



**DATE:** April 23, 2021  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

Staff attended the Earth Day celebration at the Basalt Vista project which was well attended. Speakers included representatives from Habitat for Humanity, Pitkin County, CORE, Holy Cross Energy, BACH, Roaring Fork School District, and the Town of Basalt. We were able to tour one of the newest homes in the tri-plex building. The community is really taking shape and looking great.

Staff received the access permit from CDOT this week regarding the intersection improvements and anticipated traffic volumes for the new Public Works facility. We are working with our design team to complete the engineering and building design so we can get the project out to bid. We expect that the bid documents will be complete by June.

### **Police**

We are proud to announce that Officer Cortnay Young has completed her 3 1/2-month field training program for the police department. Cortnay did a great job during the training and has been released to work patrol by herself. Congratulations Cortnay!

Chief Greg Knott, Town Manager Ryan Mahoney and Town Engineer Catherine Christoff participated in a Ruedi Reservoir water release meeting. We met with Ruedi Water and Power Authority, National Forrest Service, Pitkin County, Roaring Fork Conservancy and Bureau of Reclamation staff to explore the possibility of creating inundation maps for the Town and the Fryingpan Valley. The group wishes to create mapping to show potential flooding impacts at various release levels from the Reservoir. Our next steps are to identify funding sources for the study and possible placement of river flow gauges on the lower Fryingpan River.

Corporal Nino Santiago and Officer Jason Hegberg, both firearms instructors for our department, attended a one-day Sig Sauer armorer training. They are now able to maintain and repair the firearms our officers carry while on duty.

### **Public Works**

This week Public Works has been inspecting and assisting with the Town's active projects including the new swimming pool and Stotts Mill. The water department has overseen the disinfection of the new water mains within the Stotts Mill subdivision itself that the Town will ultimately inherit. All of the new water mains and service lines have passed their state inspections for sampling and water quality safety protocols and will be integrated and turned on with the Town's current system today or Monday after a final flushing. We also had a large pump removed from Well 13 near the school with a truck mounted electronic hoist and that has been shipped off to be serviced. We are estimating to have that reinstalled and back online in about a week.

We have been continuing to turn on irrigation water and make repairs as needed and swap out the old irrigation clocks with our new cellular/networked irrigation clock system. Since the ditch and pond system in Willits have not been turned on, we are working our way from East Basalt towards West Basalt. We are continuing to prune trees and plant trees on the Willits berm across from the Rugby field to replace some that needed to be removed. Chris Beiser, the Town's arborist, passed his general standard and ornamental qualified pesticide tests which gives him the ability to not only apply different applications but also supervise other licensed sub-contractors as well.

Both East and West Basalt were surveyed for trip hazards this week and we are working on scheduling work to get all those milled down. We replaced and poured multiple spots of curb and gutter that have buckled and damaged due to tree roots in the Elk Run neighborhood this week. Next week we will be making repairs on Midland near the Post Office and Bridge prior to the mill and overlay that is scheduled for this summer.

## **Planning**

**Arbaney Pool-** The Planning Staff has been coordinating construction items and details with Rudd, SGM, and Connect One Design and POST on the pool renovation project. Installation of an upgraded electrical service from Park Circle to the Arbaney Pool is beginning and will require a closure of the pedestrian walkway between Park Circle and Arbaney Park for several weeks.

**Basalt River Park Development** – Staff continued to work with the Developer and consultants on addressing technical issues and preparing the plans for bidding Phase I of the project for construction. A sign has been installed next to the development providing information on the project as requested by the Council.

**Basalt River Park Improvements** – Staff worked with the park, engineering and architecture consultants on details related to the park improvements, bus stop and restrooms. The Council reviewed the park plans and directed Staff to work on putting the park out to bid. Additionally, Council approved a resolution to give Staff direction to enter into the agreement with Basalt River Park, LLC for the construction of the Two Rivers Road improvements associated with the Basalt River Park. The Planning Staff is also coordinating a demonstration of how the turning movements are going to work on the trails within the River Park in an effort to ensure that the Basalt Sanitation District is comfortable with their ability to service their sanitary sewer lines that exist in the park.

**BACH** – The group made a recommendation to Town Council regarding the purchase of the 2-bedroom unit in the B-C building at Gold Rivers Court. BACH also appointed the Representative and Alternate to the Capital Needs Committee. Staff introduced the topic of the four Stott's Mill lots that the Town may consider purchasing or choose the purchasing party, which will be revisited at a future meeting. BACH discussed potential partners for the future development of affordable housing.

**Green Team** – Staff is working with Eagle County on an E-Waste event. This is being planned for Saturday June 26, 2021 and we are now trying to solidify a location.

Staff attended a virtual meeting today for the Upper Roaring Fork Valley Climate Action Collaborative. Attendees included representatives from CORE, Basalt, Aspen, Pitkin County and Snowmass Village. The group discussed ways to collaborate most effectively and leverage resources to achieve common goals. Projects that have come out of this group to date include CORE's quarterly meetings with the Building Officials across the region and educational trainings tailored toward specific audiences. CORE is developing a webpage for this group that will be effective in creating an image of a united front toward funding opportunities. The webpage will also include projects that the members are collectively working

toward and will be a resource for outreach and education trainings, and articles and videos that come from those trainings. CORE is interested in understanding how they can help support members in reaching their individual and collective goals. The members provided updates of projects and policies happening in their communities. CORE is continuing to work on the greenhouse gas inventories that will include a regional inventory.

**BPAC** – BPAC has been working on its Mural Project. The first artist painted hieroglyphics or icons on the fences along Willits Lane. The other artists will be starting shortly.

**P&Z** – The Public Hearing on the in-home childcare use at 57 Riveredge Court was continued at Tuesday's P&Z meeting to Tuesday July 6th at the request of the Applicants. They are asking to postpone the public hearing on the special review application until the end of the Colorado General Assembly as there is some legislation currently in the General Assembly that may have some impact on the proposal. The P&Z also provided referral comments on the Lazy Glen Wastewater Treatment Facility and appointed the Representative and Alternate to the Capital Needs Committee.

**Development Review/Applications** - Staff spent considerable time working on items associated with the construction activities. The temporary parking space and sidewalk closure in front of St. Vincent's Church will be closed starting soon through May 5<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the closures is due to utility trenching for the new addition as well as the demolition of the existing driveway ramp, railroad tie wall, and the reconstruction of the sidewalk. Additionally, Staff has been working on numerous administrative development review applications that take Staff time but that do not require review by the P&Z or Town Council. Staff also spent time on responding to County referrals, addressing complaints, land use preapplication questions and development inquiries.

## **Recreation**

Recreation league baseball and softball registration will open on Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>. The season will run from June 7<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>. The league will play crosstown games against Aspen, Carbondale, and Glenwood. There are six categories. 5-6 y/o Coed T Ball, 7-8 y/o Coed Coach Pitch, 8-10 Girls Softball, 9-10 Boys Baseball, 11-12 Girls Softball, and 11-12 Boys Baseball.

Staff have been conducting interviews for summer seasonal positions for the Arbaney Park Pool.