



DATE: November 15, 2019
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

As a quick reminder, the Council has moved its regularly scheduled Council meeting up one week to November 19th. The meeting was originally scheduled two days before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Students from the Lego Robotics class came and presented their ideas for a youth community center to be located at the old Clark's Market. It was very well thought out and the delivery was polished. They will be competing regionally this weekend in Aspen against other RF Valley teams. Their hope is make it to the state competition. Good luck and thanks for the preview!



The flood mitigation work in the hill district is finished. The last item is to add the traffic control signage which will happen early next week. The actual flood mitigation is in place which includes improvements on private property as well as town right of way. We have had great partners in this effort and it is great to see the culmination of months of hard work. The biggest prize is the satisfaction of knowing that the

homes in that area are safer for their occupants. We will move next to El Jebel to finish the basin work in that area. With about a month and a half left on the project timeline, I think we should complete all projects without further delay.

The Two Rivers Road sidewalk project should be finished today as well. The traffic control will be removed this afternoon. The contractor may have a few small punch list items to complete but those should be completed in short order. I think it's safe to say that "bridge to nowhere" moniker can now be filed away as a think of the past. The sidewalk to somewhere seems like a fitting replacement.



Susan noted in the Planning section that staff participated in the Eagle County Resiliency Planning meeting this week. Eagle County is still seeking feedback from residents and they have a survey that can be found at the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9Tbqola4rOyxiU7A0fEsisSwuadF2EhFHs9_mdu6iC-qJuA/viewform. Please take a moment to fill it out so we can get perspective from this side of the hill. It was also suggested that it be translated into Spanish which they will be working on in the coming days.

I followed up with CDPHE again to get an idea of timing on the lead testing at the gun range. According to the person in charge of reviewing and approving the testing program, he should be able to forward a recommendation back to CPW in the next several days. He indicated that his department is very short staffed and that this project was down the line in the queue. He was going to move it ahead of others and forward along his recommendation. I will be meeting with CPW next week and will ask if they had received the comments back from CDPHE.

As a reminder, I received an email from the City Manager of Glenwood Springs inviting the Council members to a celebration in on November 16th. Here is the flyer she sent:

 PRESENTS

The **whole** Shebang

Come celebrate our community milestones of 2019, look ahead to what's coming, and get the facts on the Mid-Continent Quarry.

We've built a great community that won't be undermined.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16 • 12-3 PM
Glenwood Springs Community Center, 100 Wulfsohn Road

FREE TO THE PUBLIC
Food by Smoke • Plus kid's activities
RSVP TO SARAH.DERRIGAN@COGS.US



Public Works

Public Works had the hydro- electric plant serviced this week. We use the same company that maintains the Ruedi Reservoir Dam. The contractor examined the hydro for wear and tears and identified parts that need replaced or upgraded. The contractor then, using special grade lubricants, services the bearings and movable parts. The service is performed on a set schedule based on hours of runtime.

Matt Wagner attended a Local Technical Assistance Program, (LTAP) this week for a class related to work place liability. The class - *The Dos and Don'ts of Legal Liability Issues* was in Rifle and taught by a law firm from the Denver area. The LTAP classes are ongoing education that helps government entities stay current with the ever-changing work environment.

Jeff, Matt and Boyd attended an annual meeting between several government agencies including the RE- 1 School District and RFTA to coordinate snow plowing for the winter. We all get together face to face to discuss the details that go along with keeping the road safe. The group establishes proper radio contacts, bus routes and response areas to make winter safer and go as smooth as possible.

Public Works has been doing repair and maintenance on equipment, sweeping streets, trimming trees and installing holiday lights.

Police Department

Police department staff assisted administrators at the middle and high schools with lockdown drills. School staff and students did an outstanding job during these drills.

Our drug take back box continues to be highly utilized to safely dispose of unused household medications. Since late August we collected another 36 pounds of medication. Our drug take back program was started in May of 2018. To date, we have collected and safely disposed of 183 pounds of unused medications.

All officers completed state mandated legal and case law update training. This annual two hour online training is provided by the Colorado District Attorney's Council.

On Friday police department staff will be conducting applicant interviews. In total we received six applications. Four applicants were chosen to move forward in our hiring process and will be interviewed throughout the day. We hope to fill three vacant positions during this hiring.

Planning

Basalt Master Plan – We estimated that we had over a 100 participants at the Master Plan Open House. Participants were asked to vote on their preferred option for four primary parcels: Southside; Jadwin Stott, Meyer's Property and Clarks Market BCC. Participants were also asked to spend \$500,000 of play money on projects that were identified in the Master Plan Process.

Those who were not able to come to the November 13th open house can still participate through the Master Plan website <https://letstalk.basalt.net/> The website voting will be available through Monday November 25th and is expected to go live this Friday.



Arboney Park Swimming Pool Project – The Consultants are working toward a December 10th update with the Town Council.

Basalt River Park and Basalt River Park Development– Connect One Design presented the revised park plan at the Council’s Worksession on November 12th. The Basalt River Park Plan was very well received by the Town Council. Staff is hopeful of receiving the development application soon.

Basalt Early Childhood Coalition – The Coalition will meet on Friday morning for their monthly meeting. Discussion items will include a progress report for the geotechnical analysis of Parcel 2E and identifying specifics of the 2020 work plan.

Green Team – The Green Team had their monthly meeting on Monday. Two students from Basalt Middle School, Oliver Fox-Rubin and Nayala Honey, joined to discuss climate related issues they see in their school and the larger Basalt Community, brainstormed potential solutions, and discussed the potential opportunity to work within the schools on an energy audit. Staff will get in touch with the Middle School staff to find if they are interested in participating in a study, and if so, the potential for the audit to include student participation. The students brought significant energy and enthusiasm to the meeting, which was welcomed by the Green Team.

Annual Leaf Drop – Saturday and Sunday are the last days for the 2019 Leaf Drop which will be at Southside Park. The Town partnered with EverGreen Events who 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 are from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC) – BPAC is scheduling interviews with the shortlisted applicants for the second round of interviews on November 19th, with the intent of bringing their recommendations for the grantees at the December 10th Town Council meeting. BPAC will also soon be releasing an RFP for consultants to aid with the creation of the Arts Master Plan.

Roaring Fork Valley Regional Planning Commission (RFVRPC) – The Town is looking for applicants to be recommended by the Council to the Eagle County Commission for the Roaring Fork Regional Planning Commission. Please contact Sara Nadolny or Susan Philp for more information.