



**DATE:** January 20, 2023  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

Eagle County Commissioners hosted a public ski event today at Snowmass. The public was invited as well as other elected officials as an opportunity to meet and hear from the public in a fun setting. Skiing took place in the morning for a few hours, followed by lunch at the Base Camp in the Base Village.



## **Police**

Chief Greg Knott and Public Works Director Boyd Bierbaum met with representatives of D2C Architects to determine next planning steps for the future police department and public works complex. They suggested we conduct a comprehensive needs assessment for both departments then move into site planning. We will be meeting with other architecture firms in coming weeks to identify a firm to work with in the future.

The Pitkin County Public Safety Council met and discussed current winter conditions and spring runoff. We also received planning updates for the upcoming XGames, public safety outreach efforts and other public safety projects that are in development. Future updates will be provided as these programs are ready for implementation.

The Chiefs of Police and Garfield County Sheriff met to discuss our School Resource Officer programs throughout the Roaring Fork School District. Next week we will be meeting with School District Staff to discuss our current School Resource Officer programs. We will also be discussing how we can collectively work together to keep our programs sustainable and possibly grow in the coming years.

Chief Greg Knott, Town Attorney Jeff Conklin and Municipal Court Judge John Collins met to discuss courtroom safety and security. Recently, a person attending court caused multiple disturbances during court proceedings. We are developing plans to handle individuals who disrupt the court or cause safety concerns.

## **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 cost share agreement, and the Council approved the agreement on October 25th. The lightning bolt improvements are out to bid and a pre-bid meeting was held this week.

**Midland Avenue Streetscape Project** – The Design Team and Town Staff have been working diligently to get the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project design to a 90% design level. Staff presented the preliminary construction schedule to Council January 10th. Construction will start on Midland Spur in the early spring and work east through the end of the year. One lane of traffic along Midland Avenue will remain open during the entirety of the project with flaggers controlling traffic during the day and temporary traffic lights functioning during the night. Public relations consultant, Mitzi Rapkin, continues to promote public outreach for the Project.

**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/>.

**BPAC** – Staff is working on drafting the agreement between Gail Folwell and the Town for her submission for a sculpture at the Basalt River Park. A resolution approving the contract will be presented to Council for review at the next Town Council meeting.

BPAC is also engaging with local artist Thomas Barlow on three ice sculptures that will be found in and around Basalt over the next two weeks. The theme for this year’s ice sculptures is Mythical Creatures.

BPAC hopes this will add some whimsy and fun to Basalt this winter. Locations will be at Alpine Bank and in Lions Park for west Basalt, and on the TACAW adjacent to Market Street in East Basalt.

**Green Team** – Members of the Basalt High School Environmental Club attended the Green Team meeting and shared their current focus items and initiatives. The Green Team invited two individuals to apply for membership to the Town’s Green Team, in an effort to have a wider range of ideas and perspectives, to actively engage Basalt’s youth, and to form a stronger relationship with the work being done in other areas of the Basalt community. Council will have the opportunity to meet with the two prospective members at the January 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Green Team members also discussed EV infrastructure and potential areas for future chargers around Basalt. Lastly, the Green Team voted to elect Charlie Eckart as Chair and Mike Steiner as Vice Chair.

### **Recreation**

Kids all from all around town have been having an amazing time in our Roaring Fork Youth Basketball league. We have almost 100 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders participating across the nine Basalt Rec basketball teams! Teams started practicing back in December and just had their first games this week; we’re off to a very successful start. It’s incredible to see how much growth the kids have already made; we can’t wait to see how much they’ve learned by the end of the season. We also want to extend a HUGE thank you to all of the volunteer coaches who lead these teams and make the magic happen for the kids.