



DATE: November 4, 2022
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager
RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

Police

The police department had three officers working on Halloween evening. Officers were stationed in the Elk Run, Willits and Southside subdivisions to monitor the areas and hand out stickers and glow sticks. We are pleased to report there were no issues reported or responded to by our staff.

All officers completed mandatory CPR and first aid trainings. To maintain state certification, all sworn officers are required to possess current CPR and first aid training certifications. Thank you to Roaring Fork Fire Rescue personnel for conducting the practical testing exercises for us.

Over the last few months, a coalition of eight media organizations, based in the Roaring Fork Valley, conducted a survey to gauge awareness of and attitudes and behaviors toward local news media among Latino, bilingual and Spanish-speaking community members. The police department was involved in this process. This week, Chief Greg Knott and Administrative Assistant Dina Prieto attended a community gathering at TACAW to discuss survey findings and to identify ways to improve communication. Survey results and can be viewed on the following webpage:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_kjrHdGsZMIUGEAYwjsr0_XebitebOj/view

The Basalt Longhorns Football Team will be playing their first-round playoff game on Saturday. The game starts at 2:00 p.m. at the Basalt High School field. We will have additional officers at the game to assist school administration.

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 27th 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 cost share agreement, and the Council approved the agreement on October 25th.

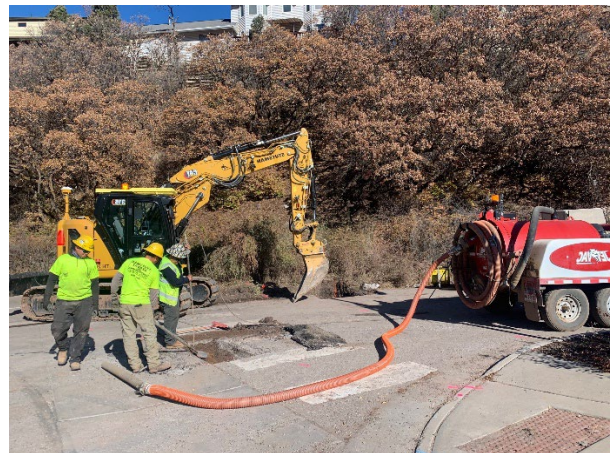
Basalt River Park Improvements – Work on Phase II of the Basalt River Park by RMCL is well underway. RMCL has installed the irrigation, planted a significant portion of the trees and perennials, and installed sod. RMCL is now working on the western extent of the park near the river. Fabrication on the park signage has begun, the misting feature was delivered and has been installed. 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, structural engineer, 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. The design team have been working diligently to get the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project design to a 30%, or preliminary design level. Much of this initial design effort has focused on the subgrade utilities, their design and need for replacement. Staff has been working with the CM/GC on a preliminary construction phasing plan. The team is looking at a spring 2023 start for construction. Construction will start on Midland Spur in early spring, which will allow the Spur to be available for parking as the construction crew moves along Midland for the duration of the project. Staff has engaged a public relations consultant whose focus is keeping the public informed throughout the Project.

This week some potholing is underway. This is a one-week effort to gain further information on the subgrade utilities.



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.

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 erected, utility connections have been made, and the foundation was poured. The perimeter fence construction has begun, and electrical work should start next week.



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-of meeting for this project was held in late October.

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. A video of the new boardwalk between the Whitewater Park and the boat ramp can be found at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pitkincountyrivers/videos/what-a-difference-a-week-makes-here-is-another-sneak-peek-of-the-new-healthy-riv/504409401702012/>

Green Team – Staff attended a presentation hosted by CC4CA and presented by Crested Butte Planning Staff and Councilors. The presentation focused on Crested Butte’s decision and process to require 100% electric and no gas in new construction beginning January 1, 2023. The Staff also discussed ideas to incentivize retrofits, such as the Town covering the cost of building energy assessments for existing structures, and in the next phase providing funding for energy improvements.

Staff and Councilor Hottel are attending the Eagle County Climate Action Collaborative on Friday morning. Agenda items include a discussion of the 2023 budget and goals, chair/co-chair, 2023 meeting structure, and the 2023 retreat.

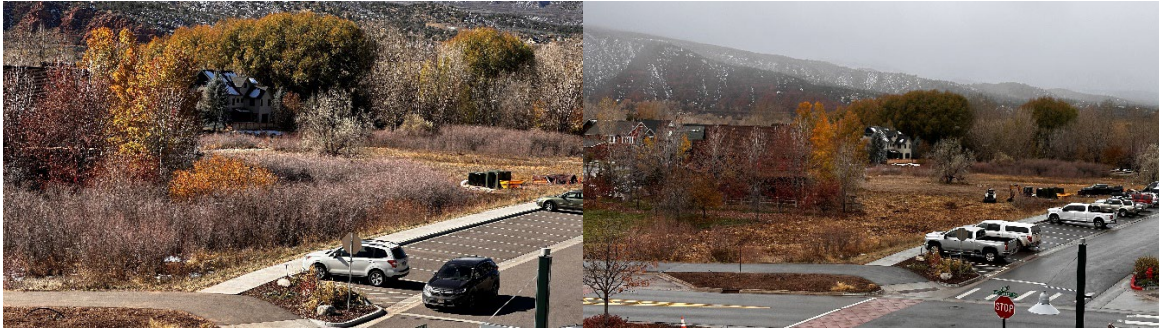
Community Events – This week’s Annual Leaf Drop event will take place at the Willits Rugby Field. The event will conclude on Sunday, November 13th at Southside Park.

Public Works

Public Works is having some much-needed work done on the Lions Park stage. Some of the original rough cut lumber that was milled for the stage is being replaced and the decking for the floor is being re-sealed.

Other tasks completed include:

- We did a camera inspection on a section of the Lucksinger Springs supply line and it is in good shape.
- Blowout for the irrigation system in Town is complete and an inspection of the new irrigation in Linear was done by staff.
- The coyote willows in Linear Park have been cut back for the season. Going forward we will add more native trees and other plants to break up the willow patches.



- Holiday decorations are going up around Town.

After the first snow, Public Works has added some visual markers in areas to help keep property damage to a minimum. Some plows had new cutting edges put on due to wear. Two plows had to be welded this week and we added additional safety lights to some units.

Finance

On October 26, 2022, the Pitkin County BOCC passed a resolution that establishes a formula for the distribution of the municipal share of county sales tax revenue for the year 2023 as required by Resolution 78-121. In prior years, the municipalities provided their monthly sales tax reports. However, after reviewing the originating ballot language, Pitkin County Finance realized that the revenue share should be calculated based upon the municipal share of Pitkin County sales tax collected in each jurisdiction and paid to the Colorado Department of Revenue determined on a rolling two-year period from September through August.

For 2023 Pitkin County will disburse 57% of the 2% County sales tax as follows: City of Aspen 80.2858%, Snowmass Village 16.6748% and TOB 3.0394%.