



DATE: May 10, 2018
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

This week's memo is coming a bit early as I will be out of the office on Friday. We are all set for Monday evening's training but may be switching venues to RMI because of a previously scheduled meeting in our Council Chambers. Stay tuned!

I posted the position for Finance Director on the CML website yesterday and am speaking with a number of people in the area to help spread the word of the opportunity. I will be posting in two other locations including the government finance professionals (GFOA) website and the newspaper. Lisa Nieslanik will be acting as interim Finance Director during the recruitment. She has a number of years of experience and has a solid handle on the Town's finances. I have full faith in her ability and look forward to working with her in this capacity.

Staff is coordinating with Eagle County for a joint meeting this summer. One of the topics to be discussed will be joint planning in the mid-valley. We are coordinating a second topic but that has not been decided yet. We are thinking of having a barbeque in the park prior to the meeting and will send out details once we know more.

Planning

- Mid-Valley Area Community Plan – The Roaring Fork Regional Planning Commission (RFVRPC) is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 17th where the RFVRPC will discuss changes to parcels on the Future Land Use Map and the latest draft of the Plan. We will post the meeting so that members of the Town Council and P&Z may attend. More information is on their webpage at http://www.eaglecounty.us/Planning/Documents/Community_Plans/Mid_Valley_Master_Plan_Draft1_2018/
- BACH – BACH members are meeting on Thursday to discuss further amendments to the draft policies for Town-owned units per the direction received by the Council at Tuesday's meeting.
- East Two Rivers Road – The paving of the lane is expected to start May 14th through May 16th and then the road construction will be completed in this area.
- NWCCOG – NWCCOG held its Regional Economic Summit. Kris Mattera, Executive Director for the Basalt Chamber of Commerce, and Watkin Fulk-Gray, Basalt Staff Planner, attended. The Summit included sessions on Colorado and mountain region demographic and economic trends, the context of the "gig economy" and the precarious nature of some of its workers, panel discussions about economic development in the mountain region, and a session about the role of broadband and economic development. Multiple speakers highlighted the importance of affordable housing for sustained economic growth in our region. Presentation materials can be found here <http://northwestcoloradoregion.org/About-NWCCOG/2018-Regional-Economic-Summit.aspx>. Information from the State Demographer's presentation is attached.

- Planner of the day activities – We are experiencing a higher volume than normal of walk-ins with a wide variety of requests ranging from pre-application discussions to questions on properties for sale to complaints about construction and neighbor activities. The Planning Department Staff is also working on a high number of administrative development review applications and Special Event Activity Permit applications.
- Real America Apartments - Apartments Open House – Save the Date. The Grand Opening of the Real American Apartments is Monday June 25th at 1:00 pm. The announcement was sent to the Councilors by separate email. They are asking for an RSVP.

Public Works

- The Water Department has been flushing the new water mains along Two Rivers Rd and at the Roaring Fork Club now that the Bac T tests came back negative. Paul is repairing a hydrant that was hit on Homestead Drive and was knocked over. Both Wells 9 and 13 had repairs made to them and are getting prepped for the coming demand of summer and will be running full time shortly.
- The Streets Department has been improving the service road that accesses the Million Gallon Tank on the Meyer property. This is in preparation for parking and equipment storage for the contractor use during the tank rehabilitation project. Two Rivers Road and Frying Pan Road has had all of the rocks and debris removed from the sides of the road and will be swept and washed.
- The Parks Department has been turning on all of the irrigation throughout town and making repairs as they go, we have also started weeding the invasive species out of the wetland areas around Midland and Old Pond Park. This will hopefully be our final year of monitoring which was a requirement as part of the wetland mitigation project.
- Robert Rosende our newest employee joined us this week as a Facilities Maintenance Technician and will work with Rob Larson in that Department, we are glad to have him on board.
- The Crew removed the pool cover and started to prep and clean for the summer season.
- Boyd and Greg are doing ICS-400 training in Glenwood Springs.