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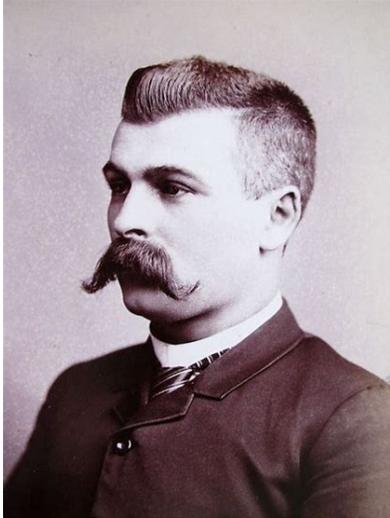
The sidewalk project along Two Rivers Road is progressing with the concrete is being poured this week. As you can see from the photos, the steel has been set and then the concrete is poured. The contractor will put a double layer of concrete blankets over the concrete while it cures. The majority of the concrete will hopefully be completed by Monday.



The scheduled Holy Cross power outage along the south side of Two Rivers Road was completed ahead of schedule on Wednesday. All of the businesses and residences from 7-11 toward the White Water Park were out of power on Wednesday while Holy Cross upgraded the electrical services in that area. Apparently this was part of the issue with the extended power outage earlier in the fall. Our staff did a great job coordinating with Holy Cross to ensure the school was notified. While the power stayed on at the school, we wanted to be sure the construction activity allowed safe passage for kiddos coming to and fro. We had extra officers helping with the crossing that morning. Thanks also to Planning for their facilitation of communication for the entire effort.

Our flood mitigation was on hold this week for the weather. The contractor will be back out on Monday to finish out the remaining projects in the hill district. I am hoping the work will be substantially complete next week and they can move on to the final project in El Jebel. I received the permits from BLM this week and also submitted and received storm water permits from the state. We are waiting on the go ahead from NRCS which should be forthcoming in the next few days. We will start discussing close-out procedures with NRCS so we can wrap up our administrative responsibilities by our late December deadline. It is exciting to see the final pieces of this project coming together.

November is men's health awareness month. Police officers and other town staff are participating by growing mustaches to raise awareness. Over the next month you will see staff members sporting sweet mustaches. Here are a few examples of what you can expect to see.



Public Works

This week brought in the first snow storm of the year. Public Works was in early on Tuesday plowing and sanding. The amount of snow varied between 4 to 6 inches. The Public Works crew was ready for the storm. We have been planning routes, fixing equipment and ordering supplies for the last couple of months. We each have an assigned route that we take care of and when we finish our routes we help other co-workers complete theirs. The level of snow can vary from Willits to old town Basalt on any given storm so one crew member might have more to do. Public Works is now following up with sanding and keeping drains open.

Public Work replaced a RAB cellular gateway modem this week in Willits. The RAB system controls the light levels on the street lights. The RAB lets us adjust the street lights to different intensities at different times to save electricity. The lights can be adjusted by a Public Works employee with a cell phone. The RAB system is a retro fit technology that was not available at the time of installation.

Police Department

As previously reported, the police department switched their cellular phone and data services to AT&T FirstNet. The system has been working well and has provided better coverage than our previous provider. We have discovered that a few areas have some network service disruptions, including the high school; elementary school and the Element hotel. FirstNet is installing booster stations at these locations. There is no cost to the Town for these system improvements.

Officers participated in a 1 1/2 hour human trafficking training that was provided in online format. They will be taking part two of this training over the next two weeks. The training gives officers information on what human trafficking is, how to identify it and best practices for multi-agency investigations.

The police department submitted its second quarter reporting to the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs for their Peace Officer Mental Health Grant. During this reporting period, the police department and Hope Center utilized our co-response model to assist six individuals in crisis. The police department and Hope Center also provided in-home services to 19 other community members.

On Halloween night the police department stationed officers in the Southside, Elk Run and Willits neighborhood. It was a cold night but everyone had a safe evening with no issues reported.

Planning

Basalt Master Plan – The Public Open House is scheduled for Wednesday November 13th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The P&Z continues its work on the Master Plan. See the letsTALK.basalt.net site for more information.

Arbaney Park Swimming Pool Project – The Consultants are evaluating citizen comments they received and are working toward a December 10th update with the Town Council.

Basalt River Park and Basalt River Park Development LLC Application – The Connect One Design is now working on the November 12th Worksession with the Council where the P&Z and POST is invited. The Town's consultant team and the Developer's team met these week to coordinate the grading and plans where the development and park meet. Staff is hopeful of receiving the development application soon.

Basalt Green Team – Several meetings are scheduled next week to advance the Town's goals of reducing the impacts from climate change, including a CORE organized meeting regarding regional efforts.

The November meeting for CC4CA will take place on 11/1 (Sara will attend remotely) where a discussion will center around organizational structure, the inclusion of new policies, and the adoption of policies and initiatives by resolution.

Annual Leaf Drop – There are three more weekends for the 2019 Annual Leaf Drop as shown below. The Town is partnering with EverGreen Zero Waste who staffs 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.

- November 2 & 3 at Arbaney Park
- November 9 & 10 at Willits Rugby Field
- November 16 & 17 at Southside Park

Basalt Early Childhood Coalition – The Financial Aid committee met on Wednesday to review the end of year applications, one additional applicant, and to discuss moving forward in 2020 with limited or no funding available for tuition assistance.

Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC) – Applications for public art grants from BPAC are open until November 3rd.

NWCCOG – Watkins attended the NWCCOG meeting on 10/24 in Vail. NWCCOG approved funds (to be matched in part by DOLA and CAST) to conduct a short-term rental study, which would include analyzing case studies of how three towns regulate short-term rentals, recent trends, and the potential for incentivizing short-term rentals to become long-term rentals. NWCCOG and Town representatives also had discussions about NWCCOG's and Pitkin County's broadband initiative.