



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: December 30, 2022
Re: Info Update

2022 IS ALMOST IN THE BOOKS

As most folks know, I can barely remember what happened yesterday, let alone 12 months ago, but I recall 2022 being a pretty full year. Between dealing with remnants of COVID, implementing body worn cameras, dealing with and benefitting from record occupancy levels, making progress on fiber installation and a potential library expansion, developing a valley wide housing initiatives, nearing completion of a \$10 million + boiler replacement project on Carriage Way, rebranding, completing the micro hydro project, receiving our 20th consecutive GFOA Annual Budget Award, getting two new members on the Town Council, completing more fire mitigation, adopting an STR process, processing record numbers of building permits and planning applications, receiving positive results from the citizen survey, reaping the benefits of increased sales tax numbers, and bringing back the Thanksgiving Community potluck along with all the day-to-day responsibilities of keeping the community safe, plowing streets, maintaining housing, balancing the finances, bringing the tourists, moving hundreds of thousands of individuals on our transit service, keeping our parks, trails and recreation center awesome, and simply planning for our future..... we got a bunch of really good stuff done (and less than 1/100 of the good stuff is listed here). In summary, it's been a good year.

LOOKING FORWARD

Yep, 2022 was pretty busy and 2023 is shaping up to be an equally busy year. With any luck, we will have a number of important infrastructure project under construction including the Mall Transit Station, Town Park, the Mountainview Remodel Project, and the Brush Creek Road culvert project. In addition to these infrastructure projects, there will continue to be considerable construction at Base Village with the continuation and completion of the Havens Townhomes and Electric Pass Lodge. Buildings 12 (Aura) and 13B (Viceroy 2), will be in the thick of their construction effort all next year and Buildings 10 A and B will at least be going through the review process and might even break ground. And, of course, we will continue to work with Little Red House School House on likely expansion opportunities, adding new Town staff, developing new Ice Discovery Initiatives, designing housing in the Draw site, etc, etc, etc (the list is long, so check out the budget document if you want to see everything). And, then we need to generally keep the Village a fun, community focused, family friendly, thriving, charming, resilient, safe emotionally connected, nimble, adaptable, balanced and unique community. All this, and we will still be setting a new Council Goal Setting Statement with the new Council early in 2023. Put on your seat belts, it's going to be a great year.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

For the past 40 years, Response has provided a wide range of services for victims of domestic and sexual abuse in the Roaring Fork Valley, including victim advocacy, 24-hour crisis assistance, support groups, education in the school systems, and transitional housing assistance. They provide trauma-informed, non-judgmental services to any survivor that lives, works or visits western Eagle and Pitkin counties. In 2021, Response served 175 individual survivors and answered over 300 crisis calls. Housing is one of the biggest challenges facing Response's clients as they try to leave abusive relationships. Fear of losing housing is one of the top reasons that victims do not leave their abuser and domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness for women and children. In 2022, Response had 17 survivors and 17 children utilize their transitional housing units for an average of 1.6 months per client. They had to turn away another 13 survivors over the course of the year. In order to meet the demand for safe housing for survivors, Response has decided to pursue construction of the first domestic abuse shelter in the upper Roaring Fork Valley. This will be a public facing shelter and office complex located in Basalt. Obviously, this is a large capital undertaking but the benefits to the Roaring Fork Valley will be immeasurable. Response will be launching a capital campaign in January 2023 and will need to raise approximately \$6.2 million for the entire project. Response is asking for the support of all municipalities whose citizens go to their agency for assistance. To that end, they will be requesting that the Town of Snowmass Village consider a one-time contribution of \$30,000 to Response's campaign to build a domestic abuse center in the upper Roaring Fork Valley.

TID BITS:

- We are hiring!
- We are continuing to develop Mall Transit Center plans that are responsive to the Planning Commission and Town Council feedback. We continue to work toward an improved balance of functionality, aesthetics and safety. Those improvements are in design now. In addition, RA Nelson continues to work on the phasing plan so that we can answer very specific questions about how it will be constructed and potential impacts on adjacent properties. The Planning Commission will continue its review on January 4.
- COVID is going through the organization and impacting some of our staff levels. We continue to power through, but not at full staff. Wash your hands.
- The home at 20 Maveric Circle will close in several months. The sale is contingent on the new owners selling their current unit.
- The lottery for 83 Maveric Circle is expected to be next week. Currently we have about 13 families in the pool. That relatively low number is largely driven by the number of bedrooms in the home and the requirement to have a family large enough to fill the bedrooms in order to be eligible.
- The Town of Snowmass Village 2023 Community Grant Application form is now available. Applications can be found [online](#) and will be accepted until Friday, January 27 at 5:00 p.m.
- A little bit of concerning news: the County's October sales tax collection was down 3.6%. The county is still up 19% year- to-date but having a "down month" is a trend we need to follow.

- On an Up Note, yep, it was busy yesterday (Thursday). We had almost 11,000 skiers on the hill.

CC: Department Directors