



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: November 18, 2022
Re: Info Update

GREAT NEWS

The lifts start turning tomorrow. As a wannabe ski bum, it doesn't get better than that. But, alas, when the lifts turn, the work starts. We will start the Route #4 bus service tomorrow which means our Mechanics and Transit Drivers switch to a 7 day work week. The Guest Services Team will start tomorrow as well, which means the first s'mores of the season will be served Saturday afternoon. Here is a pro tip; one "service" that won't start until Thanksgiving Day is parking enforcement in the numbered lots. No permit will be needed to park in the numbered lots until Thursday.

GOBBLE GOBBLE

That is turkey talk for more great news..... the Thanksgiving Potluck returns on Sunday November 20. Doors open at 5:00, the official welcome is at 5:30 and the buffet opens at 5:32. Be sure to show up with your best cold side dish or dessert. ATCKWBT.

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We have updated the Best Practices Review Committee on where the Town stands in the current legal process. When we last updated this committee, the Town had sent a final notice of default letter to Krabloonik dated October 6. The letter directed that the premises be turned over to the Town on November 1. Obviously this date has now passed, and as you know, Krabloonik remains on site. We let the committee know that the Town has decided to hire outside counsel to help navigate the expected upcoming legal process. We have also let them know that due to the legal nature of this process, any further updates may be slow and will preclude us from sharing privileged information and too many details. We thanked them for their patience as we work through this legal process.

THE NUMBERS

September was a good month for sales taxes with revenues up 27% over last year. Year to date, we are up about 43% over last year. Lodging tax was up 23% in September and is up 60% year to date. Sales taxes for the entire summer, June through September, were up slightly over 17%. Marijuana and cigarette taxes are up 52% for the year. Looking forward into the winter, occupancy rates in January are up 31% February is looking flat, but March is looking strong. Cross your fingers.

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- The Town is hiring.....we have a number of open positions that need to be filled.
- We had about 318 responses to the Community Survey. We are culling through the results now and plan to present everything to the Council at the December 12 meeting.
- We are making ice on the Town's ice rink.
- The Recreation Center will be closed on Thanksgiving.
- The contractor ran into some timing issues, so the Recreation Center hot tub resurface project is now pushed to April
- A few of our Police Officers have started wearing body cameras.
- Here is an interesting number, we have had over \$250 million in valuation come through in building permits this year. Suffice it to say, that is a heck of a lot of permits and a lot of inspections going on.
- In the near future, we will be presented with a new IGA to help fund the homeless shelter. The County is working with Recovery Resources, the current provider of the Detox Facility (which we contribute to) to also provide the homeless shelter services. We expect this combination of services by one provider to really help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the respective services. Our expected contribution will be \$20K. I am going to recommend that we pay for this through our marijuana and cigarette tax dollars. Details to come.....
- We have signed our annual contract with Aspen Ski Company for Winter Events. We are once again providing funding for the X-Games and are partnering again to bring back a new iteration of Luminescence. And in addition to our standard partnership support for smaller events, we are also contributing to the World Cup. We are a pretty good partner, if I may say so myself.
- We have decided not to host a community job fair this December. We are going to skin the cat differently this year and help local businesses advertise their available positions/openings.
- JAS is coming back in 2023. We are currently working with them to develop a 1 year contract. So, at this point, the commitment will only be for 2023, but if they have the same level of success they had in 2022, we should expect them to sign a longer term agreement after this year.

CC: Department Directors