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Public comment.

Regards,

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Subject: Ketchum Post Office

Amanda,

I noted in a recent Mountain Express article your interest in the difficulties we experience with the Ketchum post office. You likely have numerous examples, but here are two more.

On a Saturday last month the circulation pump on my outdoor hot tub stopped working. Without circulation of the water, the heating elements are inoperable. Without heat in winter, the system is at risk of freezing, with the consequent risk of damage to piping and components.

First thing Monday morning I ordered a replacement pump from a company in Texas. The pump shipped the same day and arrived at the Ketchum post office Wednesday morning. Based on past experience I knew the post office needed time to process the packages so I did not expect a yellow card to be placed in my PO box until Thursday. No card on Thursday, no card on Friday, and finally card on Saturday, when I was able to get the motor after visiting the post office on three successive days. So, two days for

shipping, and three days to get the package out of the post office. Had it not been for the fact that Ketchum was experiencing near-record high temperatures at the time, the delay in getting this pump could have resulted in possibly irreparable damage to the hot tub.

A similar example occurred about a week later when I ordered a car part. Two days for the part to arrive at the Ketchum PO, three days before I could retrieve the part from the post office. My car was unnecessarily disabled for the additional three days due to the unsatisfactory performance at the post office.

I recently signed up for informed delivery so I would know when a package was actually available for pick-up, only to learn that at the Ketchum post office this service does not in fact work for packages. Once again, second-class service.

The burden of packages being experienced by the post office has dictated that the parcel lockers at the post office are not regularly being used, if at all, so we are now obligated to visit the post office during business hours and wait in line to get our packages.

Though not a problem with the local post office, I recently mailed some insurance documents to Pittsburg, PA, certified return receipt; the return receipt documented a thirteen-day delivery time!

You are no doubt aware that problems with the postal service are not limited to Ketchum. Following is a link for me to share with you an article from the Washington Post from last December that you may find interesting, if you did not already see it:

<https://wapo.st/49YCLO2>

Lastly, I would like to confirm, that as a fifty-plus year, full-time resident of Ketchum, I have no recollection of ever having been asked about my preference for post office box delivery as opposed to home delivery of mail, nor of any public meeting at which such a preference was discussed. It is less expensive for the post office to deliver to post office boxes than to street addresses, yet we are being charged ever-increasing fees for the post office boxes. In reality, since the post office is saving money in this regard, the post office boxes should be provided at a nominal charge, or free of charge.

Thanks for your shared concerns about the post office and good luck pursuing whatever remedies are possible.

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From: Neil Bradshaw
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2024 12:20 PM
To: Pat Higgins
Cc: Participate
Subject: Re: My thoughts on Washington parking lot

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Thanks for your email Pat

I will put in the public record and share with council for their consideration.

Thanks for participating!

There are always trade offs to be made - those trade offs reflect the values and priorities of our town.

Thanks again for your email

Cheers

Neil

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On Mar 3, 2024, at 10:52 AM, Pat Higgins <pathiggins@cox.net> wrote:

Dear Neil,

I agree we are in need of affordable housingBut, we also need parking ! Go to the Washington Lot on any weekday and it is packed with construction workers trucks. These people and journeymen cannot take the bus into town as they need their tools.

It looks like the building will continue for some time in the future.

What happened to the in lieu parking monies collected when Ketchum enforced that ?

As for Mr. Lipton on the KURA , he is wrong about parking, not everyone who shops or dines in Ketchum can walk 2 blocks especially on icy streets and sidewalks, which is very much the situation the majority of of the year.

I looked at the February 2022 results from the city's parking survey, majority of residents want a multi storied garage for parking. There is no place for overnight parking in town for folks who may have partied too much or who have missed the last bus.

People want parking where they are going to shop and dine. The business' on main street will suffer if people can't find parking a block away. Without the merchants our town will suffer greatly.... Handicap parking is also very important and those spots are very few and far between. I saw one handicapped parking spot on the east side on Main Street in front of Memory Park, this is more than 2 blocks away from any restaurant on Main St.

In my opinion, The most centralized location close proximity to downtown that the city owns would be the Washington parking lot. I saw the article in Fridays paper... That proposed building doesn't look like Ketchum. Where is the compromise for parking Jade stated at the meetings for Main St. Redo ?

Why wouldn't 2-3 stories parking and 1-2 stories housing on Washington lot?

What about the hole at the southern entrance to town , that has been an eyesore for over 10 years, that would be great for parking and housing?

Pat Higgins