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TO: Mayor and Council
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RE: Weekly Update
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Happy Groundhog Day everyone! The paper reported that Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, signaling another six weeks of winter. Let's hope he was correct and winter finds us soon. Town public works staff has used the warm weather as an opportunity to clear the streets which you may have seen (or heard) as the sweeper slowly churned down the street.

Pitkin County continues progress on the in-stream White Water Park improvements. If you drive by you will see activity in the River and at Fisherman's Park. In addition, County staff has been meeting with stakeholders to gather input on other streamside improvements. Once that process is complete, we will circle back with the Council/Commissioner subcommittee to get further input.

Town staff has been working on updates to the website which is coming along well. This week we saw the first reveal of the new layout and graphics which looked great. In addition to the improved aesthetics we will be modifying content and improving navigability. The anticipated finish date is April or May at which time we will be excited to share it with the community.

I met with department heads early this week to brainstorm ideas for improving the Town's procurement policy. I was interested to get feedback on some of the challenges that staff have encountered with it now that it has been in place for a little over a year. While there are sections that are solid practice for a local government, other sections are not as advantageous. One example deals with the fact that there is no provision for cooperation among local governments. Basalt is a small community and cannot get the same volume pricing that one of the Counties or Cities can get. If we are able to work with these groups in partnership, it can translate into big savings for the Town. The main goal of any modifications we would present to Council are to "right size" the policy for our needs while still providing a transparent and fair policy for our bidders.

Planning

- Mid-Valley Master Plan – The P&Z approved initial comments and transmitted those to the Roaring Fork Valley Regional Planning Commission (RFVRPC). Chair Maron spoke at the February 1st RFVRPC public meeting and reiterated the Basalt P&Z's request for a joint meeting of the two planning commissions. The County is scheduling this for its March 1st Workshop. The Manager and Planning Staff also attended the February 1st Workshop and participated in the open house with the Town's Future Land Use Maps. These maps have been updated to show the land use plan map amendments that have been made since 2007. Staff will continue to post the County's workshops so that the P&Z and Council members may attend. Additional workshops are set for February 15, March 1, March 15, April 5 and April 19.
- 2018 Events – Planning Staff is meeting with the Chamber and Willits Town Center to further develop 2018 events.
- Two Rivers Road – a construction meeting was held with the Applicant and stakeholders on the water line improvements for the Roaring Fork Club. This will affect the east entrance of Two

River's Road with SH 82. The Conservancy also is planning on constructing its Two Rivers Road improvements starting mid-April. There is a need for considerable coordination on these projects.

- Sustainability Code Amendments – a subcommittee has been meeting weekly to refine proposed amendments to Basalt's Sustainability Code. The amendments are advisable because the Town recently adopted current construction codes to reflect all the various options that builders have toward meeting the basic requirements of the energy code.

Public Works

- Two Public Works employees received new certifications this week. Tim Vogel received his Certified Pool Operator designation and Trevor Lalonde received his Certified Playground Safety Inspector designation. Thanks and congratulation guys.
- Public Works has been busy breaking ice in drainages and sweeping the streets to get cleaned up and ready for the next storm. The crew has been out in town with the sweeper, skid steer, backhoe and breaker bars keeping the water from the melt flowing. The longer period we go without snow gives us the opportunity to do a more thorough cleanup.
- Work continues on flashing speed lights and regular street lights. The concrete bases have now cured on the flashing speed signs and the poles and hardware can be added. Due to winter conditions we have had some street lights damaged that we are out repairing this week.

Police

- Area law enforcement agencies continue to receive reports of suspected methamphetamine production bottles in the River. As of today, 42 bottles have been located between Basalt and the Ranch at Roaring Fork in Garfield County. Samples of the liquid content have been taken to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and we are awaiting laboratory results. The Drug Enforcement Administration is assisting in this investigation and has graciously agreed to pay for the hazardous waste disposal.
- Last weekend we had many visitors in Basalt due to X-Games. We are pleased to report we had a relatively quiet weekend with no arrests or injuries.
- Officer Thomas Wright attended a two day Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training in Rifle. The training was provided free of charge under an area law enforcement training grant.