



**DATE:** February 11, 2022  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

Basalt Connect service kicked off on Monday morning. Staff has continued working on marketing the new free service. We will be including a ¼ page add in both the Aspen Times and Aspen Daily News and are getting banners made to post around town.

There are two vans running around town and this one was perfectly positioned to catch a photo with a great sunset in the background.



The following information was posted to Facebook, and we have created a link to our website with similar information. The Chamber of Commerce will also help us get the word out. Finally, the Downtowner drivers have been stopping into businesses to pass out information about the new service.

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**BASALT CONNECT**

**FREE ON-DEMAND RIDES**

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**2022 SERVICE HOURS**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
MON	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Blue
TUES	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Blue
WED	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Blue
THURS	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Blue
FRI	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Blue
SAT	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Grey	Blue
SUN	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Grey	Blue

**LEGEND**

- Blue: 6am - 9am + 3pm - 10pm, Daily
- Green: 6am - 10pm, Saturdays and Sundays
- Grey: No Service (Jan, May, Oct, Nov)

**Police**

Our unused household medication takeback box has been receiving a lot of deposits. In the last five months, we have collected 36.12 pounds of unused medications. Since we started the program in May, 2018, we have collected and safely disposed of 315.26 pounds of unused medications. Thank you to all the community members who have used our takeback box. Anyone can bring unused medications to our office for safe disposal. During business hours you can walk right in. After business hours please call the telephone number on our door and an officer will meet you.

We have developed and implemented our unmanned aerial system (drone) policy, registered it with the Federal Aviation Authority and Lieutenant Aaron Munch and Corporal Nino Santiago are receiving training regarding proper use of this piece of equipment. They will attend the Colorado State University Drone Flight School in mid-March to become certified FAA operators. In the near future we look forward to assisting other town departments with aerial infrastructure assessments along with documenting progress on projects around Town.

Over the past month we have been working with Pitkin County to revise our joint intergovernmental agreement for our detox center. The Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners approved the revised IGA on Wednesday. We will bring the revised IGA before Town Council in March.

Chief Greg Knott was nominated by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Colorado Special Agent in Charge, to attend the 2022 National Command Course. This is only the second time the FBI has offered this course to local law enforcement officials from across the United States. Chief Knott was notified this week he was accepted to attend. The National Command Course will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Fredericksburg Virginia. All travel, accommodations and course costs are paid by the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

## **Public Works**

Public Works has put together the scope of work needed to maintain the Town streets. Every year we assess the maintenance work that needs to be completed and apply the amount of money we have in our streets budget to put it to the best use. We are now ready to go out for bid so the contractors can conduct the maintenance work. The request for bids will be advertised in the newspaper, internet and on the Town's website. The work is weather dependent so the earlier we can secure a contractor the better.

Public Works continues to clean up ice around town. We are making head way, but the shady areas are a challenge. We are using a piece of equipment we have had for a few years called the Artic Shark. This is a round drum with spikes on it that rotates, and when we apply down pressure, it breaks up the ice. Like any other equipment, the conditions must be right to use the Artic Shark. The areas we have been working on this week are South Side, Swinging Bridge and Sopris Circle.

Public Works put new cutting edges on some plows and serviced and repaired several pieces of equipment this week. We were also able to have a repair person go into one of the Town's affordable housing units to repair a washer and dryer unit. We are having issues getting new appliances, so it was nice to get this fixed. Public Works will be working with administrative staff to remodel the kitchen at Town Hall soon.

## **Planning**

**Basalt Center Circle Application** – The Applicant is working on the Final Plan application.

**Lot J, Basalt Commercial Park** – The necessary LOMR-F was approved by FEMA. The Council approved the final plan approval ordinance.

**Basalt River Park Improvements** – Walters Inc. has continued work on Phase I of Basalt River Park. They have completed final grading, constructing the wall elements, and finalizing the winterization of the site. The Town received four bids for Landscape Plant Materials for Basalt River Park Phase II and will be finalizing a contract with the selected plant supplier soon. Additionally, the POST Committee conducted an initial review of the Phase II improvement bids received with Connect One Design for items such as the band shell, misting features, and the slide. POST will reconvene on February 16<sup>th</sup> to further discuss some of the details on the Phase II improvements.





**Two Rivers Road Improvements** – Work is substantially complete on this project, streetlight fixtures were installed and Walters is working with Holy Cross to install the transformer and activate the lights. The final landscaping work will not be completed until spring of 2022.

**Town of Basalt Photovoltaic and Energy Storage Project** – Eight good proposals were received. Staff worked with Holy Cross Energy, the school district, CORE and a member of the Green Team. The four top 4 proposers were interviewed, and the interviewing group ultimately selected the McKinstry team to perform the services. The Resolution approving the contract was approved by the Council. A project kick-off meeting between the McKinstry team and Town Staff is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Basalt Forward 2030 Support** – Town Planning Staff also provided support to the Manager for the Basalt Forward 2030 projects. The Team has had several meetings since the last Manager's report to further the implementation of the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project and affordable housing.

**Mid-Valley Center Lot 4** – Phase 1A of the Project has been completed except for the landscaping. The Town received two bids for Phase 1B of the Public Works Facility development plan which includes the building of a new pre-engineered steel building and perimeter fence. The Resolution approving the contract with Gould Construction was approved by Council.

**Basalt River Park Development LLC** - Staff is working on issuing a full building permit on the Gallery Building which includes commercial, apartments, and the affordable housing units. A full building permit is expected to be issued early next week.

**Development Review/Applications** – Staff also spent time on responding to administrative reviews, complaints and working on land use applications and building permits.

**BACH** – BACH reviewed and discussed a Letter of Intent for the Greater Roaring Fork Valley Housing Coalition (the coalition that created the 2019 regional housing study) and voted to recommend approval of the document to Council.

**Basalt Sunday Market** – Planning is underway for the 2022 Basalt Sunday Market. Staff is taking a fresh look at fees, structure, and how vendors will apply to the market with the intent of providing an easier system for all involved. This year's market will run from June 19<sup>th</sup> through September 25<sup>th</sup> for 15 total markets.

**Green Team** – The Green Codes Committee met this week with August Hasz of Resource Engineering Group to review the REMP calculator that his team has created, and which is used by other area governments such as Pitkin County and Aspen. The Committee is discussing how to customize this for

Basalt's needs. This calculator is intended to be part of the new green code amendments that will be presented to Town Council at a future date.

**Special Events** – Staff is working with Amy Groom and the Chamber to determine a date for Motors on Midland. Coordinators are looking at this time at holding the event downtown on Midland Avenue either May 14<sup>th</sup> or June 18<sup>th</sup>.