



DATE: June 14, 2019
TO: Mayor and Council
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RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

Another week into summer and things are heating up for Town staff. Our summer projects will begin next week so expect some inconveniences at times with road closures or delays. We will be sure to post these in advance so people can avoid these areas. Cottonwood Avenue will be the first to kick off and at times will have only one lane open and perhaps may need to close completely for short durations. It's best to avoid this area if possible so the construction crews can be as efficient as possible.

Staff continues to make progress on the sale of Shining Mountain Way in Old Snowmass. We completed the ALTA survey yesterday and passed it along to the buyer. We are also completing necessary easements for water lines and access to controls for irrigation water. It also appears that the existing residents have all found alternative housing, and Town staff was able to work with two of the tenants to secure housing in Willits Block 7. The closing is scheduled for July 2nd.

The Emergency Watershed Protection project is moving along and we now have approval from NRCS to begin work on some of the individual projects. We recently completed the contract that will be used for the project and built in an efficiency whereby only a new work order will be generated per task which avoids separate contracts for every task. This approach will save time and expense in the long run.

Staff met with Grassroots TV this week to review budgeted improvements for our AV system in the Council room. We will get new monitors that will improve visibility for the audience as well as those at the dais. In addition, we will get a microphone that presenters can use and not confine them to the table.

Public Works

Concrete work has started as part of the installation of the new fast car charger. The new charger will be able to charge an electric vehicle in a fraction of time that our existing ones do. This will be the third charger installed by the Town. The chargers have been a combined effort between the State of Colorado, Holy Cross and the Town of Basalt. Moving forward with the charger program we hope to add another fast charger in the near future.

The Cottonwood Lane Safe Routes to School Project will start next week. This project will consist of making the street safer for foot and vehicular traffic. The sidewalk will be wider, old wooden steps will be replaced with safer metal ones, drainage will be improved and signs will be updated.

Public Works has been out mowing the right of ways and sweeping the streets. This year we have already had to increase our mowing program due to the amount of moisture. The same is happening with the tree trimming program. We are having to increase the amount of times that the trees are getting trimmed to keep the line of site opened at intersections and so the limbs do not block street signs.

Planning

Special Events – there are a number of upcoming special events. The Planning Department coordinates the special event activity permit review and has varying levels of responsibility.

Sat, June 15th – Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers in partnership with the Roaring Fork Conservancy Project. 8am to 2 pm. Registration is full.

Sunday, June 16th – First Sunday Market - 10 am to 2 pm on Midland Spur.

Wednesday, June 19th – First Basalt Wednesday Summer Music Concert Series (under the Basalt Chamber) at Triangle Park in Willits.

Sunday, June 23rd - Master Plan picnic on the Emma Bridge, Harmony Park and adjacent area aimed at participation by the Hispanic Community. 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Thursday, June 27th – Dedication of first of the Basalt Vista Homes at 11:00 am.

Wednesday, July 3rd – Anniversary of the Lake Christine Fire sponsored by the Basalt Heritage Society at Arbaney Park.

Basalt Sunday Market - Begins Sunday, June 16th. We have a new market manager, Zach Smith. This market season will see many new vendors among many returning vendors, with a variety of new products. New this year is that the bounce house is going to be by donation instead of a fixed fee. The funds from the first market will go to Challenge Aspen. As with prior years we will have music and kids' art activities at the ArtBase. This Sunday's Art Base activities will include card making for Father's Day, which is also on Sunday.



Basalt Master Plan – Upcoming is a housing meeting on Thursday, June 20th from 4-6pm at Town Hall. The meeting will be a roundtable discussion with Randy Rhodes, a national developer of affordable housing, and Wayne Freeman, CTA. The team is also finalizing the details on the picnic scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd aimed at increasing participation with the Hispanic community. The team is further working on ways to encourage participation in the www.LetsTalk.Basalt.org website.

Arbaney Swimming Pool Project – The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Arbaney Park Pool Project has been released. Responses are due July 9th. The scope included in the RFP is consistent with the direction provided by the Council. It includes recreating the kiddie pool and adjacent area but not providing a hot pool for use of older children and adults. Making the pool more energy efficient is a

major objective of the Project. The RFP can be accessed from the Town's home page under the News tab.

Parks, Open Space and Trails (POST) – POST met on June 12th and discussed the Town's donation policy and the skate park. Staff had prepared an outline including recommendations of how the Town would provide for donations to a beatification fund, benches, public art and a future "memorial recognition area". The Basalt Public Arts Commission made recommendations on the policy at their meeting on June 6th. POST incorporated the recommendations from BPAC, listened to the public and made suggestions. It will now be brought to the Town Council for review. A Basalt skateboarder, Sean Nadon, presented his ideas for improving the skate park. Currently there are some repairs that need to be done which Public Works is taking care of. Sean's proposal for other improvements was well received by POST. Sean is going to work with Public Works and Planning Staff to expedite improvements to the Skate Park.

Green Team – The Green Team met on Monday, June 10th. The Green Team presented a proclamation to Sarah Gruen, who is leaving CORE to attend graduate school. Sarah presented the draft update to the Town's Green House Gas Inventory prepared by CORE and received feedback from the group to provide an updated calculation related to emissions created by waste. The goal is for CORE to present all the participating Roaring Fork communities' updated inventories at one time.

On a related note, Staff is getting numerous requests for our participation in sustainability, resiliency, and other environmental efforts, and is trying to best address the Town's green goals and be efficient with the demands on Staff time.

Police Department

With rising runoff our police officers are conducting bridge and river checks throughout their shifts. They are watching for debris buildup around our bridges and river bank improvements. High water is expected to peak in the next two weeks.

The police department continues to participate in Thursday afternoon river and weather update conference calls. Area Emergency Managers, National Weather Service and Bureau of Reclamation personnel give updates and forecasts on these calls.

Chief Greg Knott and Town Manager Ryan Mahoney participated on a Lake Christine Fire update and debris flow panel discussion. This Community Public Safety Meeting was held in El Jebel. Approximately 50 people attended.

The police department hosted their annual Blue Lake Preschool Bike Rodeo. Roaring Fork Fire Authority personnel assisted at the rodeo. Below is a picture of one of the groups that participated. Other pictures can be seen on the Basalt Police Department Facebook page. It was a great day!

