to layout the best bus routes to get from your location to your destination.
- Shocking news! The demands for workforce housing remain incredibly high.

CC: Department Directors