



**DATE:** September 29, 2022  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

## Police

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Police Academy concluded with a graduation ceremony and potluck lunch. This class had 17 graduates who participated in our nine week program. Since beginning our Community Police Academy program, in 2016, 90 community members have graduated. Congratulations to all our graduates!



Officers Cortnay Young and Matt Lilly attended a three day “Spanish for Law Enforcement” training in Carbondale. This training provides a foundation for future Spanish language learning.

The police department received a \$1,385 grant from the United States Department of Justice. This grant reimburses costs associated with the purchase of bullet resistant vests for our officers.

Greg Knott, Boyd Bierbaum and Matt Wagner attended another Pitkin County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) development meeting. We are three months into plan development. The plan should be finalized by the end of October and forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Administration for approval. Once approved, the HMP will be presented to Town Council for approval.

It is Homecoming week at the High School. Our staff has been assisting at all the events. Officers and our Public Works Department will assist with the student parade on Friday afternoon. We will have officers at the football game and dance this weekend. Please come out and support your Longhorns!

## **Planning**

**Basalt Center Circle (BCC) Application** – The Applicant submitted a final plan application which is in review with the Town’s referral agencies. The Planning and Zoning Commission completed their review of the BCC Final Plan Application. Town Council provided their initial review and continued the public hearing to July 26<sup>th</sup>. The Application received second reading approval on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Town Applicant reviewed the “lightning bolt” sanitary sewer line concept and cost sharing proposal with the Basalt Sanitation District Board and deal points were established for the Council’s review. The Council reviewed the deal points on the cost sharing proposal at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and the deal points have been provided to the Basalt Sanitation District’s attorney for further discussion with the Basalt Sanitation District Board and formulation of an agreement.

**Basalt River Park Improvements** – Town Council approved a contract with Burlingame Construction and ID Sculptures for construction of the bandshell. Staff has readvertised the bus shelter/restroom facility project for Construction Management/General Contractor (CM/GC) services to refine the design and construction schedule to build the project within budget. One bid was received for the CM/GC services and Staff is working with the architects and the bidder to value engineer some components to meet the Town’s budgetary requirements. Work on Phase II of the Basalt River Park by RMCL is well underway. RMCL has installed the irrigation, planted a significant portion of the trees and perennials, and installed sod. RMCL is now working on the western extent of the park near the river. Fabrication on the park signage has also begun.

**Midland Avenue Streetscape Project** – The Design Team and Town Staff have been moving the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project forward. Work sessions with P&Z and Town Council were held to review the preferred alternative design on August 9<sup>th</sup>, at which time P&Z and Council provided direction to move into design of the preferred conceptual plan. The Design Team is working diligently on taking the conceptual design to the 30% design level. The Design Team and staff will return to P&Z and Council with the 30% level in October/November.

**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 made a presentation to staff and representatives of the school district to discuss preferred options. The final report summarizing the site analysis and preferred options is being finalized, and the selected sites are now being developed to a 30% design level. Staff and McKinstry submitted a DOLA grant application for the project. The project was presented to Council in early September.

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

**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.

**Mid-Valley Center Lot 4** –Town Staff and Gould are moving forward with the construction of the building. The building has been ordered, utility connections have been made, and the foundation has been formed.

**Water Utility Master Plan** – Town staff issued an RFP for the development of a Basalt Water Utility Master Plan which will serve to inform the planning of capital improvements, operations and maintenance, and rate increases that may be necessary to help fund the water enterprise. Staff received two proposals for this work from well qualified teams. The Council approved a contract with JVA, Inc. Staff has also been working on a Colorado River District grant application to help fund some of this work.

**Linear Park Irrigation** – Town staff received two bids for the rebuilding of the Linear Park irrigation system. The project was awarded to RMCL by Council and work is underway.

**Whitewater Park Construction** - Pitkin County started construction on improvements to Fisherman’s Park and the area around the Whitewater Park. The improvements being made include improving the condition of the Fisherman’s Park Boat Ramp, constructing a boardwalk between the Whitewater Park and the boat ramp, and improving the shoulder of Two Rivers Road by the boat ramp for better access to the boat ramp. Additionally, Pitkin County will be clearing sediment from the Whitewater Park structures and making slight adjustment to the in-river wave structures.

**Basalt Early Childhood Coalition** – The Coalition heard from Staff and the developer of Stott’s Mill regarding the construction progress of the core and shell for the childcare building. A provider is still being sought for the space. The Coalition discussed the idea of participating in a larger regional group while still maintaining its mission and identity in the Basalt area.

**BPAC** – The Commission reviewed a revised application for BPAC grant funding from Challenge America, and also discussed projects and goals for its 2023 workplan. BPAC is very interested in bringing in more community interaction this coming year.

## **Public Works**

Progress is being made on the new Public Works project. The concrete foundation, “slab” for the pole barn was poured and scored. The perimeter fence should be going in and the building package will be delivered soon.

Trails and paths are being repaired around Town. A contractor is adding a melted rubberized material to the cracks and broken sections to smooth the path and make it more weather resistant. Staff replaced Pavers on the 7-11 Bridge. Basalt Avenue and Evans Street have recently been ground down “Roto-milled” and fresh asphalt has been applied to maintain the street. Public Works recently had to repair and replace both irrigation culverts under our roadways that failed. Both projects were completed this week.

The Public Works Water Department is working on the reconditioning of the Pinion Tanks. The project is about 75% complete. Painting and vent work still needs to be completed. The Distribution Department has been working with a contractor to upgrade our communication abilities in our water system. The new equipment has been mounted on top of our water tanks.

Parks and Forestry are busy trimming trees and finishing projects. The Swinging Bridge Landscape Project is almost complete, and the Linear Park Irrigation project is well underway with a large crew working on it. The irrigation systems in the parks and gardens will start being winterized soon.