



**DATE:** March 18, 2022  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

Town Staff and Council discussed affordable housing options on Monday evening which included a presentation from Laurie Best, housing director, from Breckenridge. She had a lot of ideas and shared information on different affordable housing strategies that have worked for them.

Town Staff have continued working with the recruiter for the Planning Director. We have three finalists who all currently reside in Colorado. On Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm we will host an open house for Council, Town boards and the public to meet the candidates. The following day we will have interviews with the candidates including a staff interview and one with members from our Town boards.

## Police

Corporal Thomas Wright and Officer Cortnay Young attended the GlenX Career Expo at Glenwood Springs High School. The mission of GlenX is “To build a stronger, more vibrant community by connecting students to resources that will stimulate their awareness of opportunities and enable them to fulfill their career aspirations for a successful future”. The police department has participated at the annual event for several years.



Lieutenant Aaron Munch and Sergeant Nino Santiago attended a weeklong Unmanned Aerial Vehicle training to become FAA certified operators. We will soon begin working with our Public Works and Planning Departments to assist in infrastructure and community asset documentation. We will also be conducting pre-runoff flood mitigation inventories on the Lake Christine burn scar.

During the 2022 legislative session, Chief Greg Knott has been busy with his duties as the President of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police. This week he met with House Speaker Alec Garnett to discuss introduced and proposed legislation. He also met with Senate President Stephen Fenberg to discuss the same. Next Monday, Chief Knott will travel to Denver to meet with United States Attorney General Merrick Garland to discuss the current state of the criminal justice system in Colorado.

## **Public Works**

This week Public Works has been working on reviewing the River Park phase 2 pre-bid process and final detail of the park with Connect One Design. We are also laying out and planning the supply line and irrigation for a garden bed at the new Public Works shop. A right of way work permit was coordinated and issued with Basalt PD and the Fire District for the approval of the Steadman Clinic to use some parking areas on both Harris and Robinson Street next week for some large lifts that will be installing the Steadman signs on a couple sides of the building.

The parks crew marked trails where trees and shrubs needed to be trimmed and took care of those. We had a subcontractor remove a large hazard tree at the Basalt RFTA stop. Softscapes, snow removal, landscaping, and trees are currently the Town's responsibility at those locations.

With the break in weather, we were able to start sweeping up the sand that has been put down this winter. Sweeping will be an ongoing process and take multiple passes on each road to pick everything up. The crew made repairs and serviced snow equipment and power washed all the equipment with a product called salt lick that removes the mag chloride the machines accumulate after going up and down Hwy 82. The streets crew has been repairing potholes as they develop in the freeze/thaw cycle with asphalt cold patch.

Water finished up the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meter readings and submissions. This week we had approximately three water meters that needed to be replaced and twenty MXU's. With the cold snap we had multiple meters freeze and crack and we're making repairs to those. We worked on finalizing the Public Works Manual submission for council next week and assisted Sopris Engineering and SGM's field survey crew to clarify water infrastructure on the Basalt Center Circle and Midland projects. We continued to work on the proposal and scope of the Pinion tanks project which includes, painting the tanks, new vents, and improvements to the overflows and surrounding infrastructure. We are also removing corrosion from pipes in vaults and repainting those as needed.

## **Planning**

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

**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 architects on the bandshell, misting feature, and bus station/restroom continue to work on the designs for those elements of the park. Staff has put out an RFP for the Phase II installation and bids are due on March 30<sup>th</sup>, a pre-bid was held this week and the Town will respond to questions in an addendum that will be issued next week. Additionally, Staff continues to meet with the architects on the bus shelter/restroom to discuss initial design concepts for the bus shelter/restroom facilities. Staff will be presenting the initial bus shelter/restroom and bandshell designs to POST next week.

**Midland Avenue Streetscape Project** –Staff held kick-off meetings with the design team, led by Connect One Design, and the CM/GC team led by Stutsman-Gerbaz on Monday. Staff is working with the teams to finalize their contracts and will begin weekly design meetings on the project next week.

**Town of Basalt Photovoltaic and Energy Storage Project** –McKinstry conducted site visits of the potential sites next week. Staff will continue to work with Holy Cross Energy, the school district, CORE and members of the Green Team.

**Other Basalt Forward 2030 Support** – Town Planning Staff also provided support to the Manager for the Basalt Forward 2030 projects. The Council will have a worksession on the affordable housing component on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Mid-Valley Center Lot 4** – Phase 1A of the Project has been completed except for the landscaping. 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** – Discussion included the Basalt Forward 2030 project and ways the Green Team can be involved in supporting that project, working with CORE and Holy Cross on combining marketing efforts to advertise the Basalt Incentives Rebate Program, and messaging around waste reduction to gear up for a possible campaign in 2023. The Green Team had a guest with an environmental sustainability background who is interested in becoming a member.

**Basalt Early Childhood Coalition** – Coalition members heard updates on Stott's Mill and Parcel 2E. Financial aid and quality improvement goals were discussed. Next month the Coalition will finalize the quality improvement goal with the help of providers to understand what would bring programs the most value. The first round of CIRCLE grants has opened, and an employer grant is expected to open in late spring/early summer.