



DATE: May 25, 2018
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

Town staff has been busy gearing up for the Memorial Day weekend and what I think we can safely call the official kick-off to summer. While the summer solstice is still about one month away, the general buzz of summer seems to be in the air. I sat on the corner of Midland and Two Rivers Road for an impromptu meeting and saw a number of vehicles loaded with camping gear heading toward the Fryingpan River Road. Another sure sign of summer is the much anticipated opening of Independence Pass, which happened this week. Also on tap for this weekend is the official opening of the swimming pool at Arbaney Park. Finally, I couldn't resist snapping a quick photo of a little youngster having a ball in the Willits Fountain.



Town Public Works staff has continued to make enhancements with our downtown flowerbeds and this week we added some nice metal surrounds and stone accents to the wayfinding signs across from the Library and Post Office. We are planning to make more enhancements to the flowerbeds which will be coming in the near future.



Staff had a follow up discussion with CIRSA this week in our effort to finalize the inventory lists that are needed for the bid for town insurance. The initial push with CIRSA takes quite a bit of time as it requires taking account of all equipment, furniture, and other assets. We are getting close with this task and will have information to share with Council in the near future.

Police

- Sergeant Aaron Munch and Officer Matt Lilly attended a four-day bicycle patrol certification training. This certification, obtained through the International Police Mountain Bike Association, is required prior to performing uniformed bicycle patrol.
- Officer Jordan Hilkey attended a two-day Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement training. This training provides advanced training in the detection of drug impairment.
- We continue to educate residents and business owners about the proper storage of trash. We have issued several wildlife ordinance violation notices and will begin issuing Municipal Court summonses to repeat offenders.

Public Works

- Public Works helped the Roaring Fork Conservancy with their youth fishing derby this week. The Conservancy hosted elementary to middle school aged kids and they got to try out their fishing skills in Old Pond Park. They even got to keep the fishing poles and many kids had their first experience with catching a fish. Public works helped prepare the Pond by flushing it to eliminate some of the algae.
- Public Works has been busy this week. We have been out sweeping, doing road repair, working on irrigation, trimming trees and had a grave to prepare for a funeral. The contractor hired to do our annual road maintenance has been good to work with and is making headway. The water fountains at Town Hall and Two Rivers Café are installed and operating.

Planning

- Basalt River Park Development LLC – Sketch Plan for CDC parcel - As the Council is aware Basalt River Park Development LLC submitted a sketch plan application. James Lindt is working through the scheduling and completeness items.
- Request for Proposals Related to Basalt River Park - Susan published notice of two requests for proposals. One for the landscaping design work associated with Basalt River Park and the other requesting a proposal for engineering services associated with Two Rivers Road and associated parking and with the River Park design. The project kicks off with a charrette with Council and POST.
- Mid-Valley Area Community Plan – The Roaring Fork Regional Planning Commission (RFVRPC) is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, June 7th and adopt the Plan on Thursday June 21st. We will post the meetings 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/
- Other Eagle County Coordination – Eagle County Community Development is preparing information on the annexation policies of each of its municipalities. The County Manager's office

asked for information on approved and recently constructed developments and we are working on finalizing that information for them.

- NWCCOG –Watkins listened into the May NWCCOG meeting. . A forestry biologist presented on forests in the mountain region, and wildfire risks have increase due to the pine beetle damage and also effects from climate change. His research suggests some practical forestry techniques for increasing forest health and recovering from destructive wildfires. However, there wasn't as much information about preventing or mitigating the actual wildfires. An energy specialist from CSU spoke about a planned "Local Government Energy Academy" on August 29-30 that we will forward to the Green Team. There were several policy or administrative issue approvals for the NWCCOG
- TACAW - The Sketch Plan application for "the Permanent" is currently under review by referral agencies and is scheduled before the P&Z for their June 19th meeting. The annual financial report was submitted today and Ryan and Susan will be reviewing this against the Town's requirements.
- Basalt Vista – The construction management plan was issued and several approval documents are being executed. Construction on the road and infrastructure is expected to begin next week after the School's yearly mud run is completed.