



**DATE:** January 14, 2022  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

Eagle County sent out an update regarding their Board of health meeting on Thursday. The following is an excerpt from the County Manager regarding the outcome of that meeting:

*Today's meeting of the Eagle County Board of Health can be [viewed here](#). After a lot of consideration, the Board of Health decided to:*

- *Expire the public indoor mask requirement for the general public on January 17<sup>th</sup>*
- *Expire the mask requirement for high schools since vaccinations remain high on January 17<sup>th</sup>*
- *Maintain the mask requirements in educational settings with younger children up to 8th grade through January 21st, and then expire all mask requirements*
- *Continue to align with CDC guidance on Testing, Isolation, and Quarantine*

Staff continued to work with the Downtowner representatives to complete the signing of contracts and discussed the next steps for rolling out the new transit service. We are planning to do a media release to get people acquainted with the service.

## **Police**

Lieutenant Aaron Munch was nominated by Police Department Staff members to receive the second half 2021 Standing 6 Award. All staff members commended Lieutenant Munch for his dedication to Basalt and his leadership methodologies. Congratulations Aaron!



Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Police Academy will host the first training class on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Class registration for the Academy is now closed. We have 30 people signed up to participate. Our first class will cover police department operations and crime scene investigations.

The Basalt Emergency Management Committee met this week. We discussed a variety of community safety topics and plans for the upcoming year. The Police Department will be working with the Roaring Fork Club to update their safety and emergency response plan. We will also be working with Pitkin County Emergency Management to update the county wide hazard mitigation plan.

Chief Greg Knott and Administrative Assistant Dina Prieto met with the town auditor to review internal processes at the Police Department.

An ice jam release occurred on Thursday afternoon. We were notified of the release as it was approaching Highway 82 and East Two Rivers Road. Officers made community notifications and patrolled the river. We contacted one fisherman who left the river prior to the flow arrival.

Next week, Chief Knott will be attending the combined Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police and County Sheriffs of Colorado winter conference. Chief Knott currently serves as President of the Chiefs Association.

### **Public Works**

The Town received two bids on the pole barn structure for the Public Works - West site. The companies are both Western Colorado companies and both have a proven track record in construction. Town of Basalt Engineer, the Town's Owner's Rep and Public Works will be following up with interviews of each company to discuss their qualifications. The topic of available supplies and timeframes will also come into play.

Public works is assisting the survey crew you might have seen in downtown Basalt. The crew is the beginning steps to get a good survey to help with the planning of the Midland Avenue streetscape and infrastructure project. Public Works is helping by moving piles of snow and breaking ice for the crew so they can keep getting the information they need for the project.

Public Works is working with Pitkin County to use their road grader to break ice on Basalt's streets. The Town is very fortunate that Pitkin County has the equipment and the operators to help us out. Using the grader really speeds up the process of ice removal. The Town and the surrounding government entities have good working relationships. In working together, it saves time and money for everybody.

### **Planning**

**Basalt Center Circle Application** – The Applicant is working on the Final Plan application.

**Lot J, Basalt Commercial Park** – The necessary LOMR-F was approved by FEMA. Council will consider on second reading this application for a 12-unit apartment building on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Basalt River Park Improvements** – Walters Inc. has continued work on Phase I of Basalt River Park. They are completing final grading, constructing the wall elements, and finalizing the winterization of the site. The Town received four bids for Landscape Plant Materials for Basalt River Park Phase II and will be finalizing a contract with the selected plant supplier soon.

**Two Rivers Road Improvements** – Work is substantially complete on this project; streetlights are being installed this week and next. The final landscaping work will not be completed until spring of 2022.

**Town of Basalt Photovoltaic and Energy Storage Project** – Proposals for this project were due on December 17<sup>th</sup>, eight good proposals were received. Staff is working with Holy Cross Energy, the School District, CORE and members are in the process of interviewing the top 4 proposers.

**Other Basalt Forward 2030 Support** – Town Planning Staff also provided support to the Manager for the Basalt Forward 2030 projects. The Team has had several meetings since the last Manager’s report to further the implementation of the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project and affordable housing.

**Mid-Valley Center Lot 4** – Phase 1A of the Project has been completed except for the landscaping. The Town received two bids for Phase Phase 1B of the Public Works Facility development plan which includes the building of a new pre-engineered steel building and perimeter fence. The Town Engineer, Public Works Director and Phil Vaughn are in the process of evaluating the bids, and interviewing bidders, with the plan to bring the contract to the Town Council on January 25, 2022.

**Green Team** – The Green Code Committee has been actively working on details for the recommended amendments. The Green Team met on Monday and discussed finalizing the grant/rebate program, and opportunities to leverage rebate funds from Holy Cross and CORE.

**BPAC** – Four ice sculptures are planned to be installed this weekend at various locations, including the Basalt Regional Library, the open space area near Alpine Bank, Arbaney Park, and at the TACAW property this weekend. The theme of this year’s sculptures is Objects of Nature. The schedule is to have a live sculpture event at Arbaney Park on Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> which will allow the public to see how the sculpture is created.

**BACH** – BACH met on Monday and heard from representatives from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) on financing tools and to prepare for the Council worksession discussion on affordable housing which was held on Tuesday. BACH will be meeting to talk further about Basalt Forward 2030 spending and housing data updates next week.

Staff is also working on items from the prior Council worksession, including Code language to remove the RETA mitigation option, a plan to refresh the Town’s housing needs and inventory data to understand housing gaps, and programs in other communities, such as Vail InDeed, that show how the Town can support and incentivize a voluntary buy-down process.

**Basalt Early Childhood Coalition** – The final day for potential responders to submit questions to the Town on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a provider for Lot 2E was on Monday. The answers to the questions will be sent out by Staff today and be posted on the Town’s website and emailed to interested parties.

**Basalt River Park Development LLC** - Staff issued a full building permit on Park Place east, which is a three-unit townhouse building and is preparing to issue a foundation permit on the Gallery Building which includes commercial, apartments, and the affordable housing units.

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