



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

WISE WORDS ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY (AKA, a Toast)

May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future. Sláinte

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- Our design team is continuing to work through concepts and details developing ideas to construct 80-90 units in the Draw site.
- Not too many town managers can say this, but we have all of the best kinds of bombs in our town.....in addition to avalanche bombs, we will soon have Yarn Bombs in around Town Park. Trees are still available for all of the knitters out there.
- Yep, it is still the best part of ski season, but we are already hiring for summer. Our summer advertising campaign kicks off April 1.
- Our crack team in Community Development and Finance are working to get our Short Term Rental Permit system up and going ASAP. We expect the system to be live by April 1 in order to meet the May 1st implementation requirement. This being everyone's first time through this process, we anticipate providing a fair amount of flexibility in our initial enforcement.
- It wasn't quite a record breaking year for our community ice rink, but it was close and it was a great season nonetheless. After a valiant effort from our crew, Mother Nature prevailed and the rink was closed last Sunday.
- Although Lower Wood Bridge Road is (partially) private and maintained by the property owners, we still run bus service to the area to serve those residents and guests in Seasons 4. Last week we needed to stop bus service to this area for a while because the road was not maintained well enough and was deemed to be a safety hazard. The issue has been rectified and transit service has resumed.
- In our continued effort to track the cause(s) of the intermittent pollution releases into Brush Creek from Base Village storm drains, East West is still mapping and exploring the storm drain system in that eventually end up in the Creek. So far everything is up to code.
- We are continuing to work with our partners at Gould Construction and SGM Engineers to design the Brush Creek culvert project. The Council will receive a full update at Monday's meeting, but we are starting to hear from folks that live along Owl Creek and their concerns regarding the increased traffic this summer. Unfortunately, we do not have any other viable detour routes available to consider. That said, we are taking steps to ensure Owl Creek Road is prepared to handle the increased traffic levels. Initial utility work, installing a new natural gas line, will begin on Owl Creek Road the week of April 3.

- The bids were closed this week for architectural and planning services for Little Red School House. Reviews of the RFP are underway.
- It's March Madness, so you gotta cheer for the underdog and long shot opportunities. In this vein, we submitted a longshot grant to Hickenlooper and Bennet asking for \$1 million of Congressionally earmarked funds that can be applied to completing the exterior of the Snowmass Inn. This was a state-wide solicitation for projects from our Senators, so while our project is great, our odds are slim.
- We have re-engaged with our contractor installing fiber optic cable. Phase one of this project is behind schedule, but with JKL back on the project, we are confident we will get Phase 1 complete this year. The (State) Department of Local Affairs provided a significant grant for this project and is well aware and supportive of our efforts. Our contractor plans to start construction on 5/15 and finish on 6/15. Once Phase 1 is complete, we can then utilize our second DOLA grant to design and construct Phase 2 which will go uphill from Town Hall and eventually connect the Mall and Base Village.
- Habitat for Humanity and others are pulling together an all day Regional Housing Meeting on March 22. We plan to will be attend.
- Just in case you skimmed over January's sales and lodging tax numbers, Lodging tax was up by 35%. Sales taxes were up 32% - led by increases in hotels and restaurants. The revenue from marijuana and tobacco was down 22%.
- The Recreation Center will be hosting a community youth gear swap Wednesday April 12 at 5:30. Details to come, but this will be a chance to make sure your kids' gear is right sized.
- We are continuing to clean up the paperwork and finalize the Snowmass Center redevelopment approval.
- The legal process with Krabloonik continues. I had no idea that discovery and interrogatories could be sooooo much fun.
- With the snow melting and the ground getting soft, our annual road weight restrictions went into place this week.
- We have closed on 20 Maverick Circle and 1333 Creekside. These are two workforce housing units that the Town needed to purchase and refurbish before they could be put back into the lottery.
- Ice Age Discovery is making great progress at much faster than glacial speeds. Recently, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science has given us a the necessary permissions to utilize a bunch of their material they created to use for our project. They continue to be a great partner in this project.
- The skiers are here!. Our parking lots are full. Last Saturday may have set a record when all the parking in the Village was filled by 10 am.
- If the Recreation Center felt busy to you in February, it might be because the facility once again set records for check-ins and revenues. Being busy is a great problem to have.
- Speaking of good things, Village Shuttle ridership was at 95% of pre-pandemic numbers in Janaury and 97% of those record breaking pre-pandemic numbers in February.

CC: Department Directors