



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: March 24, 2023  
Re: Info Update

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#### KEEP IT LOCAL

I have included a bunch of information and various summaries as attachments regarding the State's approach to increasing affordable housing. In short, the Governor and others in the State Legislature have decided that municipalities need help in addressing our workforce housing issues. It would be great if they would write us a check and help us meet our housing goals. Unfortunately, the "help" they want to offer is by preempting our local land use regulations and overriding our local control. Legislations that was introduced this week is a top down approach that assumes that by simply increasing the supply/quantity of housing in our community that housing costs will go down and become affordable. Of course, we know that normal market forces for housing do not work that way in the Valley or the Village. As proposed, the state legislation looks to be a developers dream, creating a lot of opportunity to them to get rich taking advantage of "forced" density. This is obvious to everyone that lives here, but simply increasing housing supply does not guarantee affordability, equity, or efficiency. We will be working with CAST, CML and others to get this legislation to work much better for us and other mountain municipalities. Perhaps if this "forced density" was required to be deed restricted and restricted for only workforce housing, some of these ideas could possibly work; but as presented, this is bad legislation. Please let me know if you have any further insights or questions.

#### A HAPPIER ATTACHMENT

Also attached for your review is the Toursim Departments 2022 annual wrap book. It gives a great recap of all the work undertaken to promote and enhance our local business community.

#### TID BITS

- Discovery continues to make progress. It is going to be a multi-phase rollout this summer. Council will be receiving a formal update soon.
- Speaking of summer, the summer concert series starts in about 90 days.
- The annual DAV event is starting this weekend. Going forward we understand the DAV has inked a deal to come back in 2024 and 2025 as well.
- We continue to make progress on the Brush Creek culvert project design. We received formal approval from the Army Corp of Engineers, a critical step in the process. The construction of the gas line on Owl Creek starts on April 3 and goes to the middle of May.
- Starting April 17 there will be a number of closures at the Recreation center. The hot tub will be closed for 4 weeks for a significant refurbishment, the leisure pool will be closed to

get it ready for summer and the entire Recreation Center will be closed April 19-21 for a deep clean.

- Phase 2 of the Mountain View renovation will wind back up this summer.
- We have had over a 1,000 unique users of the Transit app
- STR licensing questions are rolling in from lodges.
- County sales tax revenue is growing slower than town sales tax. In January, the County sales tax had an 8% increase while the town sales tax revenue increased 27%. Something to keep an eye on.
- Regarding the request the Council received to allow class one e-bikes on our dirt trails, the POSTR Board will discuss the issue at their next meeting and bring a recommendation on this issue and a few others to the Council for consideration.
- Don't forget to read the attachments.

CC: Department Directors