



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

This week is homecoming for the Basalt schools. The homecoming parade will take place this afternoon at 2:15. The football team will play undefeated, Moffat County. This will be a fun game to watch this evening at Basalt High School.

Police

Law enforcement agencies across the State of Colorado and the Nation are experiencing difficulties filling vacant police officer positions. Our department currently has one vacant position that we have been unable to fill for a variety of reasons. To assist in our recruitment efforts, Lieutenant Aaron Munch is a member of the Law Enforcement Background Investigators of Colorado group. This group is compiling information to identify new and creative ways to increase recruitment to the profession.

Last week we reported about the “Devious Lick Challenge” where students are asked to upload illegal activity, performed at schools, to the social media platform Tik Tok. To date, two Basalt High School students have been referred to Youth Zone for their participation in criminal acts. At the request of middle school administration, four of their students have been issued summons to court for their involvement. Our School Resource Officer and school administration continue to educate students about the potential consequences of participating in this challenge.

Chief Greg Knott, also president of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), went before the Eagle Town Council to award their police department CACP Accreditation. Our department was accredited five years ago and has submitted our reaccreditation application. We hope to have our on-site inspection and receive reaccreditation before the end of the year.

The Pitkin County face covering order is still in effect. Since implementation we have not received any complaints. Information regarding the Pitkin County Order can be found at:

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

Individuals wishing to submit complaints, regarding non-compliance with the Order, can visit the following webpage to advise Pitkin County Public Health:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFSoQvz0-ko4tjKbg2tCvIWvxBOK2ejfM_vRbAhDkwYj_cEg/viewform

Public Works

The centerline and edge-of-road striping were completed this week on the new asphalt and was renewed on the existing asphalt. This is what is referred to as the long line striping. The contractor Public Works uses is a company that we have used for years. The Town’s long lines can be done in one

day due to the contractor's familiarity with the streets. The short line striper is scheduled for this weekend.

Public Works has been working with the Town Engineer to "value engineer" the proposed pole barn structure at the new Public Works lot. Staff is reviewing estimates and designs from different companies that are giving us some preliminary ballpark cost estimates. One of the biggest challenges is that most suppliers of metal buildings are at least six months out on materials.

Public Works has two employees out for a few days attending the Snow and Ice Conference in Loveland, Colorado. It is a great learning experience to keep abreast of new laws, techniques and equipment used in the snow removal process.

Public Works will be working with the Basalt Police Department to make sure the homecoming parade is fun and safe. Public Works role is to help with traffic control.

Planning

Basalt Center Circle Application – The Town Council will resume its review of the Basalt Center Circle Application at its October 26, 2021 meeting. The Applicants indicated that they need this time to revise the architecture. The item will be on the October 12th agenda to continue.

Sopris Meadows Parcel 5 – The Town Council approved the sketch plan review at its September 28th meeting.

Basalt River Park Development – 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 continued forming and pouring concrete. There were some weather delays this week, concrete work will continue next week.



Swinging Bridge Waterline – The contractor has continued installation of the watermain down Swinging Bridge Lane. The contractor is close to completing the service connections and will begin paving preparations 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 and the fiber utility infrastructure. Curb and gutter will be formed and will begin to be poured next week.

Mid-Valley Center Lot 4 – Work on the access improvements to the site is well under way, the contractor has begun work on the utility improvements and connections at the site, and the sidewalk improvements have been completed.



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

Basalt Early Childhood Coalition – The Financial Committee met this week to begin discussion on how to allocate funding towards Capacity, Affordability and Quality in 2022. The Coalition is particularly interested in how to make an early childhood development center on Parcel 2E a reality in the coming year, and how to support the build-out and operation of the center at Stott’s Mill. Staff has drafted an RFP for architectural services to develop conceptual drawings for Parcel 2E, we hope to get this advertised in the near future.

BACH – BACH reviewed the Final Plan for the affordable housing associated with the Lot J Basalt Commercial Park project and provided their recommendation of approval for the project as presented. BACH continued a discussion around establishing criteria for Special Housing Evaluation Committee (SHEC) waiver requests, discussed the 2022 budget, and Staff provided an update on the Regional Housing group which David Myler has sent a request to meet with all involved parties in the near future.

Basalt Sunday Market – The Market concluded its 11th season on Sunday, September 26th. This year’s market had more vendors than ever before and received many complements from the public as a well-loved community event. Staff intends on reworking the application for the 2022 market to make it available as writable pdf and for ease of submission online.

East Entrance Sign – The east entrance sign has been completed as the final touches on the sign were completed this week as the steel trout was added. The Chamber Sign Committee will be working on sign lighting and landscaping design for the sign in the coming months.

Special Events – Staff continues to receive special event requests. On October 16th the Aspen Valley Marathon is scheduled to have its marathon, half marathon, and 5K races this year, 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. The homecoming parade is also scheduled for Friday October 1st. Staff received an application for the

Turkey Trot which takes place on Thanksgiving and expects to receive an application from TACAW for Pumpkin Jazz asap which is scheduled for October 9th in various locations between Willits and downtown Basalt.

Basalt Leaf Drop – The popular yearly leaf drop has been scheduled for 5 weekends starting October 16th. Details will be included on the Town’s webpage under “Basalt News”. The first week (October 16th and 17th) will be at Arbaney Park. Our contract with EverGreen ZeroWaste increases the capacity to handle brush and sticks. With this upgrade we will be encouraging folks to bring their fire mitigation debris.