



# THE SCOOP

February 2019



## Quick Updates: Development

2019 is off to a fast start for some of our construction and development projects. Between affordable housing projects, road construction and new developments coming in, there's a lot going on! Read on for updates on a few of our high-priority projects.

### Hideaway Junction Next Steps

We're working towards increasing the amount of workforce housing in our community and are excited to get going on the next phases of Hideaway Junction to reach that goal. A request for proposals is now out to potential developers that could help with the creation of new housing options at Hideaway Junction. More details and timelines will be coming soon!

### Old Town Improvements

We recently completed the improvements in the Old Town area including a new streetscape comprised of new streetlights, street signs, drainage improvements, and a new bus shelter. These improvements were Phases 1 and 2 with Phase 3 currently scheduled for 2020 or 2021. The Town is planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony for early this spring to celebrate the project. Thanks to everyone for their patience as we construct these improvements to Old Town.

### New Public Works Facility

One of our 2019 priorities is to construct a new Public Works facility for our staff and equipment. The early stages of construction planning and building design have begun, and our goal is to begin construction this summer with a planned final move in the spring/summer of 2020.

### New Lift Operations Center

The Town is working with the Grand County staff for a special use permit for a new transit facility possibly located near the County Road and Bridge Shop on Grand County Road 5. The potential schedule is: design to begin in 2019, construction in 2020 and completion in early 2021. This project is very preliminary with many moving parts so the schedule is tentative at this time.

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## New Faces in Town Hall

### Finance & HR Director

Please help us welcome our new Finance & HR Director, Lizbeth Lemley! Her responsibilities will include creating the Town budget, overseeing all finance activities, and managing employee relations.

### Sustainability Assessment

We're excited for Andrew Williams to join the team to help with a Sustainability Assessment! The Town is participating in a [Capstone Project](#) with the University of Colorado Masters of Urban Regional Planning program. Andrew selected the Town of Winter Park to create a Sustainability Plan as a part of his Capstone Project. The final assessment will help focus our efforts to create a more sustainable community and organization.

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## Trash Reminders in Bear Country

Since we share our community with bears and other wildlife, it's important to take special care of your trash and trashcans. To help avoid attracting bears, cans may be put out starting at 5pm the day before the scheduled pick-up day. After trash is picked up, containers can be left out until 9pm the following day.

We also highly encourage you to use bear-proof trash containers that are more difficult for bears to get into. Should an animal get into your trash, it is your responsibility to pick it up. Thanks for helping keep Winter Park clean and safe!

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## Hot Topics



## Final Imagine Winter Park Plan

In January the [Imagine Winter Park Master Plan](#) was officially adopted! This will be our guiding document for new projects and programs in the next 5-10 years. We greatly appreciate the feedback that was given throughout the process!



## New Buses on Their Way!

The Town has received two new transit buses! Similar to the buses we added to the fleet last spring, these have low-floors for easy loading and unloading. The buses are in the final stages of getting wrapped and equipment installed, and will make their maiden voyages in mid-February.

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## Police Updates

### Upcoming Move

Later this month, the Fraser Winter Park Police Department will be moving their headquarters...across the hall. The department will still be in Winter Park Station but you'll find them in Suite 6A and 6B instead.

### IRS Scam Alert

We've received numerous calls from citizens reporting that someone claiming to be from the IRS has called them, and threatened them with arrest by the "local police" if they don't make immediate payment to the person calling. These scammers even use the IRS website, phone number, or an actual IRS employee name to try and sound more legitimate. The IRS will never do the following:

- Demand that you use a specific payment method, such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. The IRS will not ask for your debit or credit card numbers over the phone.
- Demand that you pay taxes without the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to bring in local police, immigration officers or other law enforcement to have you arrested for not paying. The IRS also cannot revoke your driver's license, business licenses, or immigration status.

[Learn More & Contact the IRS](#)



## Upcoming Events

All events take place in Winter Park Town Hall, 50 Vasquez Road, unless otherwise noted.

**Town Council Workshop**  
Tuesday, February 5, 3pm

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Tuesday, February 19, 3pm

**Town Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 5, 5:30pm

**Town Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 19, 5:30pm

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 12, 8am

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Tuesday, Febr2, 8am

**Transit Advisory Committee**  
Monday, February 18, 4pm

[View All Events](#)



## Council Recap

### January 22 Council Meeting

See below for some decisions and announcements made during the last Town Council meeting on Tuesday, January 22.

- A proclamation was read to thank our previous Municipal Judge, Georgia Noriyuki, for her 17 years of service to Winter Park.
- Clover Lane was officially renamed to Kinney Way in support Tim and Jill Kinney, the original developers of the nearby condos.
- A liquor license was approved for the Rocky Mountain Design House (a part of the Lavender Elephant).
- Agreements were approved for the Lift to provide transit service to 14 HOA's in unincorporated Grand County.
- On first read, an ordinance was approved to transfer funds to the Winter Park Affordable Housing Corporation to purchase Lot 8 in the Hideaway Junction Subdivision.
- The Idlewild Final Development Plan public hearing was cancelled as the developer withdrew the application.
- The owner of 1008 Winter Park Drive has proposed to split the parcel into two. A public hearing on this will be held Feb. 5 at 5:30pm.
- Council approved contract renewals for JVA, Inc. and Bowman Consulting Group for engineering services.

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