



**DATE:** May 12, 2023  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

## Police

Our Community Police Academy met with Michelle Muething, Executive Director of the Hope Center, and Dina Prieto, Peer Support Specialist for Discovery Café. Michelle and Dina presented on substance abuse and recovery, mental health and crisis response. Police Department staff also provided fentanyl education regarding the dangers associated with this drug.



Police Department and Public Works staff, along with our Town Manager and Engineer met with Wold Architects to continue site planning efforts for the future police and public works facilities.

The group agreed upon guiding principles and reviewed design criteria that will move our planning efforts forward.

Lieutenant Aaron Munch provided training to staff members at TACAW. The training, titled “Run, Hide, Fight”, outlines tactics individuals can use to keep themselves and others safe during an active harm event. We have previously provided this training to staff at the schools, library and the Town.

## 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 is constructing the BRP bus shelter and restroom. Framing and roofing are nearly complete, and all utilities have been roughed in. The downtown Basalt local bus stop has been moved to Midland Avenue for the duration of the project.



Burlingame Construction has started site work and forming of the foundation of the bandshell. The steel frame has been fabricated and is being painted.



Rocky Mountain Custom Landscapes has resumed their work in the park. They have installed some of the sunshades and need to close out their work by installing lighting, park signage, installing remaining site furnishings, 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 installed the extent of the new sanitary sewer main, all new sanitary services to the main were connected this week. The contractor and the Basalt Sanitation District helped the Town with the outreach to affected properties this week.



An RFP for Phase 2 of the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project is currently being advertised. A pre-proposal meeting was held, and 5 contractors attended. Bids are due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Two addendums to the RFP have 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 the Town Council this week, and Town Council approved a contract for the construction of the 5 solar arrays.

**Whitewater Park Construction** - Pitkin County has been working on improvements to Fisherman's Park and the area around the Whitewater Park. The County is currently looking at design revisions to the next phase, which includes the building of a bathroom, and stairs to access the river. These improvements are expected to be completed in the fall of 2023.

**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 negotiating lease terms with the selected Basalt Education Foundation/Blue Lake Preschool applicant and the developer. Staff and Pitkin County are working with the selected provider on pursuing grant opportunities from Pitkin County and the State.

**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. 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 expanded 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 (5:30-6:30pm) followed by a larger headliner (7-8:30pm). Staff are also working with local businesses and nonprofits to incorporate nonprofit benefitting opportunities and cross promotion.

**Housing Assessment RFP-** Staff published a Request for Proposals for consultants to conduct an update to the Town's Housing Needs Assessment and to provide a legal nexus for a potential impact fee related to short-term rentals. Two proposals were received. The Basalt Affordable Community Housing Commission (BACH) reviewed the proposals this week and made a recommendation that will ultimately be presented to the Town Council.

### **Public Works**

Public Works continues to work with the Recreation Department to bring the pool online for the summer. This week the shade sails were put in place and secured. The robot pool was cleaned and sterilized and the water system for the locker rooms was charged up. The heating system will be inspected and turned on to start heating the pool next week.

Town Hall is a flurry of activity. The construction company hired by the Town is busy replacing rotting boards on the roof and the edge of Town Hall. The roof valley that has a problem with ice dams is being reworked to prevent further damage. The heating tape and gutters will also be replaced. The sheeting on the upper room exterior is failing so Public Works and Administration are having it replaced while the contractor is on site.

Public Works is busy pruning, sweeping, moving fallen rocks, and turning on irrigation. The Parks and Forestry/Garden department met with the contractor for the River Park. The contractor, Rocky Mountain Custom Landscape, is working on installing the misting feature and on maintaining the turf and trees for the warranty period currently in place. The fountain in Willits will be serviced and brought online by Memorial Day. Public Works and the Planning Department are working together to figure out the set up for the summer concert series.