



**DATE:** April 7, 2023  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

The Town's Logo Committee met early this week to review and make recommendations on nine draft logos. The number of logos has been cut to five and the artists are making modifications based on feedback from the Committee. The remaining steps of the process are as follows:

- Week of 4/10 – Brand Committee completes online form to evaluate 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of top logo options.
- Week of 4/17 – Top logo options will be shared with the community for their input and feedback online using the [Let's Talk Basalt](#) website.
- Tuesday, 4/25 – Basalt Town Council Meeting. Committee and Slate co-present final logo or top logo design options with Committee's recommendation for approval. Council formally approves a final logo.

## **Police**

Our Household Medication Takeback Program continues to see good utilization. Over the past four months, the drug takeback box collected 39.5 pounds of unused household and prescription medications. Since we implemented the program in May 2018, we have collected and safely destroyed 449.56 pounds of medications. The takeback box is located at the police department and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Police Academy begins this Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We have a couple of spots left open if you would like to attend. If you are interested in attending, please call the police department at (970) 927-4316.

Chief Greg Knott attended a meeting with the Colorado Department of transportation and area stakeholders to discuss the upcoming summer season and impacts from future Glenwood Springs Canyon Closures.

Area agencies attended the spring Pitkin County Public Safety Council regional meeting. We received updates regarding the current snowpack and runoff predictions. Currently, the Roaring Fork River watershed is at 144% of average. Due to the higher-than-average snowpack and expected runoff, the Mud and Flood Incident Management Team has begun preparing. The regional Flood and Debris Flow Incident Action Plan has been updated. The Mud and Flood Incident Management Team will be scheduling a meeting with area Public Works Departments to plan for expected high water.

## **Public Works**

This week in Public Works the Streets Department has continued to sweep streets and haul away debris, including sticks and limbs from the recent wind and snow events. We have also applied sand to the school routes and high traffic intersections in the mornings.

We pruned trees in Linear Park, the Swinging Bridge Trail, and in Triangle Park.

A sub-contractor is scheduled to start applying mastic to some of the potholes that formed over winter, and they will also be starting to stripe the short lines which include parking spaces, handicap symbols, stop bars, curbs, and crosswalks as soon as it warms up enough for the paint to adhere.

Town staff had a pre-bid meeting for the Frying Pan sidewalk retaining wall repair project and we are expecting at least one bid to come in for that project at the end of next week. We will continue to get pricing on this project which will not be scheduled until 2024 so it does not interfere with the Midland Avenue Streetscape project.

The entire Public Works crew chipped in to help demo and haul off six of the older skate park ramps to make way for the new ramps that are set to arrive and be installed next week.

We have been spreading and compacting recycled asphalt millings from past road projects at the new Public Work's shop parking lot. This is an effective and inexpensive way to create a hardened surface that is free of mud during the wetter months.

We have issued an RFP for design of the new irrigation system at the cemetery, and we are in the process of designing the water tap and service line that will need to be run from the main on Cemetery Lane to the cemetery entrance. The new irrigation tap will require a street cut and concrete replacement in the roadway after it's finished. Holy Cross is pricing out the cost to run power for the new irrigation controls.

We are currently meeting with contractors to get bids on trenching, running conduit, and installing outlets at the base of three separate trees dispersed throughout Triangle Park. This will ease the breaker load for our holiday lighting and eliminate the hazard of using extension cords to run power from the stage across the park to the different groups of trees.

The plants have been ordered for the Swinging Bridge Trail enhancement project and the new irrigation zones are scheduled to go in along with the plants as soon as temperatures allow. We received our new solar lights to illuminate the trail. Those will be installed on small concrete pads to securely hold them in place.

The Water Department inspected and signed off on the new water meters and service line curb stops at the Park Place condominiums next to the River Park. This will allow them to get their certificates of occupancy for those units.

In addition, they have been helping Stutsman-Gerbaz and Sopris Engineering on the Midland project with water line locates and water valve shutoffs.

Velocity Plant services arrived this week and installed a new meter on well #9. We also had the old drain replaced on one of the three Pinon storage tanks that are near the water treatment plant (the first

two were completed last year). This tank is scheduled to be recoated as soon as the temperatures warm up.

## Planning

**Basalt Sanitation District Sewer Main Project (the Lightning Bolt)** – Stutsman-Gerbaz has nearly completed the lightning bolt improvements. The sewer main and manholes have been installed, and the Town’s watermain was raised to accommodate the new sewer main. *Midland Avenue through the project area will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next week so the road can be milled and then paved.* This will be the final phase of the project. RFTA bus service will resume to the local stops once paving is complete next week.

**Basalt River Park Improvements** – FCI has begun construction on the bus shelter/restroom. The foundation has been excavated and the foundation is being formed for concrete. FCI has moved the RFTA bus stop to Midland Avenue for the duration of the project. RFTA bus service will resume next week. Burlingame Construction expects to start construction of the bandshell on April 17th. Rocky Mountain Custom Landscapes will be resuming their work in the park in the coming weeks. They need to close out their work by installing shade sales, some lighting, park signage, and finishing the installation of the misting feature.

**Midland Avenue Streetscape Project** – Phase 1 of the Midland Avenue Streetscape project has begun. Stutsman-Gerbaz has completed the demo work on the west side of Midland Spur, a temporary stormwater system has been installed, and rough grading is nearly complete. *Two Rivers Road at Free Range will have alternating traffic on Monday and Tuesday next week so the road can be milled and then paved.*



Phase 2 of the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project is currently out for bid. Bidders on Phase 2 are being asked to outline 2 approaches to the project. Approach 1 requires no construction from June 1 to September 1 of each year. Approach 2 is without schedule limitation.

***A public open house for the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM at the Basalt Regional Library.***

**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 is scheduled to present a final pricing and schedule update in the next couple of weeks.

**Stott's Mill Daycare Space** – Staff published a Request for Proposals for interested daycare providers and for interested youth service providers to rent the Stott's Mill Daycare space. Proposals are due April 10th. A Selection Committee will review submissions April 13, after which interviews will be considered and ultimately a recommendation from the Selection Committee to Town Council will be scheduled for a May Council meeting.

**Early Childhood Education** – Applications will be going out next week to the area childcare providers for tuition assistance.

**BPAC** – The Commission discussed plans and created an initial outline for a mural competition along Midland Avenue. Advertising is anticipated to begin in May, with the mural creation in June. BPAC and Staff are working through the details but anticipate that the winning mural will be recreated on a larger scale and displayed on a building or area of downtown. There was also interest in having a student category and winner that could be displayed in the Arbaney pool area. Other items for discussion included the 2023 BPAC Grant Application which will be released in early May, and next steps for continuing work toward the creation of a 10-year Arts Master Plan for Basalt.

**Green Team** – Staff met with CC4CA as part of the Finance Committee, which after several discussions finally made a recommendation for restructuring dues in 2024. The desire to revisit the current dues was done for a myriad of reasons – the keep pace with inflation, to allow the hiring of additional staff and pay staff a better wage, and to restructure what some see as an imbalance in the current dues schedule. Currently communities with populations 5,000 – 49,999 are lumped into a single payment category. The new dues structure will split this category into three additional population ranges. Under the recommended scenario Basalt would see very minimal impact. The discussion will go forward to the larger Board of Directors at the May meeting for discussion and a vote.