



**DATE:** September 11, 2020  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

Staff is busy preparing the draft budget for 2021 and will plan to present initial revenue estimates at the Council worksession on Tuesday. Additionally, we have been working on the draft 2021 Work Plan which we will send out later this afternoon. So far, we are preparing for another busy year and will continue to make great progress on the Strategic Framework.

Staff is working on a survey to send out to our Basalt businesses to gather feedback on their concerns for the winter months. Town staff presented a proposal to Council on Tuesday evening regarding the use of the CARES Act money, which included approximately \$50,000 for business assistance.

Also presented at the Council meeting on Tuesday were the final numbers for the Basalt Bucks program. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported Basalt businesses this summer. A total of 1,600 Bucks were used, which accounted for approximately \$80,000 of total spending in Basalt businesses.

Parents were notified this week that the Board of Education directed staff to develop a plan to return K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to in-person learning starting September 28. The Board will discuss the metrics for returning grades 4-12 to in-person learning at their September 28 meeting.

Please refer to the [Risk Meter](#) for Eagle County, which is still in the “Comfortable” stage and the Pitkin County [Coronameter](#), which is still in the “Cautious” stage.

## **Police**

We assisted with emergency evacuation drills at our schools. The school district has directed all public schools to conduct full evacuation drills once every month throughout the school year. We will be assisting school administration with these emergency preparedness drills.

Lieutenant Aaron Munch and Chief Greg Knott attended a "Law Enforcement Regional Roundtable" provided by our insurance provider, CIRSA. The training and discussion topics were: Investigative Detentions, Mental Health Response, Colorado Red Flag Law, Body-Worn Cameras, Policing in the Age of Protests and Civil Disobedience and Colorado Enhanced Law Enforcement Integrity Act.

School Resource Officer Thomas Wright attended a meeting with the Roaring Fork School District and the State of Colorado Juvenile Justice Program to discuss student truancy, drug and alcohol prevention and treatment programs. The groups decided to create a task force to research and address these issues.

## **Public Works**

The Willits construction projects are well underway. Willits One, in Block 11 is selling units in the first building and the second building is framed and has siding. Public Works did an inspection on additional asphalt work being done to complete Lewis Street which is another connector street from East Valley to Willits Lane. Public Works has staff on site to ensure we get a reliable street to adopt. The process is done in two phases. There are two layers of asphalt in this process. The first layer is installed and when it cools, we require the contractor to proof roll the asphalt. This process involves using a large roller to go over the installed asphalt to look for soft spots which indicate potential future maintenance issues for the Town. The contractor excavates and recompacts the soil to make a solid base for the asphalt. The testing is repeated until we accept the street or parking area.

The recent rains have been a good indicator where Public Works needed to clean some areas to improve drainage. The summer can be tough on drains due to vegetation growing and the amount of grass clippings that end up in the drains.

Staff has been busy trimming limbs out of the right of ways. We have also identified a lot of Town trees that have probably been impacted by the drought and we will monitor them going forward.

Striping will take place in Willits next week. Additionally, we will be getting bids on concrete repair to maintain safe walking surfaces on our sidewalks.

## **Planning**

**Early Childhood Coalition** - The Coalition met with Town Council on Tuesday to discuss its 2021 Work Plan and budget requests. The Coalition will be meeting next week at its regular meeting and will focus on capacity and the development of Parcel 2E.

**POST** – POST is scheduled for a worksession with the Council on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss their 2021 Work Plan and budget, along with their 5-year Capital Improvements Plan. They will also be discussing 2020 accomplishments. The bid documents for the Arbaney Park pool improvement project are in the final stages of development.

**BPAC** – BPAC met on Thursday to discuss its ongoing programs and its Work Plan for 2021. BPAC plans to discuss its work plan and budget with the Council on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Staff and BPAC are continuing to try to find new homes for the five Motio pieces that will be decommissioned on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Block 4, Willits Town Center** – The foundation permit was issued for Steadman Clinic. A pre-construction meeting was held with representatives from the Town, Mid-Valley Metro District, and the contractor present.

**Development Review/Applications** – Staff spent considerable time on construction related items, special event activity permits, proposed projects and on responding to inquiries on properties for sale. At the September 15<sup>th</sup> P&Z meeting, the P&Z will be reviewing an amendment to the R-4 MD Zone District to increase the house size for two-bedroom units for fully deed restricted units. This amendment is being requested by Habitat for Humanity for the Basalt Vista Project. The P&Z will also be reviewing a referral from Eagle County on a proposed solar array on the Tree Farm property in Eagle County on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Lot J in the Basalt Commercial Park is also in for review involving a PUD amendment, ESA review, and sketch site specific development plan review to construct a building consisting of twelve (12) residential units at the end of Emma Road near Basalt River Lofts.

## Recreation

Basalt Recreation had a very successful summer season at the Arbaney Park Pool. The pool closed on Tuesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. We had a very nice Labor Day Weekend with several last-minute reservations. The pool is scheduled for winterization on Tuesday/Wednesday of next week. We will be emptying it completely and looking at a modification to the winter cover to ensure it stays on this winter.

Recreation programming is going well. We had 16 participants from ages 5-8 years old finish up a two-week soccer skills offering last week. This week, that same age group is playing T-Ball with Maurine Fitzpatrick. We have lost half the group with only 8 participants for this week and next.

Angling Adventures has some cancelations due to weather this week. There are 10 participants enrolled in this offering. River Discovery is scheduled after the Fly-Fishing course ends with Roaring Fork Conservancy. Both weeks of Jr. Golf at the Roaring Fork Club are filled with ten participants each and will start on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Middle school aged participants have two new offerings on Wednesdays when there is no online learning. Starting at 9 a.m., Roaring Fork Conservancy is offering Riverscapes, participants would enjoy time by the river while learning art techniques that will help you express your experiences. This is a 90-minute offering. At 10:45a.m., Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers is hosting Outdoor Skills and Trail Stewards program where participants will explore skills like Wilderness First Aid, water purification and shelter building. These are one off offerings that we are hopeful can continue until school resumes on Wednesdays.