



DATE: November 30, 2018
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

This afternoon kicks off our holiday season with the annual tree lighting and menorah lighting ceremony in Willits. Next Friday we will deck the halls in downtown Basalt with the tree lighting in Lions Park from 4 – 6 p.m. This is a fun community event with hot chocolate and food provided by the Lions Club. Santa will also be there as well as free hay rides for all kids, big and small.

Boyd and I participated in a conference call this morning to discuss the flood mitigation project resulting from the Lake Christine Fire with NRCS, Eagle County and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The group was awarded the full amount from the federal government (\$950,000) which will cover 75% of the mitigation cost. Another meeting is scheduled early next week to prioritize the discrete projects identified by NRCS. Following this exercise, staff will begin to reach out to individual property owners to talk about the projects that were identified on private property. We will need to begin the planning and engineering phase fairly soon so that we can get the projects bid in a timely manner. As I have stated in prior communications with the Council, it is staff's hope that the in-kind contributions that we can provide in the way of labor, materials and equipment will offset actual expenditure of money from our general fund. I will continue to keep you in the loop as the details of the project unfold.

A sub-committee of two Council members and two staff members met this week to discuss the applications for the next beneficiary of the golf tournament at the Roaring Fork Club. Four finalists were chosen and each interviewed during the meeting this week. A recommendation for a final selection will be forthcoming at the December 11th Council meeting.

The applications for discretionary funding have been distributed to the Council sub-committee for their review and recommendation. Staff has scheduled a meeting next week with that group to discuss the applications.

Planning

- **Childcare** – Joni Goodwin from Early Childhood Network, Stephanie Gianneschi from Aspen Community Foundation, Adele Mathees from Growing Years, and Susan Philp and Sara Nadolny from the Town participated in a phone meeting with representatives from Eagle County Health and Human Services to discuss and answer questions on the proposal submitted by ECN on behalf of the Early Childhood Coalition. We are hopeful of hearing by mid-December of what type of award this area of the County receives. The Basalt Early Childcare Coalition also met with the Council on Tuesday night to talk about next steps.
- **BACH** – met on Thursday, November 29th where they talked about their upcoming discussion with the Town Council on December 11th and what the housing needs assessments have been informing the Town about the types of affordable housing the Town should advocate for.

- **POST** – met on Wednesday to discuss the feedback they received from the Town Council. They are advocating for a Worksession with the Council on a day that is different than the Council meeting as mentioned by some of the Councilors.
- **Development Review/Enforcement items** – The Planning Staff has had to deal with some land use compliance and complaints which has taken up considerable time. Staff is still working on Willits issues associated with the Development and PUD Control document and land transactions. Also considerable time was spent on the Stott's Mill Development as the Developer works to record the plat and other legal documents.

Police

- This week we conducted lock down drills at the middle and elementary school.
- School Resource Officer Thomas Wright started teaching new classes at the middle and high schools. He is teaching 6th graders about cyber dangers, digital responsibility and anti bullying via social media. At the high school he has begun teaching "The Truth About Drugs" curriculum. We have taught this program for the last three years to all high school students.
- On Saturday we will be hosing our seventh Community Police Academy class. This class focuses on scenarios where the students use the skills they have learned and developed over the last six weeks. Students will respond to and investigate violence call and disturbance calls. They will also use a firearms simulator to practice officer safety, decision making, verbal deescalation skills and marksmanship.
- Our second annual Shop with a Cop event will occur on December 7th. We have received \$500 donations from Holy Cross Electric and Walmart to fund the event. Five local students will receive \$200 each to spend on themselves and family members.