



DATE: March 8, 2019
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads



Good afternoon and happy Friday. I am getting to this report late today because I joined the Police Department for a build day at Basalt Vista. We accomplished a lot and were very fortunate to have such a nice, sunny day.

Public Works

- Town staff met Rick from the Roaring Fork River Conservancy in Ponderosa Park at the end of last week. We were seeking Ricks input and knowledge to advise us on how we could have a minimal impact with the trail improvements we want to do. Our goal is to make trail improvements so that it will encourage people to stay on the main trail and not create social trails through the area.
- Greg and Boyd attended the Basalt Emergency Management Committee this week. The group also includes first responders and citizens that address issues of concern that relate to the local area. Greg, Valerie MacDonald with Pitkin County Public Safety, and Boyd shared the information we had received at the debris flow meeting with the group. Others spoke about proposed policy changes and equipment that will be available in the future.

- Town staff continues to move ahead with ideas that will modernize and streamline current town policy. Public Works plowed last weekend for the 5th weekend in a row. The crew is excited about the possibility to have this weekend off. We are starting to get in the cleanup mode for the spring. Public Works will start running the sweeper to pick up the sanding material, washing the streets, cleaning ditches and fixing potholes.

Police Department

- Community Resource Officer Nino Santiago attended the GlenX Career Expo at Glenwood Springs High School. High school students from Rifle to Aspen attended the expo. This was our second year participating.
- Chief Greg Knott, Sergeant Aaron Munch, and Officers Curt Donaldson and Nino Santiago, along with Town Manager Ryan Mahoney, volunteered for six hours at the Basalt Vista housing project. It was a great day of volunteering to help a wonderful organization.
- School Resource Officer Thomas Wright and High School Administration conducted an unannounced lock-down drill at the school. This was our first time conducting an unannounced drill. School staff and students did a great job following our established emergency operations plan.
- The police department, Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority, and Pitkin County Emergency Management hosted a Lake Christine Fire debris flow planning meeting. The focus of the meeting was to review our established emergency response plan and to make changes for the upcoming mud and flood season. Representatives from Basalt Public Works, Pitkin County Road and Bridge, Garfield County Emergency Management, Eagle County, City of Aspen, Carbondale Fire Department, Holy Cross and Excel Energy, and the National Weather Service were in attendance. Minor changes are being made to our existing plan. The plan will be finalized at an April 10th meeting.

Planning Department

- **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 an initial review was conducted by BACH. A P&Z site visit and an initial public hearing on the Aspen Skiing Company housing application is scheduled for April 2nd.
- **Basalt Master Plan** – The Council approved the professional services agreement with CTA at the March 12th Council meeting. Staff and the P&Z will be conducting kick-off meetings with representatives on CTA the week of March 18-22.
- **BACH** – BACH met on March 14th and welcomed the new members that were appointed. A brief orientation of BACH's roles and responsibilities was provided by Staff. Additionally, BACH heard a presentation of the Aspen Skiing Company's housing application and will be discussing it and making recommendations at their March 28th meeting.

- **Building Department Interim Plan** – Planning Staff spent quite a bit of additional 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 and Roaring Fork Apartments AH Lease Renewals** - The Willits Seven and Roaring Fork Apartment AH units are requalifying tenants for this year and the Planning Staff is reviewing tenant requalification applications.