



**DATE:** February 10, 2023  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

## **Police**

All Officers are attending winter driver training at the Aspen Motorsports track. Officers are being instructed and training in the safe operations of patrol vehicles on ice and snow. The following pictures are of Officer Isabel Leach-Herrera navigating the break and evade obstacle. Thank you to the Aspen Motorsports Park for allowing us to use your facilities.



Chief Greg Knott met with the Town staff and representatives of Stutsman Gerbaz to discuss the upcoming Lighting Bolt sewer line and Town water line projects. We discussed traffic control, access and safety needs for Two Rivers Road and Midland Avenue. Chief Knott has advised local fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies of the upcoming projects and traffic impacts.

Pitkin County has decided to change their crisis response provider from Mind Springs Health to the Hope Center. Chief Knott attended a meeting with Pitkin County officials to discuss this change. For the past 10 years, the Basalt Police Department has used the Hope Center as our crisis response and co-responder partner. The Town will not encounter any impacts from the Pitkin County change.

Our two officers in training, Alec Mass and Steven Holmgren, have graduated to phase two of our field training program. Both are progressing nicely through the training and are learning a lot from our field training officers. After successful completion of phase two and the upcoming phase three and weeklong observation period, we are hopeful they will begin working solo in mid-April.

## **Public Works**

Public Works will be sending out our annual streets bid package. We are hoping to get pricing and in que with a contractor early so we can coordinate with the other projects going on this spring.

Staff has been removing holiday decorations which are 90% down and being stored for next year. Pruning and thinning is being done in Willits and in the Southside neighborhood at Wildwood Park. Management of ice and snow continues.

Public Works and the Town Engineer met on-site with Holy Cross Energy this week to determine what the options are to get power to the cemetery. The Town needs to update the irrigation system in the cemetery and will need a power source to run the irrigation clocks and pumps. It was decided to let Holy Cross put together a proposal and give us an approximate cost for the work.

The Water Department was approved this week to replace an aging chlorine analyzer to a newer model. The older unit will be rebuilt and put on the shelf for a backup. The Hydro Plant parts arrived this week and are being installed.

Several of the Public Works staff have completed their annual flagger certification and other required classes. Some of the team will be doing ice driving training next week.

## **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 were put out to bid by the Sanitation District and one bid was received from Stutsman-Gerbaz. Work on the project is planned to start next week.

**Basalt River Park Improvements** – Staff is working with the architects, structural engineer, and FCI on the shelter/restroom facility project to meet the Town’s budgetary requirements. Staff has been meeting with the restroom/bus shelter team to review the revision process and has engaged an MEP engineer to finalize the design for pricing. Staff is awaiting final pricing.

Staff has also 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. Staff is awaiting final pricing.

Staff presented the POST Committee with an update on the restroom, bus stop, and bandshell progress this week. Updates to Council are anticipated at the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Stott’s Mill Daycare Space** – Staff is drafting a Request for Proposals for interested daycare providers and for interested youth service providers to rent the space. The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be advertised for two weeks with a four-week deadline for submissions. A selection committee will be formed to review the submissions and recommend a selection to Town Council.