



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

ROAD CLOSED AHEAD

Brush Creek Road will be closed starting May 15. In all honesty, this date is still just a bit flexible while the contractor finishes up their schedule and plans. The closure will last until November. We had a pretty successful open house last night at which residents could share their thoughts, concerns, and insights. While no one was especially excited by the project, most understood the project's need and were looking for clarification on specific issues. In the coming two weeks, the gas line project will be wrapped up, three sets of pedestrian rapid flash beacons will be installed, and the Meadow Ranch bus stop will be constructed (providing space for the bus to pull over while letting passengers on and off). In the next week or so, we will improve the shoulders on Owl Creek Road to get it ready for increased traffic and we plan to have the newly configured intersection at Owl Creek and Highline Road completed so drivers can get used to the free-flowing left and right turns. Once construction starts, we will move the We-cycle station closer to the Highline roundabout to better accommodate RFTA riders that are used to getting off at Town Park Station. We will also be increasing our Route 8 service to 15-minute headways so folks along Brush Creek Road can still access the RFTA service and so folks can fully utilize the parking available at Town Park. Put on your seat belts, get ready for some change, and then remember it is a 5 minute detour. Enjoy the surroundings.

TID BITS

- The Recreation Center is spic and span and back open after its deep clean last week. Everything is up and running, except the hot tub. That rehabilitation is still a few weeks from being completed.
- Town Clean-up day is Friday May 19. Details to come but it will start around 8:30 at the Daly Depot. All the cool kids will be there (or somewhere picking up trash).
- The Burnt Mountain wildlife closure is underway through June 20 and June 27, depending on the area. Sky Mountain Park and the North Rim Trails remain closed until May 16.
- The new ConneyGame lift was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. The Town Council will see the proposal soon. This process is a quasi-judicial process.
- The Deerbrook Townhomes have also completed their land use application. This project is officially considered in the quasi-judicial process now.
- The Planning Commission is currently reviewing the requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in the municipal code, along requirements for accessory employee units and accessory caretaker units. Changing some of these rules could be a creative way to create employee units on already existing lots.

- We are hot and heavy into issuing the first round of short term rental (STR) permits. We are continuing to work out kinks in the process and make the application process as efficient and effective for the unit owners as possible. As the Council is aware, some unit owners do not want to share their phone number and e-mail address and would rather only provide the contact information for their property manager. As written and adopted by the Council, the current regulations do not allow for that flexibility.
- As part of a State grant we received, we have purchased a new style of bear proof trash cans for residential neighborhoods. The neighborhood on Fairway Drive will be test driving these “Kodiak” trash cans this summer.
- We were supposed to have a deposition for the Krabloonik lawsuits this week. In the end, Krabloonik had not provided all the material it was required to give, so the deposition was pushed back along with the trial for possession of the facility. The trial is now set for July 5,6,7.
- The Mountainview Rehabilitation project is off and running. This site is humming, siding is being ripped off, scaffolding is going up and energy efficiency improvements are going in.
- Both Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet have officially supported and requested a congressional priority (aka earmark) for \$1.5 million for the future Snowmass Inn exterior remodel project.
- The Village Shuttle is currently running the RFTA routes to the Brush Creek Park and Ride. Speaking of the Park and Ride, we recently learned that the paving project could be done by the end of July.
- The summer occupancy “pacing” numbers are in. We are currently double checking some math provided to us by Decimetrics regarding available rooms, but with the data we have now, it looks like summer occupancy could be down by 23% ish. Even with the drop in demand, room rates are actually expected to slightly increase. We are working to confirm these numbers now.
- Speaking of summer, the Fanny Hill Concert schedule has been set.
- The Ice Age Discovery project continues to make progress. Different components of it will be rolled out through the summer.
- Little Red School House experienced a pretty significant waterline break this week. We were eventually able to get the water turned off and make the repair.
- We added a web accessibility tool to our website to meet federal and state access requirements for government websites. This tool, indicated by the icon below, allows users to navigate a digital space with built in features such as screen readers, contrast tools, and text augmentation. This helps our residents access information that would otherwise be difficult to receive.



CC: Department Directors