

To: Minturn Town Council
From: Jay Brunvand
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RE: Town Manager Update



Spring Cleaning

Public Works will begin the annual spring cleaning of the town. This work will include cleaning up the parks, raking the lawns, painting the curbs and parking logos such as handicap spaces with a fresh coat of paint, and general clean up. The intent is to have everything as nice as possible for the Town Manager onsite interviews and public functions.

The Eagle River and Little Beach Parks normally open about mid-May and the irrigation is turned on mid-late May weather dependent. Much of this is due to the effects of mud season and snow melt which makes the landscaping sensitive as the plants begin to wake up.

The Bike Park and trails also open in Mid-May. The reason for the mid-May timing is to ensure that the trails are dry and to respect wildlife. The parks, hiking, bike trail, and bike park are seasonal. Using them prior to opening may result in significant damage to the trails and plants, and stress the elk, deer, and other migrating animals as they calve and transit to summer grounds. The wildlife can get very stressed when people are hiking and hiking with their dogs. The town asks everyone to please respect trail closures for these reasons.

Bear alert

The bears are starting to wake from their winter hibernation. Again, please be on the look out and respect their needs. I saw a video of a bear that wandered out of the woods and on to a run at Keystone Ski area. Yes, the run was open and, as cute as they might be, they are wild, hungry and mean.

As a notice to all, please respect the importance of keeping a large distance from any wild animal during any season. This is important for both your safety and the wildlife's.

Seasonal Street Sweeping

The Town, annually each May, leases a large street sweeper to clean the streets and drainages. I have attached the tentative schedule for this year. This culminates with the annual clean up day. This year cleanup day is Saturday, May 31st.

Town Manager's House

I have offered to the Council to visit the Town Manager's House and several have taken up the offer. I can only take two council members at a time so if you are interested, give me a call and I will make it happen. I encourage this opportunity now as the house is vacant and we had it cleaned making this a rare opportunity.

I have reached out to several local contractors in an effort to get the house spruced up in anticipation of the new Town Manager's arrival. This work will include some roof repair and general R&M.

Town Hall Windows

This project will begin in May after the manager interview process is completed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.