



DATE: May 5, 2023
TO: Mayor and Council
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RE: Weekly Update
CC: Department Heads

Pitkin County shared a [post](#) from their Facebook page and [website](#) regarding high water preparedness. It references sources for sandbags and encourages people to sign up for Pitkin Alerts and provides information on flood insurance.

The new Town Logo was adopted by the Council last week and we are now working on the implementation, which will occur over time as we replace equipment, uniforms and other town supplies.



Police

Our 6th Annual Community Police Academy visited the Woody Creek Raceway. Attendees learned vehicle maneuvering, hazard avoidance, parking, and safe vehicle operations. Class members drove our patrol vehicles to practice their safe driving skills. Special thanks to the Woody Creek Raceway for allowing us to use their outstanding facilities.



School Resource Officer Jason Hegberg refereed the annual middle school teachers versus eighth grade student basketball game. The teachers defeated the students and held their title as repeat champions.



We interviewed two police officer applicants to fill our vacant position. The hiring committee, made up of police department staff, Roaring Fork Fire Rescue personnel and a community member recommended an additional interview with one applicant to determine their suitability.

We received notification that our three new patrol vehicles, that were ordered in December 2021, have finally been built and are waiting in Chicago for a train ride west. The vehicles will be delivered to our vehicle upfitter in Golden for installation of equipment. We hope to receive the vehicles in early July.

Chief Greg Knott and Administrative Assistant Dina Prieto met with the architecture firm creating the site plan for the police department and public works. We discussed future needs and opportunities to increase efficiency and access through building design.

Planning

Response Domestic Abuse Shelter Application- The Basalt Affordable Community Housing Commission (BACH) reviewed and made a recommendation on Response's development application for a domestic abuse shelter at 325 E. Cody Lane. The Planning and Zoning Commission also reviewed the domestic abuse shelter application and provided a recommendation to the Town Council. The Town Council is scheduled to review the application on May 23rd.

Basalt River Park Improvements – FCI has begun construction on the bus shelter/restroom. The subgrade utility work has been completed and the foundation and surrounding sidewalk has been poured. Framing of the structure is well under way. The downtown Basalt local bus stop has been moved to Midland Avenue for the duration of the project.

Burlingame Construction has started site work for construction of the bandshell, and the steel frame for the bandshell is currently being fabricated.



Rocky Mountain Custom Landscapes has resumed their work in the park. They need to close out their work by installing shade sails, lighting, park signage, and finishing the installation of the misting feature.

Midland Avenue Streetscape Project – Phase 1 of the Midland Avenue Streetscape project is underway. Stutzman-Gerbaz has completed construction of a new retaining wall, HCE installed new electrical infrastructure, and work on the utilities is ongoing. There will be some overnight sewer work that will be conducted on the night of May 10th. Email outreach has been provided along with additional outreach to the residents that will be impacted.



An RFP for Phase 2 of the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project is currently being advertised. A pre-proposal meeting was held, and five contractors attended. A first Addendum to the RFP has been issued, the complete RFP for Phase 2 of the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project can be found on the Town's website, here: <https://www.basalt.net/532/Requests-for-Proposal>

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 presented a final pricing and schedule to Staff and a contract for the construction of the solar arrays is scheduled for Town Council's review on May 9th.

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 and potential tenant finish funding opportunities. Staff met with representatives from the daycare provider/youth services provider and with the developer this week.

BPAC – The Commission covered many topics at their monthly meeting this week, including a discussion on lighting and landscaping with artist Gail Folwell, who is creating the River Park sculpture (anticipated to be installed in July), finalizing the 2023 BPAC Grant Program and setting that for advertisement today, working through the details of a mural program along Midland Avenue, and ideas regarding ways to support June Pride month and to look toward messaging of inclusivity and diversity. BPAC members left with an assignment to identify opportunities in West Basalt for future art, whether that is temporary, rotating, permanent, or seasonal.

Wednesday Night Concert Series – Staff are 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 21st & 28th concerts will be held in Triangle Park. The bandshell in the River Park is anticipated to be completed in early July. The July 12th – Aug 30th 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.

Public Works

Public Works and the Recreation Department started the process of getting the Town pool at Arboney Park open for the summer season. The first step that requires help from several staff is pulling and storing the pool cover from the large pool. The cover must be disconnected from the anchors, pulled off, folded, put on a pallet, and moved by a piece of equipment to storage. The winter cover on the solar panels must be removed and stored as well. The robot pool will be pumped out and power sprayed. The large pool must be vacuumed and the chemicals in both pools must be stabilized. The shade sails are in the process of getting installed on the support poles and the indoor facilities are getting cleaned. The next step is getting the pools up to temperature and calibrating all the systems.

The Water and Distribution Department is getting the Town's wells ready for the higher demand of the irrigation season. During the winter, water usage goes down and we use water from Basalt Springs almost exclusively. In the summer the usage picks up and we need to use all of our wells to meet demand.

Well number 13 is typically put back into production first and this week we are working on cleaning clear well (mixing and storage tank) and testing all of the controls and making sure it is communicating with the rest of the distribution system.

Public Works is having potholes filled around Town. We have hired a contractor that uses a rubberized material called mastic to fill the potholes. The mastic is a better product and lasts longer than using an asphalt patch that tends to pop out in freeze/thaw conditions.

The Pitkin County fiber project and the contractor, Nixco, are working to install fiber optic conduit near the Post Office, Library, and Midland Bridge.

Public Works staff prepped a site for a burial this week. We assisted the family with finding a plot and excavated it in preparation for the services. The urn containing the ashes requires a 2x2x2 excavation which we will cover after the service.