



DATE: September 17, 2021
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

Pitkin County's indoor mask mandate took effect on Thursday of this week. It requires masks to be worn inside all businesses within the county. Eagle County has not required a mask mandate at this time so the Town will be split once again. We will continue to monitor the infection rate and hospital capacity in Eagle County, but it remains stable for now.

Staff continues to work on the 2022 budget which we expect will be another week or so before we have a first draft. The budget will be presented in draft form to the Council at the first meeting in October.

Police

School Resource Officer Jason Hegberg and two other staff members assisted the high school with a full school evacuation drill. Roaring Fork Fire Rescue personnel also participated in the drill. The Roaring Fork School district requires each public school to hold monthly evacuation drills. School employees and students did a great job evacuating the school quickly and within the guidelines of our emergency operations plan.

The implementation of the 2020 Model Traffic Code and additional municipal charges are now in effect. Police department staff have been training on the new material. Thank you to all town staff who assisted with this project.

Chief Greg Knott met with Pitkin County Public Health officials and law enforcement executives from the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office, Aspen Police Department and Snowmass Village Police Department. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss roles and responsibilities regarding the September 16th Pitkin County mandatory mask order. Public Health advised they are responsible for investigation and enforcement of non-compliant businesses and entities. Individuals wishing to report violations can use this page to file complaints:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFSOQvz0-ko4tjKbg2tCvIWvxBOk2ejfM_vRbAhDkwYj_cEg/viewform

More information regarding the Pitkin County Order can be found at:

<https://covid19.pitkincounty.com/mask-recommendations/>

Public Works

JCI, the Town's contractor for the Swinging Bridge Lane project is doing a hot tap to make the final water main connection. The new water main will be connected to an existing main and the water service to the old water main can be isolated when ready. The next phase for the Swinging Bridge Lane project is to start hooking up all the individual water services to the residences and then the final step will be to repair the street.

Walters, the contractor doing the Town's part of the River Park is forming and getting ready to pour the circular plaza associated with the new addition. The plaza will be round and contain colored or stained concrete. Walters is also working on the entrance and sidewalk to the new Public Works West facility. They have been leveling and compacting the dirt and gravel in preparation for the new concrete and asphalt surfaces. The existing mobile home will be moved and reconnected to use going forward.

Frontier Paving will start on Friday in the Willits area with several roto mill "grinding" and paving projects. Frontier will start on Willits Lane and early next week be on East Valley Road in the Willits downtown core. The process will start with roto milling everything than coming back and paving the milled sections. All businesses effected has been notified.

Planning

Basalt Center Circle Application – The Town Council will resume its review of the Basalt Center Circle Application at its September 28th meeting.

Sopris Meadows Parcel 5 – The Town Council will resume its Council review on September 28th.

Basalt River Park Development – Construction is well underway and new permits are under review. There is a page on the Town's website that provides some further detail on each of the construction projects that are underway, along with their general schedule:
<https://www.basalt.net/629/Current-Construction-Projects>

Basalt River Park Improvements – Walters Inc. has continued work on the Phase I work for Basalt River Park. The contractor has completed most of the utility work and began forming for concrete and pouring concrete. The concrete flat work will continue to be poured next week. The Town will be engaging with Connect One Design on the landscaping design of Phase II of the Park. Staff brought this contract to Council this week for approval of the contract.

Swinging Bridge Waterline – The contractor has continued installation of the watermain down Swinging Bridge Lane. The contractor expects to start on service connections at the end of this week or early next week.

Two Rivers Road Improvements – Work continued this week on the Two Rivers Road improvements. The contractor is continuing to work on utility installation, primarily on the south side of Two Rivers Road. The focus of the work has been on installing the new stormwater system.

Mid-Valley Center Lot 4 – The Town Council approved a contract with Walters Company for the proposed work in Phase I. Work on the access improvements to the site began last week.

Development Review/Applications – Staff also spent time on responding to administrative reviews, complaints and working on land use applications.

BPAC – The recording of the "virtual studio tours" with Basalt-area artists began last week and continued through this week.

Green Team – At Monday's meeting the Green Team heard a presentation from Black Hills Energy as they look for ways to successfully partner with the Town to help in achieving the Town's sustainable energy goals. The Green Team also began a discussion around a potential grant program geared toward

retrofitting single family and multi-family buildings with such things as infrastructure upgrades and air sealing. The group will continue their discussion of this initiative at the next meeting. The Green Code Subcommittee is continuing to meet to discuss changes to the Sustainable Building Regulations and ways to move the Town on the path to net zero development.

East Entrance Sign – The foundation and steel framing is complete and is waiting for the gabion baskets to be filled with river rock.

Special Events – Staff continues to receive special event requests. The Aspen Valley Marathon is proposing to have its marathon, half marathon, and 5K races this year on October 16, finishing in Basalt. The Basalt Regional Library is continuing its outdoor programming and has a screening of Pete McBride's film "Into the Canyon" on the lawn of the library of Pete McBride's work on Friday, October 1st.

Recreation

This Sunday will be the last day of the summer seasonal pool at Arbaney Park. On Monday, Sept 20th, the contractor will be back on site to finish up the project.

Instructional Soccer with Maurine ended this week. We had 14 participants for this offering.

The Basalt Middle School tennis courts received new tennis nets this week. These were purchased with budget funds from our IGA account.