



CONFLUENCE NEWS – BASALT, COLORADO

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A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

The future of Basalt is as bright as I can remember. We are seeing a tremendous amount of positive momentum, not to mention great snow!

We have lots of new employees reporting for duty downtown, including Pitkin County, the Community Foundation and Ski Co. We have new housing projects in the works at Willits and Real America and new restaurants downtown and coming soon to Willits. The stars seem aligned in Basalt.

Our fabulous last quarter is heavily due to our interim manager, Ron Miller. On behalf of the entire council, I want to acknowledge Ron for his part in getting us moving in a positive direction. Although Ron signed on for an interim position, he has moved us forward as if he was here for the long haul. He brought us the town's first capital improvement plan, a procurement policy, a balanced budget and a rock solid management style that has stilled the rough waters of recent times. He is ensuring the completion of the river front park in an expedited fashion because it is a community and Council priority. We will see green by early summer. Thank you so much for all you have done, Ron!

Warm Regards,
Jacque

EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT FOR TOWN MANAGER

We recently selected the executive search firm of Peckham & McKenney to help us find our new town manager. Community members will be invited to join in this process as it gets underway and we hope that many of you will have the time to participate. The community will be alerted when we begin the selection process.

MONTHLY NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

This Newsletter will be published on the first of each month as a new addition to our outreach efforts to keep you informed and working on your behalf. If there are things you want to see included in this missive, please forward your ideas to connie.holcomb@basalt.net and she will get them to the Council. We invite you to join us at our regular Council meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6pm – or contact us individually to share your hopes, dreams, ideas or concerns. We are your representatives at Town Hall and are here for you. To find us, go to www.basalt.net and click on GOVERNMENT at the top of the page, then select TOWN COUNCIL from the drop down menu. We look forward to hearing from you.

BASALT MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Town of Basalt Staff is working with Tim Malloy of TGMC, LLC in preparation to update the Town's Master Plan. The last update to the Town's Master Plan occurred in 2007, although several specific plans have been adopted since that time. Town Staff started the update process by preparing a community survey to be distributed to residents and business owners. The community survey is an important planning tool. As with the 1999 Master Plan and the 2007 Update, the Town will use the responses to the survey to make changes to the Master Plan, especially the goals and objectives.

To date, Town Staff has reviewed the draft survey questions with the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission and incorporated the Planning and Zoning Commission's feedback. You can check the Planning Department's page on the Town's website www.basalt.net for

future updates on the survey and other progress toward the Master Plan Update.



A crane lowers the top slab onto the Basalt underpass tunnel.

BASALT UNDERPASS PROJECT UPDATE

As of mid-January, construction crews have completed a portion of the planned storm drain improvements, along with the majority of the excavation for the first phase of the underpass. Concrete pours for tunnel walls and slabs are underway. The next major activities include the completion of concrete pours for the North Phase's trail and retaining walls, setting the precast top to the underpass, as well as completion of the highway backfill of the north half of the tunnel. Soon thereafter, temporary asphalt paving will be placed to move the work zone to the opposite side of SH 82, marking a significant milestone for the project.

"One Day in the Life of the Construction of an Underpass"

<https://vimeo.com/201674304>

For future updates on the project, please see the following link: <http://www.basalt.net/326/Basalt-Avenue-Pedestrian-Underpass>

BASALT CITIZEN COMMITTEE OPENINGS

There are multiple openings on committees providing an opportunity for citizens to get involved.

Below is a list of five committees with vacancies.

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| 1. Planning and Zoning (P&Z) | 2 vacant positions |
| 2. Parks, Open Space and Trails (POST) | 4 vacant positions |
| 3. Basalt Affordable Housing Commission (BACH) | 3 vacant positions |
| 4. Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC) | |
| 5. Basalt Green Team | 1 vacant position |

For information on each of the Committees and how to apply please follow the link to the Town webpage under Community/Board openings.

<http://basalt.net/216/Board-Openings>

WINTER SAFETY TIPS FROM THE EXPERTS

The **Town of Basalt Police and Public Works Departments** are asking all residents to help us keep our community safe. Below are 10 reminders that will help us:

1. Please give snowplows plenty of room to work. Do not tailgate or pass the plows since they make frequent lane changes and stops.
2. Vehicles parked on public right-of-way must be moved every 72 hours. Storage of vehicles on public right-of-way is not permitted.
3. Slow down when approaching all intersections and pedestrian crossings during snow and ice conditions.
4. Remove **all** snow and ice from your vehicle before driving.
5. Keep fire hydrants in front of your homes clear of snow and branches.
6. Trim tree limbs, on private property, away from street lights for nighttime safety.
7. All dogs being walked on public property must be leashed and under physical control at all times.
8. Annual dog registration licenses are required for all dogs that reside in Town.
9. All snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks in front of your homes and businesses within 24 hours of accumulation.
10. Please do not push snow from private property onto public right-of-way. It makes it very difficult for our Public Works employees to keep the streets and parking spots clear of ice and snow.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping Basalt safe.
Greg Knott, Chief of Police
Boyd Bierbaum, Public Works Director



A Special Presentation was made by Chief John Camper of Grand Junction P.D. to the Basalt Police Department for Accreditation by the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police - A Significant Achievement and Recognition in Colorado

CONGRATULATIONS BASALT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our very own Basalt Police Department has received a rare accreditation given to law enforcement agencies. Only 40 Agencies out of 239 in Colorado have earned the recognition and Basalt is the only agency in the Roaring Fork Valley to receive it.

The accreditation is based on standards set by the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police and County Sheriffs of Colorado. Numerous best practices must be achieved to receive the accreditation including appropriate use of force, emergency response, code of conduct and discipline, and handling of evidence and property.

Basalt Police Chief Greg Knott indicated that the department as a whole decided they wanted to seek the accreditation, then took a good

look inward at the criteria and made a commitment to meet the standards.

The accreditation was formally awarded to the Basalt Police Department at a Town Council meeting. Nearly all members of the Basalt staff attended the ceremony.

Follow the Basalt Police Department on Facebook 



The Art Base

COME BE CREATIVE AT THE ART BASE

Mosaic Madness February 7,14,21,28
3:30-5:30PM

Mommy & Me Jewelry Making Feb 12, 2017
12:00-2:00PM

For information on classes and events go to:
<https://theartbase.org/>

BASALT RECREATION – JOIN IN THE FUN

For more information on classes go to:
<http://www.basaltexpressrec.org/>

Agility FUNDamentals for Athletic Performance

Session II: Tues/Thurs March 28, 30, April 4, 6

Jr. Pickleball

Who: 3rd - 8th grades

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K2 Mud Season Basketball League

This is an opportunity for the younger basketball players both boys and girls to get off the bench and on the courts with our K2 Mud Season Basketball League.

Who: Kindergarten - 2nd grades

When: Feb 28, Mar 2, 6, 7, 9

After School XC Class

1st- 3rd& 4th-6th grades

February Session:

1st - 3rd Grades - Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28

4th - 6th Grades - Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23



A group of cross country ski program participants takes a breather