



DATE: October 3, 2019
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

The draft budget is complete and in your packet! Thanks to our department heads and finance staff for the hard work in developing a very thorough draft budget. It is a balanced budget that includes an updated five-year Capital Improvements Plan and the new "Fund 20," which separates the restricted from the unrestricted moneys. The decision was recently made by Council to create this new fund which will add to the transparency and accountability of our town finances. Staff also included the 2019 work objectives in the budget that tie back to our 2019 Strategic Plan.

Valerie MacDonald, Pitkin County Emergency Manager, has scheduled a training for elected officials on **Wednesday, December 11th from 1 to 3pm**. This two hour training will follow a new format and will be a great way to learn more about the elected officials' role in emergency management. The training will also aim to inform elected officials on what we have done here locally with improved communication, our Incident Management Team (IMT) and our Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Please consider joining as this will be a very important and informative session.

The flood and debris flow mitigation continues to progress with the start of another phase at the intersection of Sopris Drive and Frying Pan Road. The intersection will remain open during construction but will create some delays with traffic flow. This project is connected to the work we just completed at the intersection of Pinon Drive and Cedar Drive which was installed to keep flood waters in the drainage. Our current work is at the bottom of this same drainage and will ultimately direct flows back to the Frying Pan River.

I am also happy to report that we received our requested two-month extension for the Emergency Watershed Protection program. We asked for the extension to be able to complete an additional project in the El Jebel area on the hillside above trailer park. Two basins will be constructed, similar to the one above The Basberg Townhomes.

Planning

Special Events – Here are the upcoming special events.

- **Saturday, October 5** Pumpkin Jazz starting with a family friendly event at the Basalt Regional Library at 3:30 pm and simultaneous events throughout east and west Basalt starting at 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- **Saturday, October 5** - Aspen Valley Ski Swap at Willits from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- **Tuesday, October 8** – Roaring Fork Cycling's middle school awards ceremony at Triangle Park at 5:00, followed by annual fundraising event at 6:00 pm at Capital Creek Brewery

Basalt Master Plan – The Public Open House is now scheduled for Wednesday November 13th. The P&Z continues its work on the Master Plan. Once formatting is completed, the appendix including the complete set of citizen comments will be uploaded to the letsTALK.basalt.net site.

Arbaney Park Swimming Pool Project – Basalt area individuals who wish to comment may do so by accessing the link <https://letstalk.basalt.net/arbaney-pool-outreach/>

Basalt River Park – Connect One Design is working toward a November 12th check in with the Council on the revisions to the plan based on the input that was received. The Consultants are working on taking elements of Basalt’s Front Porch Plan and incorporating them into the Eddy Out Plan.

Green Team –

Annual Leaf Drop. The dates have been scheduled for the 2019 Annual Leaf Drop event. The Town is partnering with EverGreen Zero Waste who will Staff each event. Collected leaves will be taken to Rock Bottom Ranch for composting, and branches and brush will be composted at the Pitkin County landfill. Event times will run from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at each of the dates/locations listed below.

- Week 1 – October 19 &20 at Arbaney Park
- Week 2 - October 26 & 27 at Willits Rugby Field
- Week 3 – November 2 & 3 at Arbaney Park
- Week 4 – November 9 & 10 at Willits Rugby Field
- Week 5 – November 16 & 17 at Southside Park

CC4CA. The final 2019-2020 Policy Statement has been approved and ratified by each member community. The document may be viewed on the Town’s Green Team webpage or found here: <http://www.basalt.net/DocumentCenter/View/3801/Adopted--Ratified-2019-2020-Policy-Statement>. Overall, changes from the 2018-2019 Policy Statement are relatively minor, with the addition of Solid Waste Reduction.

Sustainable Building Regulations. Staff and a subcommittee of Green Team members and supporters will return to Town Council this coming Tuesday to discuss proposed amendments to the Town’s Sustainable Building regulations. This will be the second reading of Ordinance No. 25, Series of 2019.

Basalt Affordable Community Housing – The Regional Group is meeting on Monday to discuss the next steps in creating a regional housing authority.

Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC) – BPAC met on October 2nd to discuss the grant program and Arts Master Plan. The second round of grant funding was opened on October 3rd with the intent finalizing the grants by the end of the year.

Other Planning Items – The Planning and Building Department have been working on numerous building permit and code violations/complaints and holding pre-application conferences.

Police Department

Officers assisted school staff with a lockout drill at the high school. Our existing emergency operations plan was implemented and practiced. We identified three opportunities for improvement during the drill.

All officers are participating in mandatory annual less lethal qualifications. Officers are qualifying with bean bag shotgun, taser and oleoresin capsicum "pepper spray". They are also receiving one hour of legal update training.

Officers conducted 38 educational contacts regarding leash use and designated off-leash areas. The interactions have been well received by the individuals we've contacted.

Officers responded to a suspicious incident and contacted a male who appeared to be under the influence of illegal substances. The male was walking in the upvalley lanes of Highway 82 and believed people were trying to harm him. The male was taken into protective custody. While he was being placed into a patrol vehicle, the male pushed himself and our officer over a 25 foot embankment onto rocks and cactus below. The individual and the officer were taken to Valley View Hospital for medical treatment. Neither sustained any broken bones or life threatening injuries. Our officer will be off work for a few days to recover.

Public Works

Public Works received its new street sweeper this week. The new sweeper is a Ravo-Brand sweeper. This particular sweeper is more maneuverable, quieter and can recycle a portion of its supply water. It is smaller than our current sweeper but has more capacity which means fewer trips to dump. The biggest improvement is the noise level. The noise when operating the new sweeper is several decibels less than the older machine which is a plus for the operator and the citizens.

The Forestry Department has been trimming street trees, grinding stumps and planting new trees this week. We are trying to get the street trees trimmed up so that a heavy snow load will not bend the limbs down only to get broken off when large trucks go by. The stumps that were ground were Aspens. Public Works replaced the Aspen trees with Maples, Oak and Ash.

The winter pool cover was put on this week. Public Works gets the entire staff involved due to the size of the cover. The difference this year, as opposed to past years, is that the pool is empty. The pool was drained and the supply lines were blown out in preparation for a recoating of plaster in the spring. The pool is approaching 25 years of age and has had the plaster patched but never totally re-plastered.

Now that the drainage work on Cedar and Pinion is finished by a contractor Public Works Street Department is re-shouldering Cedar where the runoff washed the gravel down. We are using new gravel and left over asphalt that has been ground off the streets during our annual maintenance projects.