



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager
Date: March 31, 2023
Re: Info Update

A TREMENDOUS LOSS

No words in this weekly missive can do justice to the unexpected passing of 30 + year public servant. Rob Weien served this community for decades as a Building Official, Ski Patroller, friend, and colleague. His contributions are many, his impact (literally) permanent, and the hole he leaves is huge. He was a quiet, fun, humble, and insightful guy that will be greatly missed. His commitment to the community is worth much more than I can ever state here. He will be remembered and greatly missed.

AND THE WORK BEGINS

Phase 1 of the Brush Creek Culvert project kicks off next week with the installation of a natural gas line along Owl Creek Road east of Brush Creek. This installation will cause single lane closures controlled by temporary traffic lights, through April 21. Brush Creek Road itself won't be fully closed until mid-May. The designs are getting close to complete (at about 90% now) and we are awaiting pricing from our Contractor Gould Construction. In addition to the construction part of this project, we are continuing to work through other operational issues such as Transit. Due to the street closure, those along Brush Creek Road will not be able to utilize the (current) 15 minute RFTA service. In order to help with traffic, encourage parking at the Rodeo lot, and maintain our transit level of service, we expect to add additional buses to the summer Route #8. We are analyzing this concept now, but we think we can maintain a solid level of service for this route through the detour by adding an additional bus. At this point we plan to pay for this with cost savings from the winter season. Put on your seatbelts, here we go.....

FROM ACES.....

Thank you again for the Town of Snowmass' support of ACES' coexisting with wolves event. As you know, we were able to educate 475 community members that night! We couldn't have done it without your help. The recording from the wolf event is now available on our website. We encourage you to share with your staff and Town of Snowmass community. The keynote speaker, in the beginning, is worth a watch - she did an incredible 18 min overview that is helpful in understanding our complicated relationship with wolves. The CPW rep also did a super job talking about the upcoming plan.

<https://aspennature.org/resource/video-living-with-wolves-coexistence-in-colorado/>

Thanks again.

Christy, Molly, Chris + the entire team at ACES

TID BITS

- We are processing a planning administrative modifications to consider the proposed new “Coney Game” lift. We plan to have this review complete prior to consideration of the upcoming Master Plan Amendment.
- Recreation Center summer camps are open, enrollments are up. The Spring Break camps this week were a success.
- Snowmass nordic trails will be groomed until April .
- We are issuing RFPs for a ridership survey, zero-EV transition plan, and computer aided dispatch system for our Transit system.
- We are continuing forward with a tremendous amount of records research needed for the Krabloonik lawsuit. Don’t forget, if you get asked about it, feel free to remind community members that Krabloonik was found to be in violation of its lease for failing to comply with certain lease conditions including failing to maintain best practices with regard to its operations. The Town declared a default in the lease and after receiving proper notice, Krabloonik failed to cure its violations or present a plan to cure the violations within a reasonable amount of time. As a result, the Town terminated the lease, and Krabloonik was required to vacate the property. Krabloonik failed to vacate the property, and as a result, the Town brought legal action to evict Krabloonik from the premises. That action is currently pending. Krabloonik has since sued the Town asking for declaratory relief stating that it is not in violation of the lease.
- We are working to schedule an “e-bike discussion on soft surface trails” with the POSTR Board. In addition to that specific topic regarding trail use, we hope to bring forward a discussion regarding our leash law and a proposed modification to it... making it better reflect how we actually enforce the law. Hikers, and bikers and leashes..... oh my!
- One of more difficult enforcement actions in housing is continuing forward. As we await a judges ruling on our lawsuit to force a sale of a condo for an individual that hasn’t worked for many years, this non-compliant resident has filed a case with State Department of Regulatory Agencies stating that our enforcement action is not within the law. Some of us are lucky enough to get interviewed by DORA next week. Attorney Tom Smith continues to help us through this process and the enforcement actions.
- In an effort to improve feedback opportunities for TOSV and the Council specifically, we have put a new form on the website allowing for direct comments on issues that aren’t on the agenda. So far we have received two comments, all which are attached. We have already called these folks back and discussed the issues they brought up. As this process evolves, we will need to figure out how best to get these comments to the Council. In the meantime, know we have been in contact with these individuals.

CC: Department Directors