



**DATE:** May 17, 2019  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

Happy Friday! It's been a busy week finalizing a number of items and making progress on others.

The new Building Official, Rick Fout will start work next Wednesday and we are excited for his arrival. In the meantime, we have recently contracted building services from Bruce Stolbach with Cadfish, LLC. to assist with plans review and inspections.

Staff continues to work the intricacies of the TABOR issue and has nearly completed (with the guidance of the Financial Advisory Board) a budget information mailer that will go out to the community in the next week or so. We also plan to have another discussion at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the anticipated timeline leading up to a possible ballot question. Staff intends to bring more information back in June so Council can begin to discuss different ideas for resolving the issue.

Motors on Midland is happening this weekend on Saturday from 5 – 8 PM in downtown Basalt. There will be food and beer as well as plenty of fun activities for kids.

We are now officially under contract to sell the Shining Mountain Way property in Old Snowmass. After Council approved the first reading of the Ordinance approving the contract with the Aspen School District, staff made the final changes and officially signed the contract on Wednesday.

## **Planning**

**Basalt Master Plan** – The 2nd Master Plan Open House was held on Thursday, May 9th at the Basalt High School and was well attended. The Team received a lot of good input – some of it contradictory (e.g. We want density and vitality| We don't want growth).

The Consultants are working on a different format for the last Open House at Rocky Mountain Institute. CTA plans on using real time polling to check in on key findings from initial work. They would start that about 5:45 pm in the evening. Participants vote by using their cell phones. Staff took part a mock exercise and concluded that it should be fun for all.

For other master plan information, check the <https://letstalk.basalt.net/> website. The results from the initial survey included on that website should be available after the third Open House, probably the second week in June.

**Willits** – The Aspen Skiing Company application is scheduled for its second meeting before the Town Council on May 28th. We are waiting to hear from the Aspen Skiing Company on how they plan on responding to the comments received by the Council at the May 14th meeting.

**Basalt Public Arts Commission** – BPAC met with the Master Plan Consultants on May 9th. BPAC begins to accept accepting grant proposals on May 17th and close this granting period on June 30th. The Commission intends to dedicate their June meeting to the arts master plan process.

**Basalt River Park Development** – is scheduled before the Town Council on Tuesday May 28th assuming wrap up on the financial negotiations on the project.

**Basalt Green Team** – The Green Team met with the Master Plan consultants on Monday, May 6th to discuss their desires for the Master Plan. The Green Team also had their regular meeting on May 13th. At this meeting the Team decided to pursue the installation of an electric heat pump at Town Hall that would allow for both heating and cooling as needed. The Team also explored switching the existing gas boiler with an electric boiler. It was determined that while the initial installation costs were greater for the electric heat pump, it was ultimately preferred due to the significantly higher utility bills associated with an electric boiler. Furthermore, the heat pump is capable of cooling without the additional burden of purchasing a separate cooling system, as would be the case with the electric boiler. The Team received an informal quote for a heat pump that is more in line with the anticipated price. Sara will work on drafting a new RFP for the pump and associated requirements prior to the next Green Team meeting. CORE and Holy Cross are positioned to offer rebates to offset the cost of the project.

**Basalt Early Childhood Coalition** – The Coalition met on May 16th . We began with a discussion of House Bill 1052 that allows for the creation of an early childhood special district. There has been some discussion with Rob Stein (Superintendent of RE-1 school district) of creating a special district from Aspen to Parachute, but the soonest this would be implemented is in 2020. There was some discussion of having an early childhood education summit sometime this year to get all interested parties together.

The Coalition also discussed Parcel 2E, with the suggestion to look to the Dahlia Wellness Center (Denver) as a successful working example of combining a childcare center with other uses, such as a senior center, mental health, activity groups, gardens, etc. Pitkin County Commissioner Kelly McNicholas suggested she may explore ways to get Pitkin County involved in the funding discussion for the project.

**Age-Friendly Pitkin County** – Sara attended a meeting with Pitkin County Senior Services at the Basalt Regional Library on May 15th. This meeting was part of a short series of meetings centered around senior livability in Pitkin County. Attendees included members from Town, City and County governments, senior centers, non-profits that engaged in senior services at many levels, and area citizens. Discussion centered around eight identified domains of livability, including: outdoor spaces & buildings, transportation, housing & supportive living options, wellness & enrichment, diversity & inclusion, civic engagement & employment, communication & information, and healthcare & community services. Attendees broke into three groups of roughly 5-7 people, and brainstormed ideas of creating policies and programs or enhance existing programs to achieve specific goals under each domain of livability. One common theme from all meetings was to create a senior hub in each community, with cross-over of information from surrounding counties.

This work builds on the work completed by the Pitkin County Aging Well Steering Committee in 2015. A future meeting will invite stakeholders to hear and discuss the results from these meetings.

## **Police Department**

Corporal's Jason Hegberg and Nino Santiago attended the second week of their two week supervisory institute training. This training is provided by the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police and County Sheriff's of Colorado Associations. The training assists newly promoted supervisors as they transition into their new roles.

School Resource Officer Thomas Wright provided juvenile vaping and substance abuse information to twelve parents who attended a "Parent Coffeehouse" gathering at the middle school.

We performed lock down exercises at the elementary and middle schools. We are also in the planning process to assist the High School with graduation.

Chief Greg Knott attended a 9th Judicial District Law Enforcement Leaders' Summit in Glenwood. This summit was hosted by the District Attorney's Office. Chiefs and Sheriff's from throughout the district (Rangley to Aspen) met to discuss current trends and to plan for the future.