



DATE: October 5, 2018
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

This week did not turn out exactly as I had expected, however that is what makes this job exciting. I am happy to report that the owner of the Roaring Fork Apartments has taken over responsibility and is working with a contractor to mitigate the damage and restore the building to its original condition. We still have not heard any conclusive evidence for what caused the flooding and that may take some time to sort out. The Town is not involved with the investigation so we will wait to hear from the building owner. The good news that I received this afternoon is that we have a plan to get the residents from the second, third and fourth floors back in the building this evening. The first floor mitigation will need to be completed before the residents from that floor can move back into their units.

The County owned building next door to the Roaring Fork Apartments, which is undergoing a tenant improvement to become the Mountain Family Health Center, experienced a leak on Wednesday evening. Police responded and found significant damage caused by the flooding. I have not heard an update regarding the cause of the leak.

I have not forgotten about our strategic framework and have been actively working on it for the last few weeks. I presented a draft to town department heads last week to get their feedback. I will plan one more meeting with staff to finish our review and will forward it to Council. Councilor Infante suggested that we ask our citizen committees to provide feedback as well as organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce. It is my intention to have that completed in advance of the budget adoption so we can ensure alignment with our goals.

Planning

Development Review items

- Work continues on building permit and certificate of occupancy items for the Roaring Fork Club Affordable Housing, the River Center and Willits Block 3. The Planning Staff and Attorney have also been working with Basalt Vista on platting.

Basalt Regional Chamber

- On Tuesday Kris Mattera of the Basalt Chamber, Staff members Ryan, James and Sara, and members of P&Z and the greater Basalt community attended an event to discuss the Town's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats, known as a SWOT analysis. Take-away discussion points included identifying strengths within Basalt's sense of community, natural environment, location and educated citizenry; weaknesses in perceived "no growth" policies and housing costs; opportunities in the arts/culture, renewable energies, and unifying Old Town and Willits; and threats related to federal policies, demise of brick-and-mortar retail, and reliance on Aspen's tourism economy.
- On Wednesday Kris, Ryan and Sara participated in a larger regional discussion with representatives from nearly all communities from Aspen to Glenwood Springs, as well as

entrepreneurs and educators. Each community presented their own SWOT analysis to the group and a discussion centered on identifying shared issues and opportunities to leverage knowledge and resources toward those common problems. Overarching themes included issues around affordable housing and childcare, and interest in higher education and apprenticeships in tech and renewable energy industries. Future meetings will be held to clarify goals of the group, and a DOLA grant is being investigated to retain a facilitator to help guide the group toward future-defined goals.

Committee and Board Activities:

- Green Team, POST, and a budget subcommittee of the Basalt Childcare Coalition all meet next week to refine budget requests.
- The P&Z met this Tuesday and talked about their takeaways from the discussion with the Council and the next steps for estimating the costs. The P&Z also approved the McMahon application for a ground mounted solar photovoltaic array off of Ridge Road. The Council will see the application at their October 23rd meeting.
- Annual Leaf Drop – The annual leaf drop has been scheduled with dates/locations, which include:
 - October 19/20 – Arbaney Park
 - October 26/27 – Willits Rugby Field
 - November 3/4 – Arbaney Park
 - November 10/11 – Willits Rugby Field
 - November 16/17 – Southside Park
- Evergreen Zero Waste will be handling the leaf drop and doing the majority of the advertising. Staff will advertise on the Town’s website and Facebook page.

Special Events – Here are upcoming activities:

- Aspen Valley Ski Club Swap to be held on Saturday October 6th from 11 am to 3 pm on Market Street and Grange Street.
- Festival de Tamales, a fund raiser for English in Action – Saturday at El Jebel (not a Town permit), at Eagle Crest Nursery. 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

Police

- In May of this year, the police department installed a permanent medication take-back box at their office. We are very pleased to announce that over 37 pounds of unused medications have been properly collected and disposed of in the last five months. The take-back box is available for use 24 hours a day. Please spread the word about our medication take-back program to help us protect our community members and the environment.
- Office Jordan Hilkey attended a two day Drug Identification and Symptomology training.
- The police department initiated and coordinated mandatory evacuations and emergency sheltering for the displaced residents of the Roaring Fork Apartment incident. They continue to work closely with the building owner, on-site private security teams and the Red Cross. Town Manager Ryan Mahoney and Chief Greg Knott attended a community meeting with displaced residents and the property owner. At this time the needs of the displaced residents are being met by the property owner, Red Cross and Pitkin County Department of Human Services.

Public Works

- Matt and Boyd attended a storm water management course this week in Rifle. The course is offered through Colorado Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and is part of an extension program of University of Colorado Boulder. The instructors are professionals with specialization in the coursework they are teaching and we have found that their instruction offers great practical advice that we consistently apply to our work here in Basalt.
- The Gardens and Forestry department along with the help of the crew from the State of Colorado Rifle Correctional Facility planted some trees in Ponderosa Park. The plan is to plant up to 16 trees in various locations around Town. Some of the trees were purchased with funds that were collected to mitigate trees that were removed.
- The Parks Department is busy preparing the turf and irrigation system for winter. The turf is getting fertilized and the irrigation system is being blown out to get the water out of the lines so they do not freeze and burst.
- The Streets Department is working with the contractors for the South Side construction projects to keep the streets clear of mud and rocks tracking out of their projects.