



DATE: March 8, 2019
TO: Mayor and Council
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RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

Happy Friday! It has been a busy week both at work and on the home front. This week the 5th and 6th grade boys played their hearts out on the basketball court. There are actually three different teams, all of which had a great season. I was mostly focused on my 5th grader's team and they had a buzzer beater game against Aspen on Wednesday but unfortunately came up short by one point. Congratulations to all the boys for their hard work and great sportsmanship throughout the season!

We heard news this week that Pitkin County was awarded a GOCO grant for \$350,000 for improvements at the White Water Park on the east end of Two Rivers Road. Both the County and the Town are working on this project which should greatly enhance access to the Park and the in-stream river features.

Town staff will be sending out more information next week to our residents regarding the TABOR issue. We will be seeking feedback as well as providing information so that the community can stay informed.

Police Department Officers will be volunteering on March 15th, 9am - 3pm, at the Basalt Vista Housing Project. We have room on our team for three Town Council Members if any of you would like to volunteer and work with us. If you would like to volunteer with the Police Department team please contact Chief Knott.

Planning

- Willits – Work continues on many Willits items. The One Willits Place townhouse development is making progress on their necessary plat and subdivision improvement agreement. The Aspen Skiing Company application is out for review by the referral agencies and will be reviewed by the Basalt Affordable Community Housing Commission next week.
- Basalt Master Plan – Staff worked on the agreement for professional services and the schedule for upcoming meetings. The Council's agenda for Tuesday includes approving the professional services agreement.
- Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC) – At its March 7th meeting, BPAC discussed creating a budget for this year's projects and moving forward with Motio 3.0. They will be ready to discuss both items in more detail at the April 9th Town Council meeting. BPAC plans to begin work on the Arts Master Plan after the Council discussion.
- Green Team – The Green Team is scheduled to meet on Monday and then participate with the Council on Tuesday on its 2019 Work Plan. At Monday's meeting the Green Team will discuss the bid received for the cold climate heat pump and its viability as a project in 2019. The Green

Team will also discuss the plan to move forward with an energy assessment for the Basalt Elementary School.

- Building Department Interim Plan – Planning Staff spent quite a bit of time addressing items in the Building Department and getting systems in place for interim operations until a new Building Official can be hired.
- Willits Seven AH Lease Renewals- The Willits Seven AH units are requalifying tenants for this year and the Planning Staff is reviewing tenant requalification applications.

Public Works

- A street cut permit was issued for Shaw Construction Company on Harris St. next to Triangle Park in Willits. Shaw will begin cutting the street Monday March 11th. The purpose of this work is to allow them to connect to the water and waste water infrastructure. There will be traffic signs in place to direct traffic.
- Plans are being finalized with homeowners adjacent to the Cottonwood Drive pedestrian improvement Project. The homeowners and representatives for the Town met on-site to discuss landscaping details at areas where the project will impact their property.
- Fire and flood mitigation issues are still being planned to start this spring. Town staff participated in a webinar this week to get guidance on how to work with homeowners regarding property access for the mitigation. We received advice from representatives from other communities and agencies that have experienced a flood or fire and have worked with homeowners on mitigation projects.
- Public Works has been busy plowing, fixing potholes, repairing a storm drain, keeping rocks off the roads and doing maintenance on affordable housing this week.

Police Department

- The Colorado Public Utilities Commission approved the monthly .75 cent telephone line surcharge increase that was requested by the Pitkin County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center. The increased funding will support capital investments, equipment maintenance and staffing for the Dispatch Center. This increase was requested partly in response to a 98% increase in emergency calls and a 42% increase in overall calls for service since 2010.
- The Pitkin County Incident Management Team and Pitkin County Emergency Management Office will host an active threat preparedness tabletop exercise on April 25th, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The tabletop exercise will be held at Buttermilk and facilitated by our local Federal Department of Homeland Security Infrastructure Security Team. The scenario will be based on an active threat and ensuing mass casualty at a large outdoor special event. Town Administration and Elected Officials are invited to attend and observe the exercise. If you have an interest in attending please contact Chief Knott.