



DATE: July 30, 2021
TO: Mayor and Council
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RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

Town staff has been busy preparing the project boards for the August 4th open house. The event will be held from 5 – 7 pm next Wednesday at the Basalt Library. There will be pizza and drinks from Timbo's. This is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the Basalt Forward 2030 effort including the projects that have been identified through the 2020 Master Plan and the recently completed Facility Needs Study. Each member of the public will get 3 poker chips so they can vote for the projects that are most important to them. Spanish translation will be available at the event.

Eagle and Pitkin counties will lift all fire restrictions starting Friday morning, July 30th. Fire officials cited that recent moisture, increased humidity and cooler overnight temperatures have helped to reduce the current fire danger.

A new Building Official has been hired this week. Please help us welcome Mitch Miller who has been working with the City of Aspen for the past 14 years. His role in Aspen has been as an electrical inspector. He holds a current ICC Building Official Certification. Mitch is a resident of Basalt.

Police

Our planning and preparation for **National Night Out** continues. The entire community is invited to join us on **August 3rd, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at Triangle Park in Willits** to meet your local police and fire department employees. Along with these fine men and women we will also have representatives on site from Pitkin and Eagle County Health and Human Services, Youth Zone, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Response, Pitkin County Road and Bridge, Pitkin County Open Space and Trails and The River Bridge Child Advocacy Center. We look forward to seeing everyone next Tuesday.

Officer Evan Wagstrom was nominated by fellow staff to receive the Standing Six Award for the first half of 2021. Evan has been with us for eight months and has filled many critical roles in our police department. Evan is a Drug Recognition Expert and Field Training Officer for our department. He also excels in patrol operations and criminal investigations. Congratulations Evan!



Our regional peer support program, which was developed over the past year, has begun operation. Seven of our officers met individually with staff from Code 4 Counseling for mental health check-in's. Our department along with Aspen and Snowmass Village Police Departments and the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office are participating in the regional program.

Over the past six months, our household medication takeback program collected another 33 pounds of unused medications. Since we began the program in May 2018 we have collected and safely disposed of 279 pounds. Please come by our office and feed the takeback box. There is always room for more medications to be safely disposed.



Public Works

Public Works is keeping the Town looking trim and tidy. The crew has been trimming the right of ways next to the streets and sweeping the streets for debris and clippings. The limbs and bushes are being trimmed back from blocking signs and the street trees are having to be limbed up to keep them from scratching vehicles. The guys are staying busy with irrigation adjustment and repair. We are also working on some drainage issues in Arbaney Park.

Public Works is doing some work at the new Public Works West. We are doing some in-house demo and moving of shipping containers before the contractor starts on phase one. This keeps the contractor from having to bid on these things. The bids will be due in the next week and we can hire a contractor and move forward on the project.

The Swinging Bridge Waterline Project is progressing nicely. A section of the waterline has been installed and will soon be tested. The Stotts Mill project has installed more waterline that will also be tested.

Staff has met with the developer's contractor and the Town's contractor this week on the River Park project. Starting next week there will be up to 5 contractors working on the River Park Project. It has taken quite a bit of coordination on everybody's part. The project will be working in Two Rivers Road for the next few weeks, which is a necessary inconvenience.

Planning

Basalt Center Circle Application – The P&Z is scheduled to make its recommendation at its meeting on Tuesday August 3, 2021.

Sopris Meadows Parcel 5 – The Sopris Meadows Parcel 5 Application is also scheduled P&Z action on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

BPAC – The Commission updated with Town Council on July 27 with the status of its 2021 work plan and proposed 2021 budget. BPAC is scheduled to meet on Thursday August 5, 2021, where they will continue discussion on future efforts.

BACH – The Commission had a special meeting on Thursday July 29th where they discussed the Basalt Forward 2030 project and recommendations for community housing.

Basalt River Park Development – Staff issued the full building permit for the restaurant. Additionally, Staff and the Town Attorney have been working on finalizing the remainder of the entitlement documents. Building permit applications are under review for some of the townhome units on the west side of the development.



Basalt River Park Improvements – Walters Inc. started construction of the improvements early this week with staging and removal of vegetation. The sod was made available to others through the contractors Facebook page. It looks like all of the sod will be able to be repurposed for other projects, including the sod removed for the water line being constructed by the Developer through the park.



Two Rivers Road Improvements – Parking Closures and Moving RFTA Bus Stop – The Town Council approved an addendum for the water line and fiber on Tuesday night. United Companies is going to start work next week between Midland Avenue and the first chicane before RMI. This work includes trenching for the deep utilities, including the water line on the south side of the road and removing the curb on the north side of the road. This will result in parking spaces being closed in this area. The up-valley bus stop will be relocated along Midland Avenue across from the bank and this will close the parking from Two Rivers Road to the Bridge on the park side of the road.

Mid-Valley Center Lot 4 – An addendum to the application was sent out on Wednesday based on questions that came up at the pre-bid meeting held on July 22nd. The bids are due on August 3rd.

Building Permit Coordination – Mitch Miller accepted the Application for the Building Official. He is expected to start mid-August. Mark Kittle will be helping with the transition. Mitch was previously with the City of Aspen, lives in the mid-valley and came highly recommended. Once Mitch is on board, has time to work on current projects, and new systems are developed, things should be easier for all.

Development Review/Applications – The Lot J application for 12 units at the end of Emma Road was received and sent out for referral. Staff spent considerable time working on items associated with the construction activities. 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 complaints and working on land use applications.

Green Team – A Green Team subcommittee met to discuss advancing Basalt Forward 2030 projects. The Green Code Committee is essentially made of the same group of folks that worked on our prior codes. Green Code Committee met to discuss the path forward for the Town to reach our stated Climate Goals and targets. The Committee will meet again next week with the goal of talking to the Council in August. The plan is to propose amendments to the Town’s building code and Sustainable building codes (SBRs) for Council adoption before the Council fully adopts the 2021 International Building Codes and before the end of the year. Each of the valley governments plan on adopting the 2021 International Building Codes roughly at the same time.

Special Events – Staff was very busy permitting numerous special events in the coming weeks.

Recreation

Youth League Recreation Baseball and Softball wrapped up this week with tournament week. Our teams performed well and most importantly, had fun.

Aquaworks, the pool contractor, will be on site today as we work through the mechanical room punch list. Rudd has installed the bathhouse restroom partitions, soap dispensers, shower hooks, trash receptacles, and shower trays. Towel hooks will be installed in the next week.

Staff have revised the pool hours adding in morning open swim times. The revision will allow for the robot kids area to remain open during the noon lap swim times.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Lap Swim 7-8	Lap Swim 7-9	Lap Swim 7-8	Lap Swim 7-9	Lap Swim 7-8	
	Water Aerobics 8-9		Water Aerobics 8-9		Water Aerobics 8-9	
Open Swim 11-12:30 Robot Pool Only	Open Swim 10-12	Open Swim 10-12	Open Swim 10-12	Open Swim 10-12	Open Swim 10-12	Open Swim 11-12:30 Robot Pool Only
Lap Swim 11-12:30	Lap Swim 12-1	Lap Swim 12-1	Lap Swim 12-1	Lap Swim 12-1	Lap Swim 12-1	Lap Swim 11-12:30
The Robot pool is open for appropriately aged swimmers for the hour 12-1						
Open Swim 12:30-5	Open Swim 1-5pm	Open Swim 1-5pm	Open Swim 1-5pm	Open Swim 1-5pm	Open Swim 1-5pm	Open Swim 12:30-5
Lap Swim 5-6	Lap Swim 5-6	Lap Swim 5-6	Lap Swim 5-6	Lap Swim 5-6	Lap Swim 5-6	Lap Swim 5-6

*Please be mindful -The robot pool for swimmers who are aged appropriately. The space is two feet deep and is for beginner swimmers to explore and feel comfortable in water.