

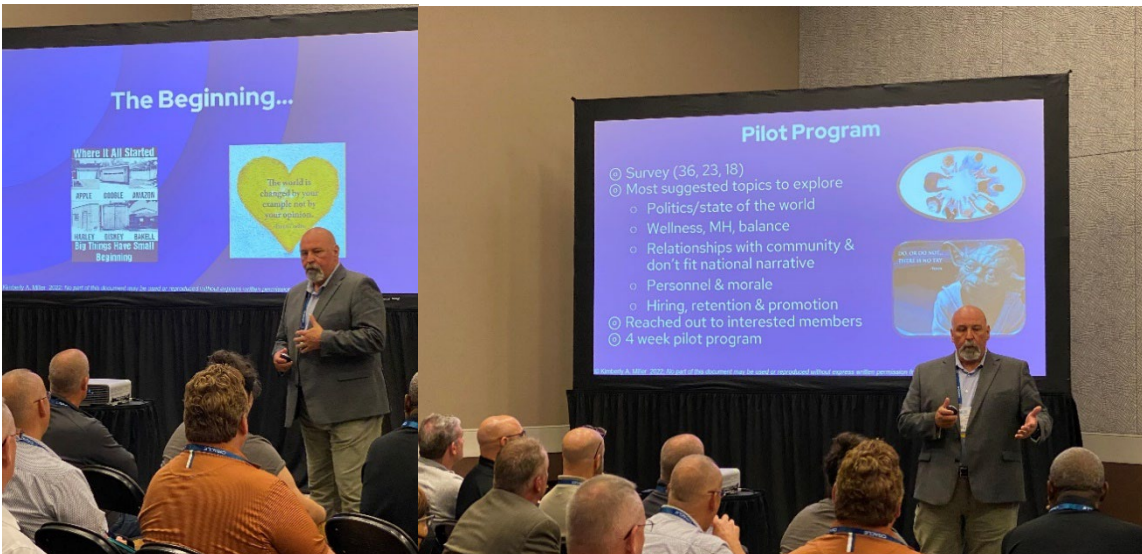


**DATE:** October 21, 2022  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

## Police

Bears are in all areas of town and continue searching for easy meals to prepare for hibernation. As a reminder, only use approved bear resistant trash containers if your container is stored outside an enclosed and secured structure. Officers are patrolling town and enforcing our Wildlife Protection Ordinance.

Chief Greg Knott attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in Dallas, TX. At the conference he had the honor to present to the Psychological Services Division. He provided an overview of the “Colorado Chief’s Circle Peer Support Group” that was created and implemented during his presidency of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police. At the conference, Chief Knott was also invited to participate in a newly created mentoring program for the IACP. He will be a mentor, for smaller agency Chiefs of Police, throughout the United States.



Sergeant Nino Santiago and Lieutenant Aaron Munch visited the Colorado Mountain College Law Enforcement Training Academy to check in with our two police officer recruits who are attending. Alec Mass and Steve Holmgren have passed the driving and firearms requirements of the academy. They are immersed in the study of Colorado Revised Statutes and police officer development.

We revised our health and wellness policy to strengthen our internal peer support efforts and our participation in the Roaring Fork Regional Peer Support Program. Our clinical supervisor, April Brooks, attended a department meeting to discuss our programs and provide recourses to our staff.

## Planning

**Basalt Center Circle (BCC) Application** – The Application received second reading approval on August 23rd. Town Staff and the Applicant reviewed the “lightning bolt” sanitary sewer line concept and cost sharing proposal with the Basalt Sanitation District Board -- deal points were established for the Council’s review. Town Council reviewed and approved the presented deal points on the cost sharing proposal at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The Town approved deal points were provided to the Sanitation District’s attorney for further discussion with the Sanitation District Board and potential formulation of an agreement. The Sanitation District Board reviewed a draft agreement and were accepting of the agreement. The agreement will be scheduled for review by the Council on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Basalt River Park Improvements** – Work on Phase II of the Basalt River Park by RMCL is well underway. RMCL has installed the irrigation, planted a significant portion of the trees and perennials, and installed sod. RMCL is now working on the western extent of the park near the river. Fabrication on the park signage has begun, and the misting feature is scheduled to be delivered next week.

Staff readvertised the bus shelter/restroom facility project for Construction Management/General Contractor (CM/GC) services to refine the design and construction schedule to build the project within budget. One bid was received from FCI and Staff is working with the architects and FCI to meet the Town’s budgetary requirements.

Staff has been working with the bandshell design team to create a design within budget. The goal is to create a space that can host events, as well as provide an integrated climbing structure.

**Midland Avenue Streetscape Project** – The Design Team and Town Staff have been moving the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project forward. On August 9th P&Z and Council provided direction to move into design of the preferred conceptual plan. The Planning Staff met with the Public Works Staff to evaluate the current design drawings related the water system, snow storage, and landscaping. A 3<sup>rd</sup> party fire protection engineer is reviewing the current design as it relates to the effective life safety and fire protection aspects of the design. The CM/GC Team is working on developing a proposed construction phasing plan. The Design Team and staff will provide an update to Council next week, and P&Z heard an update on the phasing this week.

**Green Initiatives and the Town of Basalt Photovoltaic and Energy Storage Project** –Staff and McKinstry continue to work with Holy Cross Energy, the school district, CORE and members of the Green Team on the project. McKinstry made a presentation to staff and representatives of the school district to discuss preferred options. The final report summarizing the site analysis and preferred options is being finalized, and the selected sites are now being developed to a 30% design level. Staff and McKinstry submitted a DOLA grant application for the project. The project was presented to Council in early September.

**Other Basalt Forward 2030 Support** – Town Planning Staff also provided support to the Manager for the Basalt Forward 2030 projects.

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

**Mid-Valley Center Lot 4/Public Works Facility** –Town Staff and Gould are moving forward with the construction of the building. The building has been ordered, utility connections have been made, and the foundation was poured. The pre-engineered steel building has arrived onsite, and erection is starting.

**Water Utility Master Plan** – Town staff issued an RFP for the development of a Basalt Water Utility Master Plan which will serve to inform the planning of capital improvements, operations and maintenance, and rate increases that may be necessary to help fund the water enterprise. The Council approved a contract with JVA, Inc. Staff submitted a Colorado River District grant application to help fund some of this work. A kick-off meeting for this project occurred on Friday.

**Linear Park Irrigation** – Town staff received two bids for the rebuilding of the Linear Park irrigation system. The project was awarded to RMCL by Council and work is nearly complete.

**Whitewater Park Construction** - Pitkin County started construction on improvements to Fisherman's Park and the area around the Whitewater Park. The improvements being made include improving the condition of the Fisherman's Park Boat Ramp, constructing a boardwalk between the Whitewater Park and the boat ramp, and improving the shoulder of Two Rivers Road by the boat ramp for better access to the boat ramp. Additionally, Pitkin County will be clearing sediment from the Whitewater Park structures and making slight adjustment to the in-river wave structures.

**Community Events** – The Annual Leaf Drop Event is set to begin the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and will run for five consecutive weeks through November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. As in previous years, the event will have venues between Arbaney Park, Willits Rugby Field, and Southside Park. More information on the event can be found on the main page of the Town's website. Flyers are being hung at locations around town, and information has been posted on the Town's facebook page and the Basalt Community page. EverGreen Zero Waste is also hanging banners in locations around town to inform Basalt residents of the event.

**Basalt Early Childhood Coalition** – At this month's meeting the Coalition discussed Stott's Mill and overall capacity, with Honey Tree noting that they have their expansion trailer now on-site and are now awaiting licensing. The additional capacity at Honey Tree will be used for infants and toddlers. The Coalition also discussed the impending retirement of Shirley Ritter (Kids First) and Kathy Hegberg (FocusedKids) who have been instrumental to early childhood education in the Roaring Fork Valley. Other discussion items included quality improvement for Basalt area centers and meeting with less frequency in the new year as the Coalition pairs with Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Council for discussions on regional matters.

## **Public Works**

Public Works is putting the finishing touches on getting ready for snow. We have tested a lot of equipment, trucks, and plows. We have stocked up on sanding material and trimmed trees back off the sidewalks and streets. Public Works have identified areas where we can store the snow and are in the process of getting out the public notices on what the proper disposal of snow for private residences and businesses looks like and how people must be more conscious of parking vehicles on the street.

An asphalt contractor will start working on the asphalt portions of the Willits Trail this week. They will be eliminating areas that have been raised by roots and repairing the cracks making the trail safer.

The skatepark repair on the ramps is going well. The decking had to be removed down to the framing where the frame had to be reinforced and the layer of decking re-installed.

The contractor for the new Public Works pole barn is moving in to start erecting next week.

Public Works is very involved with the fiber projects going on around town. The installation is challenging, and they must keep coming up with different solutions.

We are sweeping the leaves up as fast as we can in anticipation of the coming snow to keep the drains clear.