



**DATE:** June 21, 2019  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

It's been quite busy this week, especially with the Council meeting on Tuesday evening and the topics covered requiring substantial staff investment. We are already looking ahead to the next meeting and the next round of important topics to cover.

Staff met with TACAW yesterday to discuss the next steps for their organization. They are excited to continue moving things forward and are looking ahead to building the first phase of their original vision, which they call The Contemporary. Staff will bring a request to Council at the next meeting to use the "Arts RETA" money to help fund the construction of the new building.

Staff continues to work on the TABOR issue and is compiling information for Council to review that may help with providing direction to staff. An executive session is scheduled next Tuesday for Council to be able to receive legal advice and move closer to a decision.

We are now officially underway with the debris flow/flood mitigation efforts. Work is being done on Pinon Drive and our next step will be to begin the in-kind project that will help divert mud and water away from structures into a large basin above town. This phase of the project will be spearheaded by Eagle County. Other areas around Basalt Mountain are now permitted and work will begin in those areas in the near future.

## **Public Works**

The super charger is in! The installation of the new electric car charger next to the stage in Lions Park is complete. The charger is the latest technology available and can fully charge a car in 18 minutes. This charger project has been collaboration between CORE, Holy Cross, State of Colorado and the Town of Basalt. The project is valued at over fifty thousand dollars supported mainly by a grant from the state.

Public Works as part of its ongoing annual maintenance program is currently having the streets crack sealed. Crack sealing involves filling the cracks in the streets with hot tar so that water does not penetrate the surface and cause damage. If water gets into the asphalt it degrades the structure of the asphalt and is especially damaging if it freezes and expands.

The Cottonwood Drive Safe Routes to School Project is progressing nicely. The end closest to Riverside Drive has had the sidewalk removed, a culvert installed and the new curb, gutter and wider sidewalk installed. The work will progress toward Two Rivers Road and will involve some modifications to residential properties which have been worked out with the homeowners.

Work has also started on the fire and flood mitigation projects. Heyl Construction is busy working on installing a system of berms and swales to direct water and debris away from residential properties at the top of Pinon Drive This is part of an overall plan to lessen the impact if we have flooding and

landslide issues due to the burned area above town. Mitigation work will soon start in other areas of Eagle County.

## Planning

**Special Events** – Here are the next upcoming special events.

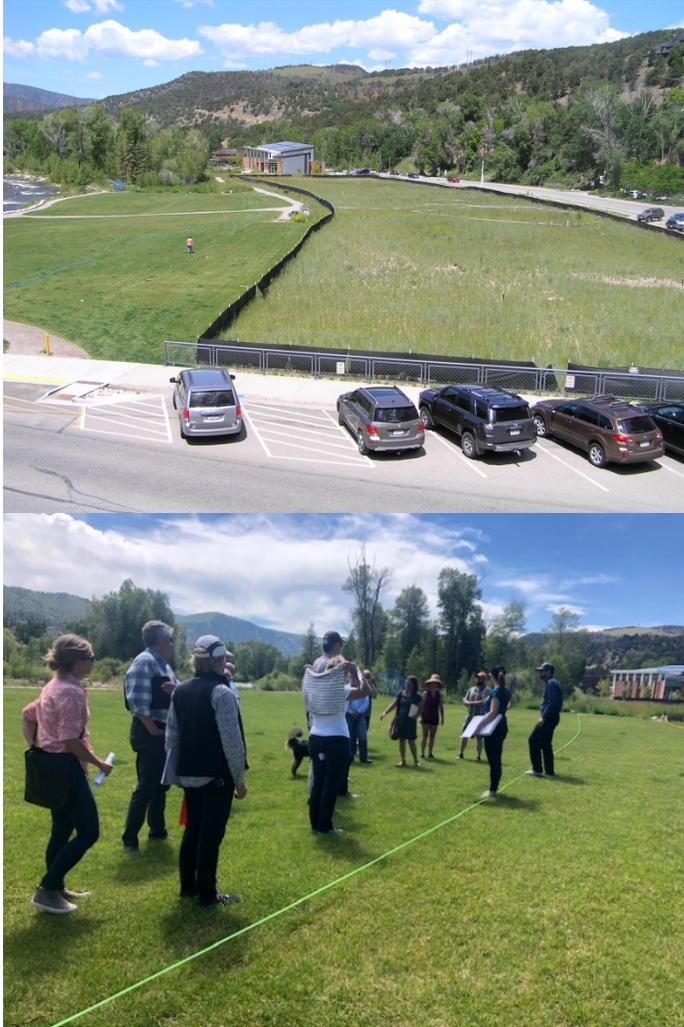
- **Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** – Basalt Wednesday Summer Music Concert Series (under the Basalt Chamber) at Triangle Park in Willits. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** – Dedication of first of the Basalt Vista Homes at 11:00 am.
- **Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Anniversary of the Lake Christine Fire sponsored by the Basalt Heritage Society at Arbaney Park. 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- **Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>** – Fitness in the Park at the Willits rugby field at 8:00 am.

**Basalt Master Plan** – The Consultant team is working on increasing participation with the participation in the [www.LetsTalk.Basalt.org](http://www.LetsTalk.Basalt.org) website, including radio advertisements, newspaper ads and banners. Last Sunday the team organized a picnic geared to Hispanic community. Approximately 50 community members participated and good input was obtained regarding a number of community issues.



**Installation of dc Fast Charger** – Planning and Public Works Staff partnered with Holy Cross Energy and Jim Rio of Alliance Electric to complete the installation of the Level 3 electric vehicle charger at Town Hall. The charger is located adjacent to the stage at Lion’s Park, at the end of the on-street parking spaces. The Charger is now operational with signage to come later. Due to the scheduling of the state electrical inspection, Staff requested an extension of the project completion and reporting, although every effort is being made to complete the grant filing requirements by the end of June.

**Basalt River Park Planning** – The Site visit and Charrette for the planning of the park improvements for the Basalt River Park was held on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Connect One and Sopris Engineering received good feedback from members of the Town Council, POST, and P&Z. The additional area to be acquired by the Town, the restaurant and ArtBase locations and Site constraints (such as the sewer easement) were flagged in the field before the site visit with ribbons.



**Energy Resilience Workshop** – On Tuesday, Sara Nadolny attended a second workshop hosted by RMI and Holy Cross Energy regarding energy resilience in the upper Roaring Fork Valley. The meeting was focused on four action items related to distributed energy resources that were born from the first workshop earlier this year, including a) Mobile Generation Fleet; b) Gas Station Resilience; c) Community Microgrids; and d) Bulk Supply Resilience. The four teams presented their ideas and progress to date, while the larger group helped to flush out issues and ways to move forward toward implementation. Attendees discussed their role in moving resiliency work in the Valley forward. RMI plans on releasing a report synthesizing the information from the pre-interviews, workshops, and small group meetings to be released in early August. RMI is interested in sharing the findings with members of participant municipalities, counties, and organizations either directly or jointly through a larger meeting at RMI later this year.

**Green Team** – Sara attended the yearly retreat for the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) on Thursday at the Vail Nordic Center.

**Sustainable Technology Forum** – Watkins attended a meeting convened by Holy Cross Energy to discuss new technology solutions for energy efficient, district-level heating and cooling.

**BPAC Granting Program** – The deadline for applying for a public arts grant is Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. As of mid-day Friday, BPAC has received applications requesting nearly as much money as Town Council allocated to the Granting Program.

## Police Department

Temperatures cooled last weekend causing river flows to substantially decrease. Please don't be fooled. Our weekly conference calls with the National Weather Service Forecasters and area Bureau of Reclamation hydrologists indicate warmer weather is here and we will see our river flows increase. Please be safe around the Roaring Fork and Fryingpan Rivers. The police department continues to send out safety information on their Facebook page.

Basalt Police Department personnel responded to the Lake Christine Range to assist the Eagle County Sheriff's Office with an accidental gunshot wound. It was determined a male accidentally shot himself in the hand. No other individuals were on the handgun range when the accident occurred.

The 1st "Annual Ride with the 5-0" took place on Sunday. Chief Greg Knott and School Resource Officer Thomas Wight rode their motorcycles with the group. Other law enforcement personnel from the Aspen Police Department, Rifle Police Department, Garfield County Sheriff's Office and Colorado State Patrol also participated. Special thanks to the twenty community members who rode with us. It was a great ride from Aspen to Redstone where proper motorcycle operations and safety was taught. Below is a photo of the group in Redstone.



## Finance

The Finance Advisory Board meeting went well this week. The Board discussed current financial events, including the 2020 budget calendar, the TABOR issue, and the audit. They're currently working on strategies to keep our budget mailer on the forefront, with a goal of continuing to educate the community on Basalt's finances. The Finance Advisory Board currently has 2 members, with three open seats. If you know of individuals that may be interested in serving on the Finance Advisory Board, please let me or Ryan know.

The sales tax report was sent out to Council this week, and will be included in the July 9 Council packet. We're continuing to resolve audit questions and work towards completing the final audit for Council's review on July 23.

Ryan and I have also been in discussions regarding the 2020 budget calendar. We're working to create a comprehensive calendar that is easy for Council to use, and gives us the timelines that are pertinent during this process. We are building in lots of room for budget feedback and discussion for Council, and we're also planning to keep the Finance Advisory Board informed regarding the budget process.