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New layout for the anniversary

In 2015, Zermatt celebrates the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn. Numerous festivities and events have been announced for the coming months to properly celebrate the first ascent of the last four-thousander in the Alps.

The anniversary event calendar is published on the last page of this issue. It also features information about the open-air theater "The Matterhorn Story" and the reopening of the Hörnli Hut.

To mark the anniversary, "Zermatt Inside" is also sporting a new look.

Similar to the preparatory work in Zermatt, which has been in full swing for two years, the cover page of "Zermatt Inside" was also redesigned in the background over several months and is now being presented to readers with the first issue of the current year.

The cover pages of the six planned issues in 2015 have been redesigned with gold lettering and the anniversary logo, and each is also labeled "Anniversary Issue." These three components on the revised front page are intended to underscore the significance of the anniversary year for Zermatt and its impact at home and abroad.

Hermann Josi Biner, mountain guide representative on the coordinating committee for the 150th anniversary, also attests to the international and lasting impact of the year in which the first ascent of the Matterhorn will be celebrated. They expect that Zermatt's positive image as an alpine holiday destination will be further consolidated and spread throughout the world. He is convinced: "Everyone is looking to Zermatt this year and expecting a worthy way to celebrate the anniversary."

With the new cover page, the service partners of "Zermatt Inside" also want to do their part.

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Zermatt is in focus

OUTLOOK FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN SUMMER 2015

In 2015, Zermatt will be in the spotlight. Expectations for the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn are high – both in the village and at home and abroad. Preparations for the festivities and events have been underway for two years.

The view.

The steering committee for the 150th anniversary celebration is the coordinating body. It includes representatives from the local community, the citizens' community, the mountain guides and hoteliers, as well as Zermatt Tourism. Hermann Josi Biner (mountain guide), Andreas Biner (citizens' community), and Christoph Bürgin (local community) look ahead to the near future.

According to Hermann Josi Biner, Zermatt is in the public spotlight with its global appeal. "Our loyal guests, the media, the alpine community – everyone is looking to Zermatt this year and expecting a dignified way to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Matterhorn's first ascent." All aspects, from entertainment to the discussion of serious topics, should be addressed. Christoph Bürgin wants "to present ourselves in the best possible light to regulars, guests, and friends and make them 'hungry' for Zermatt in a sustainable way."

Score points specifically...

The local community is leading the redesign of the Hörnli Hut. As part of its reopening, Andreas Biner wants to highlight the mountain guide village's importance for alpinists. Mountain guide Hermann Josi Biner also looks back to the past in order to speak for the future: "Mountain guides have played a key role in Zermatt's tourism development from the very beginning. We therefore want to make a creative contribution to the anniversary."



This image shows the temporary string of lights that Mammut will display worldwide as key visuals for its 2015 Summer Collection. It is called 150 Years of the Matterhorn. (Image: Robert Boesch)

...and pursue sustainable development

Hermann Josi Biner: "The 100th and 125th anniversaries of the first ascent had a public impact for several years." Some of the anniversary activities are inherently sustainable because they have a structural impact and bring together various key players once again. Andreas Biner also emphasizes: "The collaboration between the major players must be intensified." He also hopes that the open-air performances on the Gornergrat can continue to be performed regularly.

The aim is to create a long-term collaboration between infrastructure, guests, media and partners.

Tune in emotionally

What is an anniversary without emotions? You can get into the mood right from the start. On Friday, February 13, the Matterhorn anthem 1865 will be launched at the market. It will feature Frieda from ABBA, Dan Daniell (Urs Biner), and young people from Zermatt.

Anniversary event calendar on the last page.

Winter streets in Zermatt

WORKYARD TEAM IS REQUIRED

IE After the onset of winter, the technical staff on Zermatt's roads were working nonstop. However, during prolonged snowfall or the onset of rain, it is still impossible to keep the roads clear of ice and slush, much to the annoyance of locals and visitors.

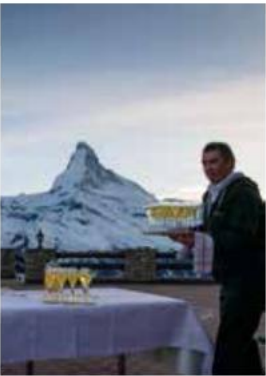


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Concert series at almost 2300 m

SOUNDING SUNNEGGA

In 2012, the Sunnegga Session, a new concert series in the mountain region, was introduced at the Zermatt Unplugged Singer and Songwriter Festival. Uli Schwall, host of the Sunnegga Buffet Bar and thus responsible for one of Europe's highest concert stages, explains in an interview what preparation was required.



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Social project in Myanmar

OLD CABLE CAR ROPES FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

IE For years, Zermatt Bergbahnen AG has been sending its discarded cableways to Myanmar. There, the old cableways are reused in bridge construction as part of social projects. So far, 23 bridges serving 138,000 residents have been built with the cableways supplied from Matterhorn Paradise.



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Construction periods spring and autumn 2015

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The municipal council sets the construction schedule for the current year in January . The increase in the tonnage limit to 26 tons for excavation and demolition transport has proven successful in recent years and will be continued.

In accordance with municipal regulations, the use of motor vehicles (trucks, two-axle tractors , and motorized carts), construction machinery, and drilling, blasting, and excavation work is permitted only during specific periods (construction periods). Helicopter flights are subject to the provisions of federal law and the agreement of April 13, 2004, between the municipality and Air Zermatt.

Permitted construction periods spring 2015
Approved period
Mon, 27.04.–Fri, 29.05.2015 evening

Permitted construction periods autumn 2015
Approved period
Mon, 05.10.–Fri, 30.10.2015 evening

Uniform operating times
The following standard operating times apply to motor vehicles, construction machinery as well as drilling, blasting and excavation work: 07.30–12:00 PM and 1:00 PM–6:30 PM (Mon–Sat).

Data for approved early and/or extended geothermal drilling
Approved period spring
Mon, 20.04. to Fri, 24.04.2015 evening Mon, 01.06. to Fri, 12.06.2015 evening
Approved period autumn
Mon, 21.09. to Fri, 02.10.2015 evening Mon, 02.11. to Fri, 13.11.2015 evening

Blocked days
Ascension Day: Thursday, May 14, 2015
Whit Monday: Monday, May 25, 2015
Corpus Christi: Thursday, June 4, 2015

restrictions
Motor vehicle traffic/construction machinery
No transport operations using vehicles with combustion engines are permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, or public holidays . Excavated material may not be removed on Saturdays.

There will be no on-site installation in the spring. In the fall, the on-site installation must take place on Friday, October 2, 2015. Transportation is permitted between 7:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. using vehicles with combustion engines. Transportation must be registered with the Traffic Department by phone (027 966 22 05).

Crane removal / November
The removal of cranes by helicopter in November is permitted on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the third and fourth weeks of November upon written request.

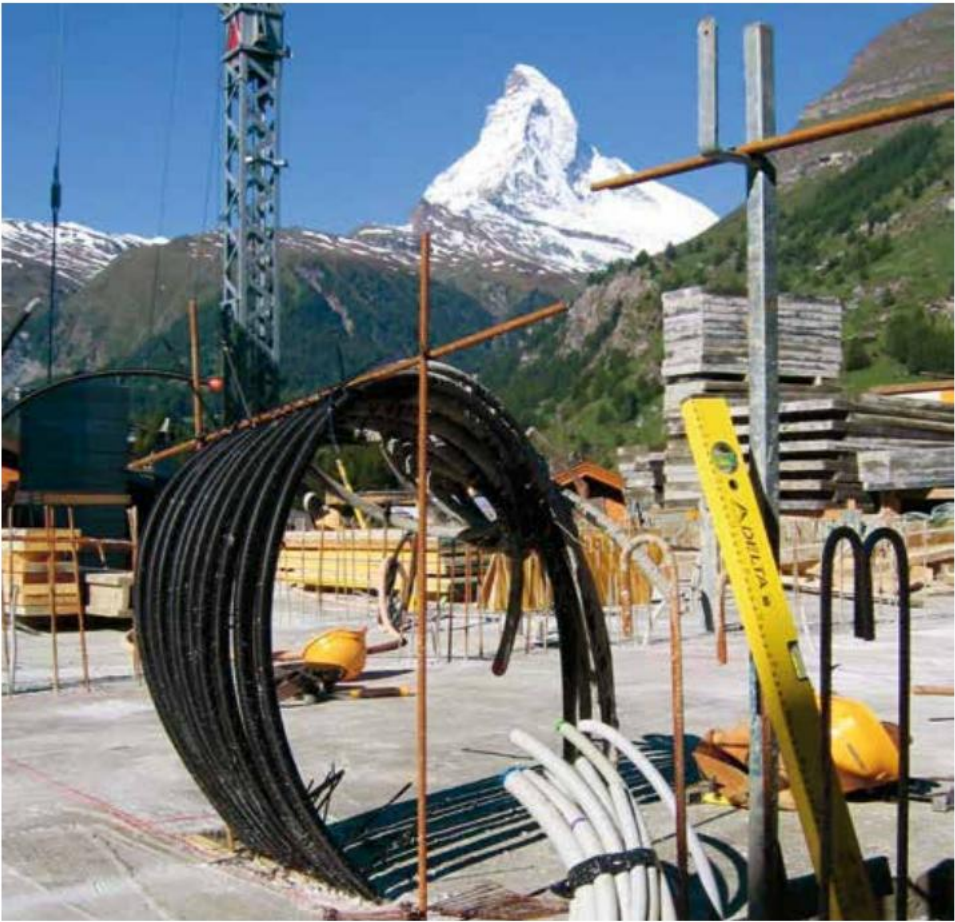
General provisions
1. Application
Requests for special driving permits must be submitted in writing to the Security Department at least 24 hours before the start of the trip . Requests submitted later will not be processed until the following day .

2. Blocked days
On these days and on Sundays and public holidays, motor vehicle traffic, the use of construction machinery and the carrying out of drilling, blasting and excavation work are generally prohibited.

3. Speed
The maximum permitted speed in urban areas is 20 km/h for all vehicles.

4. Truck transport goods
Trucks may only transport excavated and demolition material. Where space permits (except on public land), trucks should deliver construction materials, building elements, and components to the construction site from which the excavated material is being transported during the excavation period.

5. Transport tracked vehicles
Tracked vehicles, except those with rubber tracks, may only be transported on low-loading wagons. The tracks must be cleaned beforehand. A written request must be submitted to the municipality's traffic department in advance.



In Zermatt, special regulations apply during construction periods.

6. Vehicle types and weight
All trucks used require a permit. The maximum permissible weight for transporting excavated material is 26 tons. Three-axle trucks are permitted up to this weight limit (total weight).

7. Street cleaning
To prevent contamination of municipal roads and paths, the construction site access road must be paved or concreted . This measure must be implemented to a width appropriate for the vehicles and along the entire length from the road to the construction site (max. 50 meters).

Appropriate measures must be taken to ensure that no dirt gets onto the road when leaving the construction site . Companies whose construction site exits cause excessive pollution of public roads will be charged for the special expenses incurred according to the client's external rates.

The violation will be subject to an additional fine.

Otherwise, the provisions of the traffic regulations apply. The municipal council may require additional measures in special cases .

8. Penal provisions
Violations of the above provisions shall be punished with a fine of between CHF 50 and CHF 5,000, unless the penal provisions of federal or cantonal laws apply.

Application

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Security Department. Requests submitted later will not be processed until the following day.

New credit card service

ZERMATT APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OFFERS NEW SERVICE

The Zermatt Apartment Association now offers its members the service of allowing their guests to pay for their accommodation with a credit card.

Nowadays, it is essential that guests can pay by credit card. The Zermatt Apartment Association hopes that with this expanded service, members who have not previously accepted credit cards will be able to generate more bookings . Especially for landlords with a smaller number of beds, it has often been

It wasn't worth purchasing a credit card terminal .

When entering credit card details, security is our top priority. Therefore, the transaction is carried out independently by the guest via the payment screen , and we do not receive any information about the credit card details. The transaction is processed in the following steps:

- The ZAV landlord writes an email to the following address: kreditkarten@zermatt apartment.org with the guest's name, email address, and amount.

- We send a payment form to the ZAV member by email, which he forwards directly to the guest.
- The guest pays for his accommodation independently using his credit card via the payment mask .
- After receipt of payment, we will transfer the amount to the landlord's account. For this we need the IBAN number and the name of the account holder.
- The following will be deducted from the amount for the landlord : 1 franc per booking and 1.95% commission fee



The commission fee and the booking fee go entirely to our acquirer, SIXX Payments AG. The other fees (e.g., monthly fees for processing with Postfinance, etc.) are covered by the ZAV.

With this service, ZAV guests can avoid the often expensive bank transfer fees and thus benefit from an additional discount.

2014 tax return and 2015 tax advances

Compared to previous periods, only a few adjustments were made in the 2014 tax period.

The most significant change concerns the second phase of the increase in flat-rate deductions for premiums and contributions to life, health, and accident insurance, as well as interest on savings. This measure reduces the tax burden for all taxpayers, but especially for the middle class.

Important changes to the 2014 tax return

The deduction (heading 2560) for premiums and contributions to life, health, and accident insurance, as well as interest on savings, is CHF 6,000 (CHF 4,800 in 2013) for married couples and CHF 3,000 (CHF 2,400 in 2013) for all other taxpayers. The deduction for each child remains unchanged at CHF 1,090.

Starting in 2014, lottery winnings are exempt from federal direct tax up to CHF 1,000 (municipal and cantonal up to CHF 5,000). Larger winnings are taxed with other federal direct tax income. Withholding tax is only levied on lottery winnings of CHF 1,000 or more, and these must be declared on the securities list of the tax return.

Since 2013, costs for training and continuing education, as well as professional retraining, can be claimed up to a total of CHF 12,000. A new general deduction (section 2581) is available in the 2014 tax return. Such expenses can no longer be deducted under professional expenses.

Capital payments received must be declared in the corresponding item 7 on page 3 of the tax return. All changes for the 2014 tax period are highlighted in brown in the guidelines.

To simplify the processing of tax returns, please refrain from:



Staples



Adhesive tape

The Tax Department and the Cantonal Tax Administration would like to thank all taxpayers and tax offices for their implementation!

The free VSTax 2014 software is available for completing your tax return at www.vs.ch/vstax. The software is now used by more than

75% of Valais taxpayers. Around 28% use the option to submit their tax returns as a file.

Withholding tax deduction for foreign employees from 2015

In a letter dated December 2014, the Cantonal Tax Administration informed employers of various adjustments effective January 1, 2015, or from the beginning of the 2014/2015 winter season.

The most important things in brief

For single, divorced, separated and widowed taxpayers who do not live with their children in the same household, regardless of whether they themselves receive child allowances, tariff A0 applies.

Tariffs A1–A9 may only be used upon request and with the express approval of the Cantonal Tax Administration.

For married taxpayers where both spouses earn income (salaries, pensions, secondary employment, insurance benefits, etc.), regardless of whether this income is earned in Switzerland or abroad, tariff table C applies.

The average gross monthly salary determines the tax rate. Tax rate D applies to a secondary job, provided the employee also has a primary job. For individuals with multiple part-time jobs, the gross monthly salary must be added to 100% to determine the rate.

From January 1, 2015, or from the beginning of the 2014/2015 winter season, the purchase commission will be 2% of the withholding taxes paid.

Tax advances 2015

The 2015 tax advance payments will be sent in February 2015 and serve as an advance payment in installments, levied in accordance with Article 193 of the Tax Act. These advance payments are to be paid within 30 days of the due dates listed below: 1st installment: February 10th; 2nd installment: April 10th;

3rd installment June 10th, 4th installment August 10th, 5th installment October 10th.

In the final tax settlement for 2015, the amounts paid will be credited to the corresponding tax year. Interest will be calculated as follows, in accordance with the State Council's resolution of August 13, 2014:

Any amounts overcharged and paid will be subject to interest at a rate of 3.5% in the final settlement.

The default interest rate for unpaid or late payments is also 3.5%.

According to Article 164(a) of the Tax Act, the negative compensatory interest on outstanding amounts will be calculated with the final settlement from the general due date of taxes, 31 December. March 2016, and charged at 3.5% if the interest amount exceeds 500 francs.

For advance payments made independently of the on-account payments, an interest credit of 0.5% pro rata is granted.

Taxpayers who have paid too little are advised to make a supplementary payment to avoid the compensatory interest.



Do you have questions?

Don't hesitate, we are here for you!

The Cantonal Tax Administration (Tel. 027 606 24 51) and the Tax Department of the Municipality of Zermatt (Tel. 027 966 22 40 or by email at steuern@zermatt.ch) are happy to provide you with further information. All tax information can also be found at www.vs.ch/steuern.

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Winter idyll and heated tempers

THE STREETS OF ZERMATT

EC Who doesn't dream of a snow-covered Zermatt with white streets and paths where children and shopping can be pulled through the village on sleighs? Unfortunately, this idyllic scenery is only possible on a few days in winter in Zermatt.

Zermatt has a total of more than 30 kilometers of roads and more than 500 vehicles . On peak days, up to 35,000 people visit the village and use the roads. During the 2014/2015 winter season, there were increasing complaints about the condition of the roads, as well as their cleanliness and maintenance.

Here are some facts about the snow clearance and winter service operations in Zermatt:

Due to mild temperatures and low precipitation, Zermatt's streets were able to be washed with water in December 2014 and again during the Christmas week. 1,550 m³ of drinking water were used for this purpose.

In comparison, Zermatt consumes 3,000 m3 of water per day in November and 5,000 m3 per day in December . The dry conditions in December also caused excessive dust to settle on the roads . To remove this dust, technical service employees deployed with shovels and brooms and sprayed the streets with brine, a salt-water mixture, on December 23, 2014 .

The long-awaited snowfall and low temperatures finally brought Zermatt the desired winter atmosphere. However, this was followed by periods of heavy rain, which created quite a lot of work for the winter and snow clearing services in Zermatt. Floor drains and meadows froze, preventing the water from draining away. Because the drains were frozen, the streets could not be washed, as was sometimes desired in Zermatt. The accumulated water combined with the dust that lay on the streets and side roads.



During the day, ice is removed from Zermatt's streets using picks and shovels. These must then be further treated.



The fresh snow doesn't linger long on the roads in Matterhorn Village. Electric cars and pedestrians flatten the roads, making them slippery.

and in some places formed an unsightly brown slag. With the use of salt, the frozen drains were finally defrosted, allowing rain and meltwater to drain away . This work was carried out as best as possible by the technical service in temperatures around freezing.

A street washing had to be postponed due to the low temperatures. Hiking trails also turned into ice rinks overnight, nearly forcing them to close. On those days, Zermatt's roads would have been impassable without the use of salt.

There have been calls for wood chips impregnated with urine or magnesium. However, this chipping can only be used on hiking trails and sidewalks . It's not ideal for road traffic .

Incidentally, the wood chips used by the technical service team are made from Christmas trees and are untreated. Therefore, the wood chips spread on the winter hiking trails have not yet fully decomposed by summer. If they were spread widely in the village , they would clog drains and, like the gravel, would have to be removed.

The roads change rapidly when snowfall begins. Once the snow has been flattened by electric vehicles and pedestrians , it becomes slippery. If it snows during the day, road safety personnel are unable to clear the snow from the roads before it has been compacted.

Gravel is the only effective measure here. Using salt would lead to slush. In sunny locations, the snow melts quickly and turns to ice overnight.

Scraping, removing, and spreading gravel can help here . But even worn roads need to be treated with salt again.

The premise, however, is to use as little salt as possible.

conditions where the use of salt cannot be avoided.

Spreading gravel or wood chips on bare ice is also impossible, as the material doesn't bond with the underlying algae and slides off. While scraping the ice off an icy foundation might be a possible measure, it's only partially suitable for a layer of only a few millimeters. The road surface would be completely destroyed in a very short time.

On the Facebook page "The Streets of Zermatt," you can learn more about the activities of Zermatt's winter and snow clearance service. The technical service welcomes suggestions and possible solutions. Furthermore, they regularly exchange information with external experts.

out of.

We thank you for your understanding and the support.



Snow, ice, and rainwater on the roads mean a lot of work for the technical service staff in Zermatt.



Dirty puddles on Zermatt streets: When the dust and water mixture cannot drain properly due to frozen drains in winter, a brown slag forms.

Dogs on a leash

EXTENSION OF THE ZONES WITH LEASH REQUIREMENT

The dog-leash zones in Zermatt were last established in 2004. Given the construction activity in the peripheral residential areas over the past decade, an expansion of these zones is now urgently needed. An additional dog-free zone will also be introduced.

Since 2014, numerous new buildings have been constructed in the peripheral areas of the building zones . This particularly affects the eastern part of the village. Therefore, the municipal council has decided to adapt the leash-required zones to this new situation. For this reason, the area between Wichje and Zer Bännu will now also be included in the leash-required zone and will receive special status.

Special case Wichje–Zer Bännu

When it comes to the leash requirement in the area between Wichje and Zer Bännu, a distinction is made between summer and winter. In summer, dogs can run free under supervision. In winter, wildlife stays lower than in summer, so dogs must be kept on a leash during the winter months. When deer or other forest animals are found dead, stray dogs are often to blame.

New restricted zone

The "Chrome" sports field is now part of the following existing prohibited zones: Obere Matten sports field, school playgrounds, parks, cemeteries, children's playgrounds, and the "Winkelmatten" park.

Off-leash zone.

The cantonal law enforcing the Federal Animal Welfare Act stipulates that dogs must be kept on a leash. This also applies in Zermatt. However, an off-leash zone is available to dog owners between the Vispa River and Schluhmattstrasse, from the wooden bridge between the Hotel Bristol and the Hotel Beau-Rivage to the next wooden bridge to the south.

Dog tax

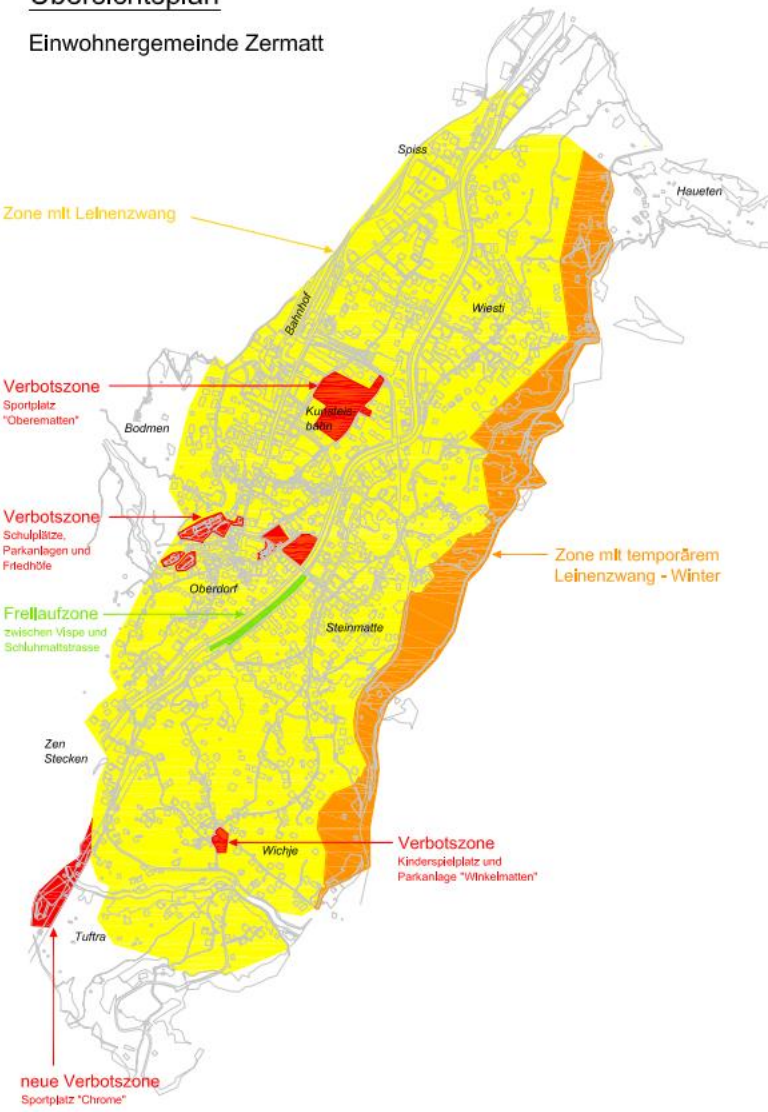
Any dog owner residing in Valais or has lived in Valais for more than three months a year the dog tax must be paid by 31 March of the current year.

The annual fee is CHF 165 and is payable to the Security Department. The following is required for payment of the annual fee:

- CHF 165.– (cash payment)
- Dog's identity document
- Proof of insurance for dog owners with exact Indication of the insured sum

For the registration of new dogs, course confirmation of the theoretical and practical course is also required.

Übersichtsplan
Einwohnergemeinde Zermatt



The new overview map of the zones with leash requirement

“A cultural life is important”

THE CULTURE ZERMATT ASSOCIATION IS COMMITTED TO CULTURAL EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF ZERMATT

In the association Culture Zermatt are since soon five years of culture enthusiasts from Zermatt. The association is committed to a broad, diverse cultural life that finds expression in a variety of forms.

"A cultural life in Zermatt is important. But Zermatt is a tough place," says Othmar Perren. The fact that he says this with wise composure demonstrates that his commitment as president of the Zermatt Culture Association is unwavering and fully conscious.

He emphasizes: "With our programs, we present a broad cultural mix that is intended to appeal to a wide audience." There are events that attract great interest.

For example, "Transeurasia with the Holperkiste," in which Zermatt natives Martina and Adrian Greiner recounted their adventures on an 18-month journey. Around 90 people attended. The reading with top cabaret star Franz Hohler, however, only attracted about 30 people. "Sometimes we don't know why there is so much or so little interest," says Othmar Perren.

The association was founded in 2010 and currently has 70 members. The new president, Othmar Perren, replaced founding member Marco Godat last year after four years in office .

Broad cultural understanding

The association's board of directors is committed to loosening up the cultural landscape a bit . A strict allocation of responsibilities helps with this. The president reviews submitted cultural proposals and presents them to the board. Actuary Mirjam Gobba

She writes minutes, organizes spaces , and more. She also sees culture as a wake-up call and a source of debate: "It's easier to sit at home in front of the computer or television. Our association aims to bring variety and enrichment to everyday life ." Leo Schuler is treasurer: "Art and culture delight the mind and soul. And they are an expression of how people interact with one another and how they shape their coexistence."

Beat Venetz does background work and fills in for everyone else. He attends cultural events outside of Zermatt: "I see myself as an external antenna.

What's happening elsewhere can also be exciting for Zermatt." Administrator Eva Jenni does background work and creates posters: "I'm interested in differences. Be it the people, their stories , their languages, or their cultures. Daring to try new things, dealing with unfamiliar topics, that enriches life."

Media officer Edith Zweifel writes previews and reports for the local media: "A mountain village of 6,000 inhabitants with millions of visitors raises questions. Cultural events that stimulate reflection can help with mental reappraisal."



The board members (from left): Othmar Perren (President), Edith Zweifel (Media), Mirjam Gobba (Actuary), Leo Schuler (Cashier), Eva Jenni (Administrator) and Beat Venetz (Advisor). Board member Marco Godat is missing from the picture.

Programme 2015 – dedicated to culture, Tradition and 150 years of first ascent Matterhorn

Thursday, March 5: Reading by Natascha Knecht (author and mountaineer) from her book "Pioneer and Gentleman of the Alps." A biography of legendary mountain guide Melchior Anderegg, featuring excerpts from events in Zermatt.

Wednesday, June 3: Fireside reading by Stefanie Amman from the autobiographical book by Marie Métrailler «The Journey of the soul» – the spiritual path of a mountain farmer from Evolène.

Thursday, 18 June: Reading by Franziskus Abgottspon from the book «The Lost Valley» by the Zermatt writer lers Hannes Taugwalder. On tradition and life in Zermatt at the beginning of the 20th century.

Beginning of September: Musical reading with Franziskus Abgottspon and Christian Hostettler. Featuring selected texts by Edward Whymper about the first ascent of the Matterhorn and the satire "Riffelberg Ascent" by Mark Twain.

Mid-October, Friday evening: Lecture by geographer Dr. Hanspeter Holzhauser on the Gorner Glacier and its development. On Saturday morning, an excursion following the trail of the Gorner Glacier above Furi.

In November: The Swiss bestseller author Blanca Imboden reads from her latest novel «Matterhorns – a momentous inheritance» .

Programs, history, statutes and newsletter registration can be found here: kulturzermatt.ch

A look at the Grand Council

The last session of the year took place in Sion from Monday , December 15, to Friday, December 19, 2014. Key topics were the canton's multi-year planning and the 2015 budget.

Between Tuesday and Thursday, the budgets of the individual departments were discussed, amended, and adopted. Furthermore, more than 100 amendments had to be

Individual items were preceded by hours of discussion, as they involved complying with the double debt brake. This means that if a new, higher amount is added to one cost center, the responsible department must save the same amount elsewhere.

Given the political diversity in the Grand Council, it is only natural that each parliamentary group always strives to assert its own interests and demands. This has often led to heated debates. The most debates and amendments took place in the Department of Transport, Construction and the Environment (DVBU, headed by State Councilor Jacques Melly) and the Department of Education and Security (DBS, headed by State Councilor Oskar Freysinger).

In the DBS, the committee proposed saving CHF 118,000 on speech therapy. This proposal was strongly opposed and fortunately rejected by the Grand Council with 114 votes in favor and 5 against. It cannot be allowed that funds are saved at the expense of the children who need support most.

In the DVBU office, in the area of forest protection and forest conservation. The problems in the side valleys with their protective forests were thus

This definitely did not take sufficient account of the costs. Therefore, after various proposals, especially from the perspective of the Upper Valais, the Grand Council decided to maintain the entire cost item – without cutting it. Our Forestry Office should receive sufficient financial support for its

receive new work.

On Friday morning, the budget was finally approved as a whole. At times, it almost looked as if it would be rejected, which would be a catastrophe.



The first session of the Grand Council in 2015 will take place from March 9 to March 13. Photo: WB

trophe for the Valais. There would have been no subsidies, no wages, and no work of any kind from third parties.

can be financed. In fact, a financial block

About two hours of debate, the vote was held – and common sense prevailed. The final vote on the 2015 budget was passed with 74 votes in favor, 22 against, and three abstentions.

A major coup was achieved for the tourism fund. CHF 50 million was allocated to Valais tourism from the

Infrastructure funds were discussed.

The federal government should also pledge the same amount. This means that CHF 100 million is available for the Canton of Valais. How this will be used and spent is still open and will be discussed in further

Have a discussion.

After the amendment to the AZ for hotel establishments was introduced in the November session, the new

Law concerning minimum distances for external insulation

external facade insulation will no longer be included if it achieves a higher energy value. The new Article 29

Paragraph 3: Paragraph 3 takes over Article 9 paragraph 3 letter e of the Energy Act in an adapted form. This provision stipulates that for existing heated buildings that meet at least the Minergie, MuKE, or comparable construction standards, the maximum 20 cm excess required for thermal insulation or installations to improve the use of domestic renewable energy sources is not counted when calculating building height, distances to buildings, boundaries, waterways, roads, or parking spaces, and building lines.

The Electricity Supply Act was passed with 119 votes in favor and no votes against. Its aim is to take all necessary measures for the establishment of a cantonal grid company for the purpose of operating the supra-regional electricity distribution grid at levels 2 and 3.

Furthermore, an animal protection law was passed and a total of 22 debates and readings were held.

51 proposals had to be additionally addressed this week.

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Zermatt back in the day

Ground floor Mattertalstrasse

The Matter Valley

Johann Schalbetter has the oldest cartographic graphic representation of Valais created. It is the earliest national map of a Swiss canton and at the same time one of the first special maps in the entire Alpine region. Sebastian Münster published this map in 1545, on which

cher the valley from Stalden to St. Niklaus is listed as Gasental, since at that time St. Niklaus was called «Gasen» (District administrators' farewells of the 16th century). On the Valais map from Lambien In 1682, we find the name «Niclas». From Gasen to Mons Silvius/ Augstalberg (Matterhorn) we find the name Mattertal for the inner valley.

Johann Schalbetter is probably one of the most educated and well-known personalities ities, in whose veins Zermatt blood flowed. On his map we already find the place names Finilen, Am Ried and Deschtal for the valley in the

Täschalpe. For centuries, a Footpath through the Mattertal and later a Mule track, which due to the rough terrain and the gorges in the Area of Stalden/Kipfen either via Grächen or on the other side of the valley via Zeneggen–Törbel–Embd to Gasen and from there to Zermatt.

19th and 20th centuries

After the road was expanded through Rhone Valley and the pass road over the Simplon by Napoleon, the emerging economy, trade, technical progress, postal service and

not least tourism after a Extension of the valley road into the Matter and Saas Valley. Josef Perren (1775–1837) was the first postman between Visp and Zermatt, carrying the mail in a basket and distributing it to all the communities in the valley. 1840

Peter Zurbriggen from Saas-Grund joined the cantonal postal service as the first pedestrian messenger for the Saas Valley. He made a

For a salary of CHF 132 per year, he performed this service twice a week, like his colleague from Zermatt. In 1849, the Confederation took over the postal service, and in 1850

in Zermatt and Saas-Grund the first post filing cabinets founded. In 1868, at the urging of the valley communities, the Canton of Valais expanded the existing footpath from Stalden to St. Niklaus into a mule-accessible path. Hotelier Alexander Seiler initiated the project between 1858 and 1862 to expand the mule track from St. Niklaus to Zermatt into a carriage-accessible road, as the terrain along this stretch was largely flat and suitable for improvement.

The increasing number of tourists who travelled to Zermatt knew to appreciate this convenience.

On 14 October 1878, the Voters of St. Niklaus made a contribution of CHF 30,000 and a petition to the Grand Council of the Canton of Valais for the construction of a carriage road from Visp to St. Niklaus. Unfortunately, the canton had this request is not understood.

The valley road

In 1919, the district council in Visp drafted a road project to Zermatt and the Saas Valley. A protocol from that time states: "The Visp Valley, one of the largest valleys, not only in Valais but in all of Switzerland, is also the only one of its size that does not have a valley road along its entire length." On November 25, 1927, the Grand Council of the

Canton of Valais, the decree for the construction of the Saas Valley road and a year later, on 24. November 1928 (decided width 4m), the decree for the Mattertalstrasse. For The groundbreaking ceremony for both roads took place in 1930 in Stalden, where the first bridge to be built was the approximately 100 m long Merjen Bridge from Stalden over the Vispa to Illas.

Cost discussions about the participation of the municipalities in the Mattertal led to a State Council resolution and to a Federal government participation in the construction of the Stalden (Illas)–St. Niklaus road, which has been reduced to 3.60 m in width. The federal government contributed 35%. In March/ On 1 April 1932, an agreement was concluded between the State Council of the Canton of Valais, the Visp-Zermatt Railway Company and the Confederation, represented by the Economic Affairs Department.

Department, the corresponding contract was concluded. In this contract, road traffic was restricted, among other things, for reasons of competition with the Visp-Zermatt Railway, and cars with more than 6 seats and trucks weighing more than 2 tons were not allowed on the route.

Stalden–St.Niklaus was banned. In addition, de For 15 years, all car traffic on the St.Niklaus–Zermatt route is prohibited. The following road expansion enabled the first car to travel on 29 July 1935 to St. Niklaus and from there the following day, July 30, the journey continued to Zermatt, where this event caused a great sensation.

Development after World War II

It was only after the Second World War that the valley road from Stalden to St. Niklaus was actually expanded as a tourist route, thanks to various initiatives by the dynamic Zermatt municipal council.

After repeated avalanches on the Visp-Zermatt railway line Railway – Zermatt was often cut off from the outside world for up to 10 days – the local authorities demanded in 1946 by the State Council of the Canton of Valais, an avalanche new control program. The development program amounted to



At the urging of the valley communities, the Canton of Valais expanded the footpath from Stalden to St. Niklaus into a mule-accessible path.



In 1878, the canton did not yet understand the construction of a carriage road from Visp to St. Niklaus.

CHF 1800000, with a federal contribution of CHF 450000. The municipality Zermatt agreed to take over 2/3 of the share of all municipalities, under the condition that in a new agreement between the canton and the Visp-Zermatt Railway, the previous traffic restrictions on the Stalden-St.Niklaus road would be dropped and the canton would also withdraw the subsidies for

the expansion of the road from St.Niklaus to inner Mattertal must be secured. After the traffic restrictions have expired, In 1952 it became clear that there was no need to expand the road section Stal-den–St.Niklaus for tourist traffic an additional cost of CHF 15000000 was necessary. The municipalities of the

Mattertal, which is why O. Ju-len, mayor of Zermatt, in a letter dated 11 June 1954,

the cantonal construction department suggested that, at the same time as expanding the hydropower, they should also work on expanding the road Stalden–St.Niklaus down because, according to Article 44 of the cantonal road law, power plant companies

Those who use the roads excessively can be required to contribute.

As the only power plant company in the entire canton, Grande Dixence SA, on the initiative of the municipality of Zermatt, committed itself following the meeting on 3 November 1954 with Federal Councillor Escher, to a then high contribution of CHF 3 million to the expansion of the road to

Mattertal. This enabled the immediate expansion of the tourist road from Stalden. The valley road became a modern Traffic route expanded. The Grand Council of the Canton of Valais In 1961, the St.Nicholas road was klaus–Zermatt as a municipal road and passed the corresponding decree for the expansion of the road from St. Niklaus. On October 21, 1972, the street St.Ni-klaus–Täsch will be opened and ceremoniously inaugurated.

In the previous year, 1971, the Grand Council of the Canton of Valais had unanimously approved a decree for the complete expansion of the Täsch-Zermatt road.

Dr. Thomas Julien

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Textile and technical design or crafting?

TWEAK AND TRY OUT INSTEAD OF REPRODUCTION

As part of a continuing education course led by subject consultant Marlis Schmid Kuonen, the teachers explored the question of how contemporary teaching in textile and technical design is presented. Times have changed: from "showing and imitating" (crafting) to "designing."

Craft
"We're building a wooden treasure chest," the teacher explained at the beginning of the craft class. Whether building a birdhouse, crocheting a washcloth, assembling a kit, stringing a thread chart, or gluing calendar pictures – the teacher provided a sample, the necessary materials, and a plan, and the work could begin. Who could work the most carefully and precisely? At the end of the craft class, 25 pretty but identical birdhouses were lined up and evaluated.

The schoolchildren learned the skills necessary for the crafted object. This lesson had little to do with design. The workflow and product were clear—just crafting or working—and beautiful to look at...

Technical and textile design
"How can we package an object?" the second-grade students and their teacher asked themselves. Many individual ideas emerged. Each child designed their own packaging or container, tinkered with it, and tried it out. The teachers

A person posed the following additional task: "The packaging or the invented container must be able to be opened and closed again. It needs a mechanism." The children developed interesting solutions. They worked process-oriented: From the design to the finished product, they had to continually reflect, re-plan, and rethink. The teacher supported them repeatedly. They created completely original works, invented, built, and designed by themselves – not perfect, but "their own."

«Atelier Wood»
Twelve children work in the workshop at "Atelier Holz". At various stations, they learn to saw, screw, and join, hammer in nails, and drill. The students acquire skills that they can then use in a craft project (e.g., an office box). Other children explore the topic of "rolling." Before they can build their own marble run, they learn to cut, fold, measure, bend, and join cardboard at various stations. Afterwards, the children are allowed to invent and experiment so that the marble can finally roll down the track really fast.

Tinker and try out
Process-oriented teaching is different and more demanding, as the child's learning process must be supported. Furthermore, materials from everyday life (car-



Textile and technical design pursues different goals than reproductive handicraft.

Clay, newspaper, scrap wood, etc.) are used. This way, original works are created that, while they may not glitter and shine like the "copycat" works, have the advantage of being homemade. This also means that the days are over when the teacher would say, "We're going to make a Mother's Day present!" Today, it sounds like this: "We learned what and how things fly. After various experiments and trials, I made this beautiful windsock!"

Times are changing and we are changing with them...

HarmoS – Curriculum 21 – Block Times – Kindergarten

HARMONIZATION OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL

HarmoS is an agreement that aims to further harmonize compulsory school education in Switzerland.

The agreement aims to improve the quality and permeability of the system and reduce barriers to transferring schools to another canton. The canton of Valais is currently implementing the first provisions of HarmoS with the introduction of the Primary School Act.

HarmoS
The HarmoS Concordat regulates the following content through the harmonisation of compulsory education:

- Extension of compulsory schooling to eleven years with the introduction of a preschool or entry level instead of the existing kindergarten.
- Identification of the overarching objectives of compulsory education for the whole of Switzerland, ie a common curriculum to accommodate increased mobility and equal opportunities (Curriculum 21).
- Identification of quality assurance and quality development instruments at national level in order to harmonize requirements.
- Establishing instruments for binding educational standards. This means increasing the emphasis on learning methods and research skills rather than primarily factual knowledge. This is to prepare students for a rapidly changing world.

The Canton of Valais has committed to implementing the above-mentioned content, objectives, and structures for compulsory education. This includes the introduction of block times and daily structures, as well as the adaptation of the curricula. Curriculum 21 is to be introduced in Upper Valais in the coming school years, and the Plan d'étude romand (PER) is already being implemented in schools in Lower Valais.

School year 2015/2016
The new Primary School Act will come into force on August 1, 2015. As required by the HarmoS Agreement, the current kindergarten level will be part of the compulsory schooling in the next school year. To minimize the impact of this harmonization, the Canton of Valais is gradually lowering the school entry age. Four-year-olds in Upper Valais will enter kindergarten according to the following schedule:

School year 2015/2016	October 1, 2009–February 28, 2011
School year 2016/2017	01.03.2011–30.04.2012
School year 2017/2018	01.05.2012–30.06.2013
School year 2018/2019	01.07.2013–31.07.2014
School year 2019/2020	01.08.2014–31.07.2015

The children who enter kindergarten (new: 1st HarmoS class) attend classes only half-days during the entire school year and then full-days in the 2nd year.



With HarmoS, the two-year kindergarten becomes part of the compulsory school period, which now lasts eleven years.

The schools are currently working with the Department of Education to develop detailed implementation of the Primary School Act: implementation of block times, start and end of lessons, timetables, etc. As soon as the various organizational points have been clarified and approved by the canton, we will provide you with more detailed information here.



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Sunnegga Session at Zermatt Unplugged

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A new experience every year

The Zermatt Unplugged singer-songwriter festival has been running since 2007. Big names like Chris de Burgh, Alanis Morissette, and Lionel Richie have already showcased their talent. But Zermatt Unplugged has even more exciting facets. For example, the Sunnegga Session, which was added in 2012. This makes the Sunnegga one of the highest concert stages in Europe.

Behind the scenes the Sunnegga Session

What kind of preparation is required to put on a concert at Sunnegga ? What are the difficulties?

We asked these and other questions to the host of the Buffet Bar Sunnegga, Uli Schwall.

When does preparation for the Sunnegga Session begin?
Specifically, we'll start preparing about 10 days in advance . There's a lot to do, and everyone needs to pitch in.

What are the difficulties of such an event?
Unfortunately, we often have to turn guests away, as our capacity is around 100 people. The weather is always a problem . But we simply have to be flexible.



Uli Schwall ensures the perfect organization of the Sunnegga Session.



Unique club atmosphere in the Buffet Bar Sunnegga.

Have there been any changes since then?
Instead of the usual Valais buffet, our guests are treated to a modern buffet where everyone will find something to their liking.

How many employees do you need to prepare such a session?
All in all, about 18 to 20 people are deployed.

Which singer or band would you like to see up here?
I don't really care. As long as the guests like it, I'm happy.

Don't miss it!

Let the rhythm of the band Skye & Ross warm you up on April 16, 2015, and enjoy the stunning mountain scenery of Zermatt.

The train to the Sunnegga Session departs at 7:30 p.m.

Concert starts at 9 p.m.

16.04.2015 Sky & Ross

17.04.2015 Hendrix Ackle

18.04.2015 Gabrielle

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CONSTANTLY NEW WEBSHOP PRODUCTS DURING THE WINTER SEASON

Since November 2014, the new web-Zermatt Bergbahnen's online shop. The product range currently includes cable car tickets, mountain experiences, and vouchers. New products are continually being added throughout the winter season. Sports equipment rental and ski course packages are currently in the final implementation phase .

Zermatt Bergbahnen's new online shop is generating significant interest among Zermatt guests . Thanks to the intensified communication and the resulting increased awareness of the shop, online bookings are showing a sharp increase compared to the previous year.

Since November 2014, guests have been able to conveniently book mountain experiences such as First Track and the VIP gondola online, in addition to tickets and vouchers . ZBAG has also launched its first yield promotions with the Midweek Skiing Special in December and the New Year Special in January.

Rental of sports equipment & ski course packages
Two additional shop products are currently in the final implementation phase. Eight Zermatt sports shops will offer their rental equipment in the ZBAG online shop in the future . The range includes skis and snowboards, as well as ski/snowboard boots and helmets. These sports equipment can only be booked in conjunction with ski passes.

Ski course packages will also be available in the webshop during the winter season. Private half- and full-day ski courses are available in conjunction with ski passes. ZBAG has secured the three Zermatt ski schools recognized by Swiss Snowsports as service partners for these courses.

Zermatt Support AG, the accounting office of the Matterhorn Group, Zermatt Bergbahnen AG and other companies in Zermatt and the surrounding area, recently launched its own website with lots of useful information: www.zsuag.ch

It's worth taking a look!



The Zermatt Bergbahnen webshop will be expanded with new products this winter season.

Bridge construction in Myanmar

A SENSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF OLD RAILWAY ROPES

what happens to the old traction and circulating cables of the Zermatt mountain railways?

Zermatt Bergbahnen AG continuously performs comprehensive inspections and maintenance work on its facilities in the Matterhorn Paradise . This includes a meticulous analysis of the condition of the traction and recirculating cables. Depending on the type of cable, these cables require complete replacement every seven to 15 years. For several years, Zermatt Bergbahnen AG has been sending the discarded cables after the transition to Myanmar to Swiss bridge builder Toni Rüttimann, better known as "Toni el Suizo." Rüttimann has used the cables from Zermatt to build 23 bridges, helping 138,000 people. The traction cables for the Trockener Steg – Matterhorn glacier paradise aerial tramway, delivered in 2014, are enough for at least 20 more bridges and will make everyday life easier for 120,000 rural residents. "I don't build the bridges; the people do it together with me. It's hard work."

But in these moments, a bridge

"More than just a structure: It represents hope and progress," says Toni Rüttimann. Since 1987, the Swiss engineer has been building pedestrian suspension bridges for isolated villages using recycled steel cables and pipeline pipes . The beneficiary farmers help with the construction and supply sand, stones, cement and wood.

Overview of the ropes supplied to Toni Rüttimann by Zermatt Bergbahnen AG

- 4287 m long rope of the Theodul-Ex press from 2009: Used as suspension ropes of 16 bridges in Myanmar, used by 92100 people
- 2443 m long rope of the Theodule Express from 2011: Used as support cables for seven bridges in Myanmar, used by 45,900 people
- 7200 m long cable cars Trockener Steg–Matterhorn glacier paradise from 2014: In the future, it will be used for at least 20 bridges in Myanmar or Indonesia, used by at least 120,000 people



For years, decommissioned cable car cables from Zermatt Bergbahnen AG have been reused in social projects.



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Even more new trains for the MGBahn

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MGBahn has invested heavily in new rolling stock over the past two years. In December 2011, the largest order for rolling stock in the company's history was placed. Seven new KOMET multiple units were put into operation just in time for the introduction of half-hourly service in December 2014. These now offer customers increased

Comfort. With the commissioning of four articulated control cars, this major rolling stock acquisition will be completed as planned in the first half of 2015.

Delivery of the first articulated control car

The first of the four articulated control cars was delivered on January 7, 2015. These two-car cars, which correspond to the design of the KOMET multiple unit but are not motorized, will now make it possible to form nine-car trains, thus increasing the seating capacity by 85 seats at peak times.

Operational excellence with half-hourly service

The introduction of the half-hourly service was successfully completed. The first few days and weeks have shown that the long-planned timetable is feasible. However, the introduction of the half-hourly service alone does not complete the project. The stated goal is to quickly achieve operational excellence and resolve any teething issues with the new rolling stock so that customers can be offered the best possible product.



It won't be the last

Dear Jubilarians
Dear Jubilarians

This is how we started the Anniversary year 2015 certainly not imagined: With a bang, our currency has gained so much strength against other currencies that our price has fallen massively below

pressure has come. It is not only the euro that is causing us create: Soon we also receive reactions from whose currency nations feel ; after all, 60% our guests not from the Swiss franc area.



Tourism again, us again: Terrorism, disease epidemics, import tariffs, minimum wages, currency fluctuations – these are just a few of the factors that have caused us to suffer repeated losses over the past 15 years . It would truly be a shame if we couldn't proudly admit that we've always managed it. We've reacted, adapted, restructured, and prepared ourselves accordingly for every crisis. I'm convinced we'll make it this time, too.

The mountain to be conquered is certainly much larger – perhaps the measures will also be more drastic this time. We will succeed by focusing on our strengths, caring for our guests, and complaining and self-deprecating a little less.

Despite everything, I wish you a successful start to your anniversary year.

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Cornerstones of the anniversary summer

Numerous events and activities will mark the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn

The summary shows the most important events that can be experienced in the village of Zermatt around the 150th anniversary of the first ascent of the Matterhorn.

Open-air performance «The Matterhorn Story»

July 9 to August 29
The open-air play depicts historical events surrounding the first ascent of the Matterhorn in 1865. Set on the Riffelberg, performers from Zermatt and the surrounding area, along with actors, depict what life was like back then. Director Anne Livia Richard dedicated the play to Zermatt's mountain guides.

Premiere Tuesday, July 9th.
Performances every Wednesday to Saturday, 7:30 p.m. On Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Packages available.

Subject to changes and additions

There are also film premieres, book launches, cultural events, and package deals for locals and guests. zermatt.ch

Films and TV documentaries

End of March
The Matterhorn is the main character. TV documentaries and films focus on historical events

and today's ascents. Two previews of TV and film documentaries will take place in March. One is on SRF TV (Tatort Matterhorn, by Frank Senn), and the other is "Step by Step" by Köbi Julen (end of March).

Staged village tour First ascent of the Matterhorn in 1865

From mid-June to the end of September, Wednesdays
A delicacy for locals too. Guided

A tour through the village. More than ten actors from the theater group will reenact what happened in the village during the first ascent of the Matterhorn.

Festivities week

FROM 10 TO 18 JULY, ZERMATT IS CHARACTERIZED BY MANY FESTIVITIES

Regular guests event
Friday, July 10
Zermatt cultivates its regular guests, including unforgettable events on Lake Schwarzsee and sunset dinners.

Winkelmatten Village Festival
Saturday, July 11
Village festival in Winkelmatten. Theme: 1865, with Walser tradition.

Day of Contemplation
Sunday, July 12
Group hike to Stellisee, with a mountaineering service. At the mountaineers' cemetery: blessing of the memorial stone "Grave of the Unknown Mountaineer."

Opening of the Hörnlihütte
Monday, July 13
Pre-opening of the Hörnli Hut. It is closed to mountaineers, as no one is allowed to climb the Matterhorn on July 14th in memory of the deceased first ascent climbers.

Monday evening
Meeting point on the church bridge and village festival in Steinmatte. With music and entertainment.

Tuesday, July 14
Opening and blessing of the Hörnli Hut, open day. Silence reigns on the Matterhorn – from Respect for the deceased alpinists. No Matterhorn ascents. In the village center: inauguration of the "Walk of Climb," a memorial stone commemorating the achievements of alpinists on the Matterhorn.

Be our guest
Wednesday, July 15
Zermatt guests and locals can enjoy Benefit from various free offers. Get to know Zermatt and its alpine world of adventure.

For the next generation
Thursday, July 16
Next Generation. With day tours, children's climbing, mountain rescue with Air Zermatt, base jumping, and speed climbing. VIP: Ueli Steck.

Italy Day
Friday, July 17
A star ascent over the four ridges of the Matterhorn to the summit. With alpinists from Italy, Zermatt, France, and England. An act of friendship at the summit. And further activities in the village—a surprise.

Final day
Saturday, July 18
Show and festival at Matterhorn Plaza in the village center.

National Day
Saturday, August 1
National celebration with speeches and fireworks.

Swiss Food Festival Extended
Friday, August 7, to Sunday, August 9
With kitchen party (Friday), specialties on the church square (Saturday) and gondola breakfast (Sunday). Topic: Tradition.



Sunset Dinner
Friday, August 28, and Friday, September 4
Sunset dinner with the proven crew of Swiss Food Festivals Extended.

There will also be film projects, readings, book launches, and many other activities. VIP ascents of the Matterhorn are also planned. Subject to change. The above dates are subject to change.

The events calendar will be updated and updated continuously over the next few weeks (zermatt.ch).



The activities surrounding the 150th anniversary of the Matterhorn's first ascent are intended to have a lasting impact both within the village and beyond. (Image: for Mammut, Robert Boesch)