



**DATE:** April 14, 2023  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
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**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

The Town's Logo Committee is reviewing another round of logo options and will choose the top three by today. 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.

## Recreation

Phase 2 of the skatepark is almost complete! Last week, the old ramps were demolished and removed to make way for brand-new, very high-quality ramps that our skate community will love. The ramps were delivered on Monday of this week and are being assembled by ramp professionals who expect the project to be complete by Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. We are thankful for the input from our community on this project and are thrilled to be seeing it completed. Thank you to Public Works and Planning Departments for all of the support to make this happen.



Summer is just around the corner, and we are gearing up to get the amazing Arbaney Park Pool ready to go. Right now, we are hiring lifeguards and front-desk/snack-shack workers. If you or someone you know may be interested, send them to the jobs portion of the website (<https://www.basalt.net/jobs.aspx>) or have them contact Matt Koenigsnecht at [matt.k@basalt.net](mailto:matt.k@basalt.net).

## Police

We are pleased to announce that Officers Alec Mass and Steven Holmgren have begun patrolling on their own. They started the police academy in August 2022 and successfully completed our four-month field training program. The seven-month long certification process is rigorous and prepares new officers to begin their careers. Congratulations gentlemen!



Last weekend we started our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Police Academy. Twenty-five community members joined us to learn about police department operations, crime scene investigations, evidence collection and processing. Our next class will take attendees to the Woody Creek Raceway to learn and practice safe driving skills. A video of our first class can be viewed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BasaltPolice>



Staff from the police department, public works, town administration and engineering met with Wold Architects to kick off site planning for the future police department and public works facilities. Next steps will be a visioning session, involving all police department and public works staff members, to identify current and future needs, best practices, and ways to increase efficiency through future building design.

Chief Greg Knott and School Resource Officer Jason Hegberg served on a panel discussion at the high school to discuss current school lockdown events. In the Crew Classes, we discussed and answered questions regarding law enforcement response to active harm incidents and the rationale behind our pre-designed response plans. School Principal Peter Mueller and Vice Principal Megan Hartmann also served on the panel.

## Public Works

The Public Works Parks Department will start checking irrigation systems to make sure they are ready for the watering season ahead. The systems must be charged, and we feel that it is safe to do so with the warmer weather. We also want to test some irrigation systems in the construction zones to see if

any damage was done and to work with the contractor to get them repaired. The Parks Department is also continuing to make progress on the new irrigation system at the Cemetery. An irrigation design company is working on a plan for the irrigation. We are having a survey done to properly install the new water supply line and working with Holy Cross Energy to design a power supply for the pumps needed for the new system.

The Public Works Forestry Department is continuing the pruning program around the Willits area. Also, trees are being treated for overwintering insects with a non-toxic mineral oil by a tree specialty company. Mature trees are being transplanted from the Midland Project and Triangle Park to be re-established in better locations around Town.

The Town staff met with Wold Architect Firm this week to start creating a vision for the design of a Police Department and Public Works Facility on the properties we purchased at Highway 82 and Original Road. Staff discussed and created an outline with a Wold representative detailing how to engage staff in the visioning process. A Wold representative will do a site visit at the end of April.

Public Works continues to work with the Recreation Department to assist the contractor in the construction of the new skate park. We have been moving materials around to help the contractor have better access to them. Public Works is also working with the Midland Spur contractor to store a car charger and street light poles at our public works facility.

## **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. The section of Midland Avenue that was impacted by this project was paved and striped this week. The downtown Basalt local bus stops that were closed for the project are scheduled to re-open on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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. The downtown Basalt local bus stops that were closed for the project are scheduled to re-open on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Burlingame Construction expects to start construction of the bandshell on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Rocky Mountain Custom Landscapes has resumed their work in the park. They need to close out their work by installing shade sales, 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 has rough graded the site. Stutzman-Gerbaz is working on the construction of a new retaining wall. Once the wall is complete, installation of the new sewer line will begin.





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 pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday next week.

A public open house for the Midland Avenue Streetscape project was held at the Basalt Regional Library this week to update the public on the project process and construction schedule. The open house was well attended.



**Green Initiatives and the Town of Basalt Photovoltaic 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 at the end of April, and staff plans to bring a contract for the construction of the solar arrays to Council on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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 were due April 10th. One proposal was received. Town Staff is working on bringing the parties together to work through terms on a lease and a potential memorandum of understanding.

**Green Team** – The Committee discussed the 2023 Rebate Incentives Program. After noting the success of last year's program CORE has made some tweaks to how it will be handling their grant and rebate funding, and Ryland French presented an overview of CORE's program. CORE's goal in 2023 is to provide more funding for larger projects (residential and commercial retrofits) with the focus on the same categories as last year (e.g. fuel switching, electrification, insulation and air sealing, etc.). Pitkin County

has provided funding for CORE's program that will cover the Pitkin County portion of Basalt. Eagle County has also provided funding, but it stops short of covering buildings within the Town's urban growth boundary. The Green Team's funds for the program would provide gap funding to cover the Eagle County portion of Basalt that is currently ineligible for funds. The Green Team continued the discussion until May when they will be asked to vote on partnering with CORE on this program. Program participants would be eligible for double rebates when combined with Holy Cross.

**Basalt Sunday Market** – The Market Committee will be meeting next week to begin their review of vendor applications for the 2023 Basalt Sunday Market.

**BACH** – The Commission reviewed an application by Response for a domestic abuse shelter. BACH was asked for feedback and to provide a recommendation to Town Council on the affordable housing component of the project.

**Wednesday Night Concert Series** – Staff is working with a highly successful music coordinator to promote the Basalt Wednesday Night Concert Series. The concert series is an opportunity for the Town to support businesses along Midland Avenue with increased patronage during the construction of the Midland Streetscape Improvements. The June 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> concerts will be held in Triangle Park in Willits Town Center. The bandshell in the River Park is anticipated to be completed in early July. The July 12<sup>th</sup> – Aug 30<sup>th</sup> concerts will be held at the River Park.

The Chamber and Town are collaborating on an improved marketing campaign for the concert series as well as booking talent that will draw attendees from surrounding communities. Each concert will feature a local opener followed by a larger headliner. Staff are also working with local businesses and nonprofits to incorporate nonprofit benefitting opportunities and cross promotion.