



**DATE:** December 29, 2017  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

I hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays and now have your sights set on the New Year and perhaps a resolution or two. I was out for a few days to visit with family and friends which always feels great despite the small quips that happen when you're all in one place together. My favorite part of the whole thing is seeing my boys running around with their cousins and forming bonds that I hope last for a lifetime.

I thought that I would send out a quick update on things that have been happening over the last week. I am sure most of you excitedly awoke to a wintery Christmas morning. The Public Works crews were already hard at work clearing the roads. The first big snow storm (and most subsequent ones too) bring people out of the woodwork to voice their observations on our methods of snow removal. We will work through any glitches and with any luck will have more practice in the near future. We have included information on parking restrictions on the web as well as in the upcoming water bills. This is a friendly reminder that will help us with our plowing efforts. We also updated the link on the webpage with information about snow routes.

I received an email from our friends at CML regarding upcoming training opportunities that may interest you. One is a quick one-hour webinar in February and the other is an all-day training in Denver in March. If there is enough interest for the March date, we could figure out a carpool to Denver. Let me know if you want us to sign you up for either of these opportunities.

**Webinar: Overview of Municipal Office**

*Tuesday, Feb. 13, noon-1 p.m.*

*Cost: FREE for CML members*

Gain an overview of the topics all municipal elected officials need to know, including staff/council relations, budgeting, liability, open meetings and open records, the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, ethics, and more.

**Workshop: Effective Governance for Municipal Officials**

*Wednesday, March 21, all day, Denver*

*Cost: \$85 for CML members\**

Go in-depth into the topics covered by the webinar described above, and also learn about parliamentary procedures and how to communicate effectively via social and traditional media. Presentations are conducted jointly by issue experts and current municipal officials, ensuring both the sharing of accurate information and the knowledge to put that information into practice. During the workshop, you will also have the opportunity to connect with other elected officials from all across the state.

As part of our Green Team projects, the Town Hall buildings recently had a blower door test to determine where air leaks are causing the conditioned air to escape. The building was sealed and most of the leaks eliminated.

The two following articles were shared by Chief Knott. We will be discussing the addition of a question on the April ballot to increase the tobacco tax with an aim to discourage youth from using tobacco and vaping products. The second is a feel good article about the *shop with a cop* event that Chief Knott organized.

<https://www.postindependent.com/news/local/vaping-is-grown-in-popularity-among-eagle-county-kids-and-its-not-safe-health-officials-say/>

<https://www.aspentimes.com/news/local/shop-with-a-cop-connects-basalt-police-officers-with-seven-kids-families/>

The Town will be collecting Christmas trees through the month of January. The drop off location will be at Arboney Park in the parking lot. We have included that information on the web as well.