



## CONFLUENCE NEWS

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### A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

As our March newsletter goes to print, Winter's returned with a load of beautiful snow for our skiing pleasure and to fill our rivers in the coming months.

Other things are peachy in Basalt as well. We've experienced record breaking sales tax revenue again, new businesses opening and a new interim manager, Davis Farrar, holding down the fort until our search for a manager is complete. Davis owns Western Slope Consulting specializing in public and private sector planning and municipal management services. He has been in the valley for 37 years and understands our culture and diversity. His many experiences include managing the Town of Carbondale as a planner and manager. He is open and easy to work with and generally available three days a week in town hall. Lastly, I want to thank the Basalt PD for their brave and successful apprehension of the young men who were evading capture in our area recently. There could have been terrible consequences for members of our community or these young men if the situation had not been handled so professionally. We are forever grateful for the Chief and his department. They are more than deserving of our trust!

Happy Spring!  
Jacque Whitsitt

### BASALT CITIZEN COMMITTEE OPENINGS

There are multiple openings on Town committees providing an opportunity for citizens to get involved. Below is a list of five committees with vacancies.

1. Planning and Zoning (P&Z)
2. Parks, Open Space and Trails (POST)
3. Basalt Affordable Housing Commission (BACH)
4. Basalt Green Team
5. Basalt Finance Committee

For information on each of the Committees and how to apply please follow the link to the Town webpage under Community/Board openings or call Susan Philp, Basalt Town Planner at (970) 927-4701 Ext:204

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

### BASALT UNDERPASS UPDATE

There will be a shift of auto lanes from the south to the north as we start work on the southern end of the underpass. In mid to late March traffic lanes will shift

from the south to the north side of SH 82 for construction on the other half of the underpass.

Transit riders will continue to use the temporary bus stops. This traffic configuration is estimated to be in place until late August, when traffic would return to normal. The goal is to have the underpass open in time for the 2017-2018 school year. The entire project is expected to be completed in late October. Please remember that the speed limit is 35 mph through the construction area for the safety of drivers, workers, and pedestrians.



*New layout of Traffic Flow after Underpass construction shifts to the South side and traffic is routed to the North side of SH82*

### EMERGENCY TRAINING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilor Auden Schendler and Mayor Jacque Whitsitt spent an afternoon learning about the role of elected officials in emergency situations. Generally speaking, elected officials are advised to allow first responders and other emergency response professionals to address emergency situations. Elected officials can lend support with communications when asked by emergency responders. Thank you, Pitkin County, for providing this informative training.

### ROARING FORK CHARITY CLASSIC

Join the fun and play a round of golf at the Roaring Fork Club to benefit Basalt High School Students and Athletes! Tuesday, May 9, 2017, Call 970-927-4693 or email [dee@bearchitect.com](mailto:dee@bearchitect.com) for more information



Basalt Longhorns 2017 Basketball team

**BASALT LONGHORNS HEAD TO STATE TOURNEY**

Congratulations to our Basalt Longhorn Basketball team. The boys finished their regular season last weekend with a win over Roaring Fork 49-42 and a heartbreaking loss to Coal Ridge 55-57. The Longhorns head to Denver this coming weekend to begin their bid for the 3A State championship against University on 3/3 at 5:30pm at the Denver School of Science and Technology, Green Valley Ranch. GO LONGHORNS!

**VALLEY SETTLEMENT COMPUTER CLASSES**

Did you know that the Town of Basalt hosts Valley Settlement computer classes in Spanish for our Latino Community? The free class is at Basalt Town Hall every Thursday 9am-11:30am. We provide free child care. To register call Laura (970) 230-2767.

Valley Settlement esta ofreciendo clases de computacion en Español para la comunidad Latina. Todos los jueves en el Basalt Town Hall de 9am-11:30am. Gratis!! Cuidado de niños, gratis! Para informacion y registro llamen a Laura (970) 230-2767



The Willits Seven building features apartments on the second and third floors with restaurants and shops on the ground floor

**WILLITS AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS**

A group of Town Councilors, P&Z and the Basalt Affordable Housing Commission toured the new affordable housing units at Willits Town Center. 50 affordable units are slated to be ready for rental by the end of March. The mix includes 22 one-bedroom, 27 two-bedroom, and 2 three- bedroom units. IND Ventures LLC, the developer's representative, has received 150 inquiries about the affordable units to date. For more details on the affordable housing go to: <http://www.aspentimes.com/news/50-apartments-in-willits-will-be-ready-for-rent-in-march/>



**JIM KNOUS QUALIFIES FOR FIRST PGA EVENT**

Jim Knous grew up in Basalt, attended Basalt schools, played on the Basalt high school golf team then continued to The Colorado School of Mines and beyond. He's had some wonderful success, qualifying for the 2017 Web.com Tour of professional golf, and competing in his first PGA event earlier this month. To read more about Jims qualifying for his first PGA event, go to: <http://www.pgatour.com/webcom/news/2017/01/30/jim-knous-waste-management-phoenix-open.html> For more information on the career of this home grown, rising golf star, please check [www.jimknous.com](http://www.jimknous.com)



Chief Greg Knott, Officer Jason Hegberg, Mayor Whitsitt, and Citizen Bennett Bramson served on the interview committee as part of the new police officer recruitment and selection process.

**NEW POLICE OFFICER RECRUITMENT**

The Committee interviewed some amazing candidates who are interested in joining our stellar team at the Basalt Police Department.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TOWN OF BASALT**

[www.basalt.net](http://www.basalt.net) under GOVERNMENT, click on Gardens, Parks and Forestry for more information.