EAGLEVAIL NEWSLETTER

We’re back because you spoke and we listened!

After an absence of a year the community newsletter has returned!

The newsletter was the top rated information source identified in the community surveys by residents.

The Metro District Board as part of its StratOps planning and process is working to enhance its communication with the homeowners, residents and businesses in the community.

EagleVail Quarterly will be distributed via email, website eaglevail.org and hard copies will be available at community facilities such as the pavilion, golf course, pool and at businesses.

If you would like to receive an emailed copy, please send a note to: Kris O’Neill at krisoneill@eaglevail.org, or call the main number: 970-790-1217.

We want to hear from you

Because effective communication requires both delivering and receiving information- talking and listening- the Metro Board would like to hear from you.

We’ve created a number of ways to reach us and for us to provide information to you: newsletters, sandwich boards, Facebook, website, Email blasts and mail.

Please let us know your thoughts either by phone to 970-790-1217 or via email: krisoneill@eaglevail.org.

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Visit us at EagleVail.org
DEAR EAGLEVAIL COMMUNITY,

The Metro District Board is committed to maintaining EagleVail as a great place to live, work and play.

It is our responsibility to manage the community assets, infrastructure and annual resources on behalf of the community. We have developed a Strategic Operating Plan to insure financial responsibility, appropriate service levels and long-term asset management.

We are committed to listening to our community and acting to improve today and our future.

This document is an “operating” plan and should not be confused with a comprehensive plan as prepared by a municipality.

The Metro District Board along with staff initiated a strategic plan (Strat Ops) for managing operations in 2017. Each quarter, the board and staff dedicate time to evaluate, review and update our mission, vision, values, priorities and strategies.

The outcome of each meeting includes specific strategic actions for the next 90 days. These specific action items are linked to long-term goals to produce a strategic outcome.

This approach insures that we are continually assessing community needs and emerging issues while staying focused on a long-term vision. We want to efficiently and strategically use the resources of the community to provide a high level of service and maintain our current assets.

This document is intended to provide “additional” information on the Strat Ops process and how the “Plan on a Page” works. The Plan on a Page is a one-page document that identifies our fundamental leadership and management commitments, along with the specific Strategic Action Items updated each quarter. You are encouraged to use both tools as resources to understand the Board’s strategic vision for the community and track the quarterly action items.

The Strat Ops document provides background for our mission, vision culture (values and beliefs) and priorities. Copies of quarterly Plans on a Page and a summary of accomplishments will be added each quarter. The two documents address the same issues, but in different formats to meet the communications needs of different people. This longer document follows a traditional format while the Plan on a Page follows a more concise business format. These documents are a work in progress and we will continue to make improvements. For more information visit our website at EagleVail.org.

Thank you for your support,
Chuck Toms and the Metro District Board
New EverKrisp trail connects EagleVail and Minturn

Last summer crews from the Forest Service, Vail Valley Trails Alliance, and local community volunteers began construction of the new EverKrisp Trail that will connect EagleVail and Minturn via Meadow Mountain.

It is named for the variety of lettuce grown on Meadow Mountain in the early 1900s. This is the first new trail built on USFS land in over 10 years in Eagle County. The Vail Valley Mountain Trails Association launched the Eagle County Trail Fund and was able to purchase a new mini-excavator to build this trail and many more in the future.

The four mile-long trail will have 1,000 feet of climbing and descending and will provide a good workout for hikers, bikers and others. It will be the first new trail in Eagle County built on US Forest Service land in more than a decade.

A number of organizations, from governmental agencies to non-profits, collaborated to make the project a reality.

A survey of EagleVail residents revealed that hiking trails are the top rated community amenity.

The trail was funded in part by the EagleVail Property Owners Association and Metropolitan District who contributed $60,000. Other donors provided the balance. A significant part of the trail construction relies on the sweat equity of volunteers.

The grand opening on July 12 at the EagleVail Pavilion will include an afternoon ribbon cutting, ride/hike/run on Everkrisp and an après style celebration with food and beverages available. More details will be provided as they become available.

Stay off these trails!

The Forest Service recently rehabilitated, seeded, and placed erosion control matting on both the Paulie’s Sister and Oso trails and is asking you to stay off them.

In 2011, the White River National Forest established its official trails system via the Travel Management Plan, which sought to balance human use with other important resources such as soil and wildlife.

Paulie’s Sister and Oso were not a part of this system and were slated for rehabilitation. Additionally, the implementation of this work was identified in the environmental analyses for the EagleVail Trail and Everkrisp Trail construction in recent years.

The purpose of the rehabilitation is to reestablish vegetation along these trail corridors which will help to reduce soil erosion and restore more natural conditions. The area also provides valuable wildlife habitat, impacted by habitat fragmentation and human use. Rehabilitating these trails will help to reduce impacts to wildlife.

Please stay out of these areas and use the other open trails that surround our community, such as the EagleVail Trail, Stone Creek/Paulie’s Plunge, Everkrisp (opening July 12), and the many others nearby.

If you have questions, please contact Mike Beach, USFS Wilderness and Trails Manager, at 970-827-5162.
What does it cost to operate EagleVail year-round?

As EagleVail enters its fifth decade as a community it continues to provide extensive services and amenities using the most economically responsible manner possible.

EagleVail’s amenities include the 18-hole Golf Club and clubhouse, Willow Creek Par 3, Swimming Pool, Pavilion, tennis courts, sports fields, community parks, open space and trails for both hiking and biking. Quality waters are nearby for fishing, white water rafting and kayaking and a Nordic course in winter as well as a skier shuttle to the resorts. And then there are parking lots, landscaping, dog stations and more.

The 2019 financial projections show the community will have $4.3 million in revenues and $4.1 million in expenditures. This surplus will carry over in the fund balance of the District to provide funding for future capital replacement requirements.

So what does the future look like?

In 2020, the District expects to see an increase in property tax revenues from new valuations performed by Eagle County. In addition, the COPs (Certificates of Participation to fund golf course improvements) will be paid off in 2019, freeing up that funding for other uses.

The 2020 budget process will begin in late summer and the Board will finalize and approve the budget in the fall.

The Board, Finance Committee and Staff continue to work on long-range financial plans that include reviewing financing sources and expected capital expenditures. The goal of the planning is to meet the significant requirement of maintaining an aging infrastructure and balance those needs with the long-term financial stability of the District.
The EagleVail Golf Clubhouse has recently undergone some interior and exterior renovations to freshen up its look. The remodel provides a new venue that is capable of hosting a variety of events and parties such as wedding receptions, birthday parties, and business meetings. The beautifully decorated space can now host gatherings of up to 100 guests. For more information, please visit www.eaglevailgolfclub.com, or contact ryanflamm@eaglevail.org.

**Golf Programs Galore!**
EagleVail Golf Club is committed to growing the game of golf and all of its benefits to the Vail Valley. In doing so, the highly trained PGA golf professional staff is now offering a “Get Golf Ready” program designed to improve everyone's golf game with an unbeatable price. The lesson series consists of two private ½ hour lessons and one playing lesson per month for only $99, with a three-month minimum. There is no better way to get golf ready than by signing up for this package. For more information or to register, go to www.eaglevailgolfclub.com.

**Junior Golf Time!**
Get your junior ready for a summer full of golf at EagleVail Golf Club Junior Golf Camp registration is now available online at www.eaglevailgolfclub.com. Whether your junior is new to the game or been playing for some time, these camps will surely deliver a fun, educational time for all players. Camps will be held June 17-20, July 15-18, and August 12-15.

**Can’t make it to the camps?**
Join us for our Golf 101 Classes. Session Two of these Tuesday afternoon classes start July 16 – August 13th; only $99 for all five clinics.

**Taking golf to our very own community school, Homestake Peak**
During May and June, the golf staff at EagleVail had the chance to take golf to the schools!

James, Bryce, and Cameron along with support from the First Tee introduced SNAG Golf to many Homestake Peak students in their physical education curriculum. SNAG stands for Starting New At Golf and is played with easier-to-hit clubs rather than traditional golf clubs.

The SNAG game is played indoors and outdoors and is a fun new way to learn the great values of the game.
Stone Creek Master Plan

PHASE 1

The EagleVail Metro District is embarking on an exciting time. Later this summer we will begin Phase 1 of the Stone Creek Master Plan. EVMD has recognized that Stone Creek has reached a pivotal point in its history. This wonderful amenity has become unsustainable and difficult to manage. Over widened stream channels, eroding banks, man-made alterations and structures, and sediment build-up have plagued the creek for many years.

In 2016, the Metro District adopted the Stone Creek Master Plan. The goal is to protect, enhance and create a self-sustaining eco-system for future generations to enjoy. The Master Plan focuses on water management, supply, efficiency, quality, drought management, and wildlife habitat. The Master Plan was designed to be implemented in five phases and the phases have been categorized by importance, with Phase 1 being the highest importance. Phase 1 is a 270 ft section of the creek along hole # 14. This section of the creek embodies all the challenges facing Stone Creek.

EVMD has developed many supportive partnerships including ERWSC and the EVPOA. Community education and outreach will be part of the process prior to construction. EVMD Board of Directors has made Stone Creek a priority.

For more information regarding Phase 1 and the Stone Creek Master Plan please visit our website at www.eaglevail.org.

EagleVail Pool Welcomes Summer Activities!

Just in time for the summer, the EagleVail pool is open 7 days a week from 10am-8pm through September 8.

The Pool is open to both community residents and non-residents and the 25-meter lap pool is heated to 82ºF with a beach entry recreation pool heated to 90ºF.

The pool utilizes state-of-the-art salt water, clear comfort and ozone systems for sanitizing the pool.

There are programs for all ages with group and private swim lessons for children available of all ages. More competitive swimmers are able to participate in our local EagleVail Diving Dolphins Swim Team.

One-hour water aerobics classes are offered three days a week. We have a masters swim class offered four days a week for individuals looking for a great swim workout in the mornings. The pool also hosts moonlight swims accompanied by a movie on selected dates. Additionally there are yoga classes and open kayak nights to practice your rolls.

The pool has locker rooms and family changing areas, and a snack bar with drinks and food.

A shelter is available for rent for special events and BBQ gas grills are available for making your pool experience a picnic.

EV Transportation & Safety Master Plan updates for this year

This year’s budget for traffic calming projects is $20,407.

This year’s projects will focus on striping of community roads and crosswalks, installing two additional radar feedback signs, and installing a temporary speed table.

Additionally, we are working with the Eagle County Sheriff’s Office to look at opportunities to improve and address safety and parking along Eagle Road as well as making a stronger presence in the community. EVMD will continue to work with HPS to help educate the community and provide safe routes to school.
Got the EagleVail App?

EagleVail has an App to help you stay connected and up to date using the conveniences of your smart phone, and it’s free!

Now you can book a tee time, buy a season pass, get updates on events, weather conditions and more.

To download the app, visit EagleVail.org, click on “Community Info” and scroll to the information about the app.

Did you know?

Metro Board meetings are televised

If you are unable to attend the monthly meetings of the Metropolitan Board, which happen in the pavilion on the third Thursday of the month at 5 p.m., you can still view the meetings in their entirety.

If you’d like an agenda to know what will be addressed at a particular meeting go to EagleVail.org and click on the “Metro District” pull down tab and go to the agendas.

The district pays to have the meetings recorded on public access Channel 5 and the meetings can be viewed at your convenience on the stations website: http://www.highfivemedia.org.