



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: May 26, 2023  
Re: Info Update

---

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAUREN KINNEY  
the dancing queen, young and sweet, only seventeen.....

#### WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

On Wednesday, the stormwater line down Vidal Gulch, near the Nature Trail, just above Donny White curve, broke open. For those of you not familiar with stormwater drainage, this can be pretty bad. This particular stormwater line broke a few years ago in a lower section. We repaired that line and converted it to an open creek bed. At the time, and still today, the ownership of that stormwater line was (and is) not clear. With ownership and responsibility unclear, Ski Co and the Town split the cost of the last repair. There is no eminent danger to this water line break, but there is a pretty significant inconvenience to have this section of the Nature Trail Closed. Then, the next day, the Water and Sanitation District had a water line break on Bridge Lane. That water flowed heavily onto Fanny Hill and eventually found its way into the Limelight Hotel. The good news is that all of moisture has helped facilitate the snowmelt on Fanny Hill allowing the concert stage construction to get underway.



#### BRUSH CREEK CULVERT PROJECT

Gould Construction is ripping and tearing and making progress on the Brush Creek culvert project. Two weeks down and about 20 weeks to go. If folks are looking for updates on progress, they can find an archive of weekly updates on the [project webpage](#).

We continue to need to develop an access point that residents of Melton Ranch, Horse Ranch, etc can use during the JAS closure of Brush Creek Road. Our initial preferred option was to utilize unused golf course land, but that option is looking less likely. Lots of work to come with this issue in the near future.

#### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REDISTRICTING EFFORT

The BOCC is going through a redistricting effort to make sure the 5 distinct Commissioner District have relatively even populations. Every Pitkin County resident is allowed to vote for Commissioners from each district, but the Commissioner must live in “their” District. While nothing is final, it looks as though Snowmass Village will be (slightly) split to be represented by two different districts. Barring any huge protest from the public, it is expected that the BOCC will adopt “Option Six”. This option keeps District #4 almost exactly as it is now, with 2 small changes. It removes 286 people from the Villas North and Club Commons area by Snowmass Club into Greg’s #3 district, and adds a few people by East Sopris Creek from District #5 into #4. The biggest changes are on the edges of Aspen where some major juggling is taking place to create more logical and cohesive commissioner districts. The overall effect of the changes achieves the most even distribution of the population between the 5 districts of any of the 6 proposals. Comments can be made through June 28. I have invited the County to come and give a brief presentation to the Council on the matter.

#### TID BITS

- We are reaching out to the BOCC to set a dinner meeting with them to discuss issues of mutual concern such as housing, the airport, the library, and open space. We have successfully had these types of overview meetings in the past, and are hoping to get them back in the schedule.
- We have made an offer for an architect to help guide the Little Red School House project. We are working to get them under contract now.
- Audits, audits everywhere..... I guess compliance is good. This week we had a safety audit from our insurance company (CIRSA) and continued with CDOT audits covering compliance with our drug testing program, other Transit grants and a final audit covering our use of access to driver’s license information. All of that is underway, but our Financial audit is complete. We are working to schedule a time with the Finance Advisory Board for them to receive the presentation from our auditors.
- Fiber optic cable continues to be installed around town.
- The We-cycle station at Town Park station is moving today to be closer to the Highline Road roundabout. This station helps facilitate transit ridership from Club Commons. Last year it was one of the busiest stations in all of the RFTA system.
- Tourism has put out the June Dealios. All Council members and staff are welcome to sign up for these. They are a great opportunity for us all to take advantage of the events here in the Village.
- We continue to make progress on the Ice Age project. Super Star paleontologist and ice age expert Ian Miller will be here in August for a “ground breaking” of sorts.
- Due in large part to our partnership of Fly Aspen/Snowmass we once again have a ground transportation option to reach DIA. The Roaring Fork Express is now up running trips from the Valley to DIA. They are also looking to increase other local transportation options.
- We are still aiming for a June 11 install date for the yarn bombing experience at Town Park.

- The paving project on Wood Road was largely completed this week.
- Street strippers will be in Town the week of June 12. Expect traffic to be slowed as centerlines and shoulders are painted on the streets.
- I haven't had a chance to ride them yet, but I understand some super fun and high quality work was done on the Highline switch backs just below Deadline trail. It is great to have "Dirt Artists" on staff.
- This winter we moved about 370,000 passengers on the Village Shuttle.
- We continue to get ready for the May 31 open house regarding the proposed Draw Site workforce housing opportunities.
- We have alerted the County that we plan to put a question to the voters making an amendment to our Town Charter removing the prohibition of Council members serving on/with/alongside Boards and Commissions. Much more detail to follow.
- Guest Services opens in Town Park Station and the Mall (in a s'mores cart) this Saturday and will be open every day through October 1
- We learned this week that Holy Cross Energy Board passed a resolution to suspend the proposed rate structure change discussion. The conversation is expected to be picked up but until January 2024 at the earliest.

CC: Department Directors