



DATE: May 3, 2019
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

It looks like a beautiful spring day outside but earlier this week we received quite a bit of rain. I have had at least one account that it may have been up to an inch which is certainly enough to create issues on the steep slopes above Town.

I ventured to the top of Pinon Drive on Tuesday morning to see if any run-off occurred and in fact I did see a small debris flow above The Basberg. It was black ash from the burn. I walked to the top of the drainage and there is a large deposition area that is covered with approximately a half inch of the black ash. This is the area that we will concentrate on for our in-kind project (which reduces out-of-pocket expense for the government agencies) with Eagle County and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. It is a naturally flat area about 4 acres in size.

We are now working with the property owners in that area to being the design phase of the flood mitigation measures and we hope to have actual construction begin in the next several weeks.

Related to this issue, there is a community meeting next Monday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Basalt High School. There will be a panel of speakers there to discuss the after-fire planning that has taken place. This includes our efforts for emergency watershed protection as well as incident action planning in case of flooding and debris flow.

**LAKE CHRISTINE
POST-FIRE
PANEL DISCUSSION**

**MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019
6:00 TO 8:00PM - BASALT HIGH SCHOOL**

Join our panel to learn how the Lake Christine fire changed our local landscape, and discuss completed, ongoing, and future restoration work.

LEARN WHAT CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW TO BE PREPARED AND GET INVOLVED

Panel Participants
Steve Hunter, Civil Engineer, USFS, Lake Christine BAER Team
Stephen Jaouen, District Conservationist, NRCS
Chief Greg Knorr, Basalt Police
Erin May, National Flood Insurance Program, Regional Manager
Liz Roberts, Forest Ecologist, USFS, Lake Christine BAER Team
Chief Scott Thompson, Roping Fork Fire Rescue
Sheriff James van Beek, Eagle County
Matt Yamashita, District Wildlife Manager, Colorado Parks & Wildlife

Questions? Contact Heather Lewin at heather@roaringfork.org

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The Town took possession of a new housing unit in Block 7 of Willits Town Center. This was part of the negotiated deal with IND Ventures stemming from their modification to the zoning and vested rights of the Willits PUD in 2018. One of the Town's police officers will move into that unit in the next few weeks.

The Roaring Fork Conservancy held their annual river clean-up last Saturday. This was the 21st annual event and according to the Conservancy, it was the biggest haul in memory. There were over 200 participants, representing a number of different groups around the Valley. Congratulations and thank you to RFC for another successful event.

Planning

Basalt Master Plan – The 2nd Master Plan Open House is Thursday, May 9th at the Basalt High School. A meeting on Downtown issues will be held at the Basalt Library on Monday, May 6th at 9:00 am. Additional neighborhood meetings next week include:

5:30 pm on Monday, May 6th at Valley Pines Community Space, and
5:30 pm on Tuesday, May 7th at the Roaring Fork Conservancy.

While the consultants are in Town next week they will also be meeting with the Green Team, POST, BPAC, and BACH. We have arranged a meeting with the Master Plan consultants, P&Z and Council on Wednesday May 29th to review what they have been hearing.

For other master plan information, check the <https://letstalk.basalt.net/> website.

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| 4/25 5:30-7:30PM THE TEMPORARY A Our kick-off meeting will uncover the opportunities of this amazing town. | 5/9 5:30-7:30PM BASALT HIGH SCHOOL B Help prioritize what we uncovered in the first meeting. | 5/30 5:30-7:30PM ROCKY MTN INSTITUTE C Provide feedback on initial community direction. |
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Regional Affordable Housing Study - The presentation on the Final Regional Housing Study was made on Tuesday in El Jebel. A copy of the final report can be downloaded from BACH's page on the Town's website or contact planning staff. Another presentation will be made at 5:00 PM at the Pitkin County Community Room (aka William R. Dunaway Community Meeting Room) at the Pitkin County Library on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. The Steering Committee is talking about scheduling a regional meeting with stakeholders sometime following the Aspen meeting to talk about next steps.

Willits – The Aspen Skiing Company application is scheduled for its final P&Z discussion on Tuesday, May 7th and is scheduled for its first meeting before the Town Council on May 14th. The Attorney and Staff had a busy week working through security and other issues with the Block 11 One Willits Place Townhomes.

Basalt Public Arts Commission – BPAC met on Thursday May 2nd to discuss the granting program and arts master plan. They hope to begin accepting grant proposals on May 17th and close this granting

period on June 30th. Members of BPAC will be attending a meeting with the Town Master Plan consultants on May 9th before the Open House later that day. The Commission intends to dedicate their June meeting to the arts master plan process.

Basalt River Park Development – The Developer and CCY, met with Staff, Connect One Design (the Town’s park consultant), and Sopris Engineering and the Basalt Fire Department to discuss fire protection access. A much better arrangement was arrived at. It was decided to continue the Basalt River Park Development to the Council’s May 28th meeting. This will allow more time to work through the “deal points”, the changes to the site plan, and have a more full Council discussion because a couple Councilors are out of Town.

Police Department

Lieutenant Aaron Munch and School Resource Officer Thomas Wright conducted an active harm tabletop exercise with personnel from Roaring Fork Fire and Rescue. This joint exercise allows us the opportunity to respond to a hypothetical threat at a local school and to pre-plan our responses.

Several emergency response agencies met to update our Roaring Fork Valley Mud/Flood and Lake Christine Fire debris response plans. An Incident Management Team has been established and we are monitoring spring runoff conditions. Public education videos, featuring local officials, will be released on social media platforms in the near future.

A post Lake Christine Fire panel discussion will take place on Monday, May 6th, 6:00 p.m. at Basalt High School. Panel members will discuss mitigation and recovery efforts along with debris flow response. A question and answer session will also take place.

Public Works

Basalt Police and Public Works staff attended a regional Mud and Flood meeting at the El Jebel fire station this week. The National Weather Service representative said we will go back into a rainy pattern starting Tuesday of next week. He also reported that the Frying Pan drainage was at 161% snow pack and the Crystal River drainage was at 141%. Regional response to flooding and the group’s sand bag policy was further discussed.

Public Works staff met with Holy Cross representatives and an electrical contractor to discuss the installation of a new electric car charger. The charger will be located behind the stage at the end of the sidewalk. The charger is a new fast charger which allows electric vehicles to charge faster. This will be the first of two chargers that the town hopes to install.

Spring cleaning is taking place around town. The flower beds and gardens are being weeded and mulched and the irrigation systems are being tested and repaired. The sweeper and vacuum truck has been buzzing around, picking up remaining sand and debris left over from the winter.