



DATE: June 17, 2022
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

The caboose, which is owned by the Chamber of Commerce, is being repainted this week. It has been almost ten years since the last painting and the elements have taken a toll on the exterior. The wood is still in good shape so a fresh coat of paint and new exterior sign will be a significant improvement.



The Ride the Rockies event was in town on Monday having arrived from Glenwood Springs. The group was out of town by 7 am on Tuesday to allow enough time to get up and over Independence Pass on their way to Salida.

Police

Congratulations to Administrative Assistant Dina Prieto for successfully completing Spanish Community Interpreting training and certification. This intensive professional certification takes nine months to complete. Certification is awarded after a weeklong evaluation of Spanish language skills.

We have received reports of a bear in the Willits residential area during the daytime hours. Our officers have been unable to locate the bear. This serves as a good reminder that bears are coming into town to look for easily accessible food sources. Please keep trash containers in enclosed buildings or structures. If you store trash outside, it must be kept in a closed and approved bear resistant container. Bird feeders, pet food and unsecured trash containers are all attractants and will bring bears into our neighborhoods. Please help the wildlife by doing your part to keep bears out of Town.

The Police Department, public works and town administration assisted with the Ride the Rockies event on Monday and Tuesday. I am happy to report there were no public safety related calls for the event.

Chief Greg Knott attended the quarterly Pitkin County Public Safety Council meeting. The focus of this meeting was wildfire, and the summer weather outlooks. All public safety agencies are also

participating in the Pitkin County Hazard Mitigation Plan update. This update will be completed by the middle of summer and submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for approval.

Our partners at Carbondale and Rural Fire Protection District created the below flyer to assist people in signing up for emergency community alerts in Garfield, Eagle and Pitkin Counties. Scanning the QR codes, on your phone or tablet, will take you directly to sign up pages. Hard copies of this flyer are available at Town Hall and the Police Department.

Register for Community Connect
<https://bit.ly/CarbFireCC>

Building a Safer Community Through Prevention, Preparedness, & Response

Create a FREE household or business life safety profile today. You can share valuable information with your fire department that can help us assist more effectively during an emergency.

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

How will you find out about emergencies or disasters? Scan these codes to sign up

You can decide how you want to receive notifications. Having your most current contact information is the only way to ensure we can contact you in the event of an emergency.

Garfield County Alerts garco911.com

Pitkin County Alerts pitkinalert.org

Eagle County Alerts ecalert.org

Planning

Basalt Center Circle (BCC) Application – The Applicant has submitted a final plan application and Staff referred it out to the Town’s referral agencies for review. The Planning and Zoning Commission completed their review of the BCC Final Plan Application. The BCC Final Plan Application is scheduled for initial review by the Council is July.

Basalt River Park Improvements – The architects on the bandshell and bus station/restroom continue to work on the designs for those elements of the park. POST is scheduled to review the updated bandshell and bus station/restroom designs next week. Work on Phase II of the Basalt River Park by RMCL has begun, topsoil is being delivered to bring the site to final grade, irrigation is being installed, and the first shipment of trees was delivered.

Midland Avenue Streetscape Project – the Design Team and Town staff, have been moving the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project forward. The Design Team has been meeting with various stakeholder groups, and the owners/managers of the properties along Midland to gain their input. The Design Team has formulated conceptual plans which were presented to POST, P&Z and Council. A second community survey was published to gain additional input, and that input is now being considered. The Town has

posted an RFP for Owners Representative Services for the Project, the RFP can be found on the Town's website.

Green Initiatives and the Town of Basalt Photovoltaic and Energy Storage Project –Staff and McKinstry continue to work with Holy Cross Energy, the school district, CORE and members of the Green Team on the project. McKinstry has provided a cost/benefit analysis on a handful of sites for review. McKinstry made a presentation to staff and representatives of the School District to discuss preferred options, the preferred options are now being developed to a 30% design level in preparation for seeking grant funding for the project.

Other Basalt Forward 2030 Support – Town Planning Staff also provided support to the Manager for the Basalt Forward 2030 projects.

Mid-Valley Center Lot 4 – Phase 1A of the Project has been completed, and the landscaping has been installed. Town Staff and Gould are moving forward with permitting of the building. The building has been ordered and construction will occur later this summer.

Basalt River Park Development LLC – A full building permit was issued 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.

Green Team – CORE reported that there have been approximately seven applicants for Basalt and CORE's rebate incentives program with projects geared toward electrification. Staff will provide a more detailed report as it becomes available detailing the types of projects and funding provided to eligible applicants. The Green Team also heard an overview of the 2019-2020 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory in preparation for discussion with Council.

Basalt Early Childhood Coalition – Staff met virtually with Kate of Kate Kalseing Consulting who is working with Kids First on the Burlingame childcare center. She expressed interest in understanding the role of the Coalition and its members, as well as other related organizations within the Roaring Fork Valley. Kate is working on a resource list for childcare related issues in the Roaring Fork Valley.

Special Events – The Basalt Sunday Market kicks off this Sunday and will run every week, rain or shine, through September 25th. The Market will feature many new and returning artisans, produce, prepared foods, and other vendors. The Art Base will hold Crafternoons in their former space at the Town's annex building, there will be a bounce house, and live music. The Market will take place from 10 am – 2 pm.