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#### **TOWN MANAGER UPDATE**

#### **Minturn Makers**

Ben Belgrad of Drinking Vessels, a local glass blowing shop in Minturn, is putting together a monthly meet-up for all local craftsmen, artisans, artists and the like to meet, connect and collaborate. This is expected to be a monthly event and is tentatively called the "Minturn Makers Meet-up." This concept is in line with the 2016 Economic Development Strategic plan and the Economic Development Advisory Committee will discuss potential avenues of support during its next quarterly meeting. To get involved contact Ben at <a href="mailto:bbelgrad@gmail.com">bbelgrad@gmail.com</a>.

## **CDOT / HWY 24 Road Maintenance**

The Colorado Department of Transportation and Minturn have a maintenance agreement for Main Street / US HWY 24. Minturn is responsible for the parking areas and CDOT is responsible for the road itself. Of current concern is the section of HWY 24 on the west/southbound side near the Enclave at King's Ranch Road (just north of Cemetery Road). Due to the side-road runoff, HWY 24 experiences continued deterioration in this area. Potholes are substantial. Minturn has repeatedly requested CDOT address this issue, however CDOT has indicated that without the fixing of the runoff from the side road, the problem will persist.

The Minturn Public Works crew purchased and installed cold-patch to fill the potholes in this area. This is not a permanent fix and the next time runoff occurs from the side road the potholes will most likely return. It is NOT in the Public Works budget or scope of work to maintain this section of road. For maintenance questions or concerns please call CDOT directly.

### Free Book Exchange

The Town of Minturn hosts a free book exchange within Town Hall. The Vail Public Library has offered to donate books to this exchange which will allow Minturn to expand the program. Minturn is now reviewing the opportunities and associated costs for free mini book exchanges in additional sections of town. For anyone interested in volunteering to build, maintain or stock a mini book exchange please contact Kathy Biggs at <a href="mailto:code@minturn.org">code@minturn.org</a> or (970) 827-5645.

#### **Monthly Town Newsletter (Communication efforts)**

Bi-monthly updates are emailed to the current email subscription list the town maintains. In addition, Minturn will start emailing out a monthly newsletter to the subscription list and will physically mail the newsletter to anyone who receives their water bill in paper form (not electronically). This is one more effort to increase communication to Minturn residents.

#### **Structure Fires**

Two structures fires have occurred in Minturn in the last several weeks. Both resulted in total structure losses. Both structures have been red-tagged for demolition and removal. No parties were injured; however neighborhoods were at risk and Minturn is fortunate ERFPD, Vail Fire, ECSO and many other local agencies were immediately on scene to contain the blazes and assist local residents.

# **Council Retreat**

May 6, 2018, 9:00 am at the Minturn Fitness Center.