



DATE: February 25, 2022
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

Town staff has followed up with Council regarding a worksession on March 14th to discuss affordable housing strategies. We plan to bring information back to Council on deed buy-downs as well as allow time for additional discussion on land purchase. We hope to advance the conversation and ultimately set a target for expenditures on land purchase and deed buy-downs.

Basalt Connect ridership continues to increase as word gets out about the new service. Staff continues to take calls about the details and has information on the [Town's website](#) that direct people to the Basalt Connect App.

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	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	Grey	Grey	Blue
SUN	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green	Grey	Grey	Blue

LEGEND

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

Police

Our collaborative teen winter driving program is moving forward and will host the first training on March 5th at the Aspen Motorsports track in Woody Creek. Driving instructors from the Basalt, Aspen and Snowmass Village Police Departments along with the Pitkin County Sheriff's office will instruct the students.

This week the Police Department has been assisting Public Works by educating residents and business owners that they cannot shovel their snow onto the sidewalks and roadways. We continue to enforce our 72-hour parking restriction to keep vehicles moving to assist with plowing operations.

Our second Community Police Academy class will be held on Saturday. Students will learn about patrol operations and vehicle stops.

School Resource Officer Jason Hegberg has been instructing in the Basalt High School health classes. He has been discussing current trends regarding illegal drug and alcohol usage along with the potential criminal penalties associated with students being in possession.

Public Works

Public Works has had a full spectrum of snow duties this week. We have been plowing, sanding, pushing back, picking up piles, breaking ice, clearing drains, repair, and maintenance on equipment, and doing our regular cleaning and maintenance. Never a dull moment. We had to replace brackets on our Tool Cat plow we use on paths and replace filters and work on the throttle on the Ventrac we use on sidewalks. We were fortunate that while the Tool cat was down, we were able to put the Tool Cat blade on the skid steer and kept going.

Public Works had our pre-bid meetings this week on our street maintenance for the year. We presented the Town's streets that we want to have chip sealed, milled, and repaired. The desired work and time frames were discussed due to the fact we prefer schools to be out of session. The contractors will put together their bids for us to review. This week Public Works selected the winning bids on the crack sealing and the line painting contractors.

Public Works and several other town departments had meetings this week to further the Basalt 2030 projects, and to improve, update and coordinate the signage throughout the town.

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. Staff has been working with the Applicants on their entitlement documents.

Basalt River Park Improvements – Walters Inc. has continued work on Phase I of Basalt River Park. They have completed final grading, constructed the wall elements, and finalized the winterization of the site. The Town will be finalizing a contract with the selected plant supplier soon. There was a design charrette held with Connect One Design, architects for the bandshell, several POST members and Staff on Friday to discuss the design of the bandshell. Additionally, there was a meeting held between the architects for the

bus station/public restrooms, RFTA, and Staff to discuss details of the bus station and public restroom design.

Midland Avenue Streetscape Project – Two RFPs, one for design and one for CM/GC services, were advertised in late January. Proposals on the CM/GC RFP were due on Thursday and three proposals were received. Staff will work on making a recommendation regarding the CM/GC likely bring forward a contract on March 8th for the Council’s consideration. Additionally, the design team proposals are due today.

Town of Basalt Photovoltaic and Energy Storage Project – The Resolution approving the contract with McKinstry was approved by the Council. A project kick-off meeting between the McKinstry team and Town Staff was held last Tuesday. McKinstry will be conducting site visits of the potential sites in mid-March. Staff will continue to work with Holy Cross Energy, the school district, CORE and members of the Green Team. Staff is also working on responses to a request for information on the various sites from McKinstry.

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 affordable housing.

Mid-Valley Center Lot 4 – Phase 1A of the Project has been completed except for the landscaping. Resolution approving the contract with Gould Construction was approved by Council. Town Staff and Gould are moving forward with final design of the foundation and building.

Basalt River Park Development LLC – A full building permit was issued on the Gallery Building which includes commercial, apartments, and the affordable housing units.

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

Green Team – Staff attended the February CC4CA Board of Directors meeting. Chair Ashley Perl (Aspen) announced her resignation as the Chair of CC4CA as she will be taking a job with Pitkin County. The Board discussed how to proceed with the 2022 yearly retreat with a desire to meet in-person. Key engagement opportunities were discussed including signing a letter expressing concern regarding the latest Comanche 3 coal plant, whether to provide written comments on a proposal to end subsidies for new gas line extensions, the need for strong ozone reduction measures at the March 4, Regional Air Quality Control meeting, and publishing opinion pieces on several key current issues related to wells and energy. CC4CA wins were shared.

Basalt Early Childhood Coalition – Staff met with the developer of Stott’s Mill to discuss the daycare core and shell that is required to be constructed per the approvals. The Coalition is interested in understanding how they can support the efforts to find a provider for this site. Staff has reached out to the providers stated in the approving ordinance to determine their facilities lease rates which will inform the lease rate of the center at Stott’s Mill.

Recreation

Youth League Basketball is wrapping up with the tournament this week and next. The Girls 3rd and 4th grade Purple Team played in the championship round last evening against a tough Glenwood Springs team and unfortunately did not win.

Last evening the boy's 5th and 6th grade tournament started with Basalt playing in three of the first round games. The girl's 5th and 6th grades tournament starts on Tuesday March 1st.

Dribble Drive Hoops with Coach Kevin Washington was a huge success over the President's Day weekend. We had 72 participants over the course of the three-day weekend. A fair number of participants expressed interest in more similar offerings. Staff is working with Coach to secure more basketball skills camps for this summer.

Staff is working with Helpers Restoration and their contractors to finish up the pool reconstruction from the pipe freeze in December.

Staff is working on Spring and Summer programming.