



**DATE:** May 19, 2023  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

After many years of effort, a group of key stakeholders has made a public safety need a reality. Today, the new Fryingpan River Stream Gauge went live. The gauge is located on the Pueblo Bridge in Town. Data from this gauge is being displayed on the Colorado Department of Water Resources website:

[https://dwr.state.co.us/Tools/Stations/FRYBASCO?params=GAGE\\_HT](https://dwr.state.co.us/Tools/Stations/FRYBASCO?params=GAGE_HT)

This is a perfect year to obtain historical data to see how river flows impact flooding. In the past we have had to guess. We and our residents now have real data to make informed decisions.

## **Police**

Chiefs of Police from Basalt, Snowmass Village and Aspen along with the Pitkin County Sheriff met to discuss our collaborative peace officer training program. The Roaring Fork Regional Range Program uses certified instructors, from each agency, to train all officers and deputies in state mandated perishable skills. The group received a program update and discussed future changes to improve training for our staff.

Chief Greg Knott, Town Manager Ryan Mahoney and Planning Director Michelle Bonfils Thibeault met with employees of Interstate Parking. We are exploring the possibility of contracting with Interstate Parking to conduct parking education and enforcement in the downtown core and surrounding areas.

The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board met with Town Manager Ryan Mahoney to review ten separate Tobacco Tax Grant Applications. The VALE Board recommended funding a total of \$80,000 to these applicants.

Chief Greg Knott met with employees of Slate Communications to discuss how the new Town logo can be incorporated on police department vehicles, letterhead and clothing. Many ideas were discussed, and we are excited to see the finished products.

We provided a police escort for the Basalt High School track team members who qualified to compete in the state track meet. Best of luck to all student athletes at state!

Police Department staff will be assisting at the Motors at Willits event on Saturday. We will have officers on site to help with the event.

## **Planning**

**Basalt River Park (BRP) 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 continued work on the bandshell foundation, footers were poured this week, and foundation work will continue next week. 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. Concrete at the misting feature will be poured next week.

**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 have been connected. The contractor is now working on installation of the new stormwater infrastructure.

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>. Three 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 Town Council on May 9th, and Town Council approved a contract for the construction of the 5 solar arrays.

**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. Per the BACH recommendation, Staff is working with the Consultant that BACH recommended to adjust the scope of the project to better fit the Town's budget for the project.

**Basalt Early Childhood Coalition** – The Finance Committee approved use of the tuition assistance budget to provide financial assistance for 9 children within 4 of the area's programs for this year. The Coalition also approved a plan for the Quality Improvement funds, which will involve a tour of area programs and trainings that will take place mid-September. Eagle County presented on the short-term rental Lodging for properties in unincorporated Eagle County. The funding is approved for housing and early childhood

education initiatives with the intent of serving programs within the Eagle County portion of the Roaring Fork Valley. Eagle County anticipates more details regarding future use of funds will be available in June.

## **Public Works**

This week the facilities crew has been working at the pool to help get it ready for lifeguard training and the grand opening. They have been power washing the pools, deck, and getting the locker rooms and drinking fountains ready. They finished hanging the shade sails last week after some parts we needed arrived in the mail. The locker room boilers will be serviced on Monday and Climate Control went through the heating system this week. We have one of the units that needed some parts ordered otherwise everything else looked good.

We are working over at the new Public Works West shop cleaning out the office of the old furniture and items that came with the property that we won't be using. Pro Velocity will be there today to finish the work on the server/network rack that was installed to tie the building in with the rest of the Town's IT infrastructure. Two ethernet plug-ins were also installed in each room in the office so that we could start moving desktops and workstations over there. We are rearranging some of the large metal storage containers out in the yard, so we have better access for our larger pieces of equipment to get in and out of the garage safely. Friday we will be spreading the rest of the asphalt millings we hauled over in the parking lot. We had the garage doors on the existing garage serviced this week and those are now working great.

We have been filling potholes and working with TNT Asphalt Maintenance to put mastic down on the roads that we plan on chip sealing. We just received notice that GMCO plans to start chip sealing as soon as they finish up with Carbondale on the 30<sup>th</sup> which is the day after Memorial Day. The crack seal crew finished up on Wednesday and they did a great job. The mastic and crack seal all needed to take place prior to the chip seal going down. We will be having a pre-construction meeting next week to try and get a more specific schedule and time for each road that's getting chip sealed. It takes quite a bit of work to notify the residential areas and pass out flyers for the chip seal project because we can't have any cars parked out on the roadway while that work is taking place. We also try to encourage people to turn their irrigation systems off the night before to minimize any overspray that can puddle out in the street.

The list of roads being chip sealed this year are Columbine Ct., Rivers Edge Ct., Park Circle, Ptarmigan, Lauren Lane, Hearthstone Dr, Lupine Dr, Roaring Fork Ct., Kiln Ct, Village Ct., Mountain Ct, Ridge Rd, East Valley Rd (from Hwy 82 to Evans), Sopris Dr, and a small section of Gardener Way up by the High School.

Parks and Gardens has been working with the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers on multiple projects this week, mainly cleaning up branches and beautifying our landscaped areas over by Midland Park and the Library. Mid Valley Metro filled the Willits Pond which supplies the non-potable irrigation water to those neighborhoods this week so as of Wednesday we were able to turn on and start testing all those systems and make repairs. Colorado Poolsapes will be starting up the Willits Fountain today or early next week to make sure that is ready to go for the Memorial Day weekend.

The Water Department has been busy working with the contractors on the Midland Avenue streetscape project and doing locates for the Pitkin County fiber project. The contractor for the pinon tank project is sandblasting the last pinon water storage tank. Those crews are working to minimize any dust and noise the best they can. Once the sandblasting is done the last pinon tank will be painted with a special coating and that project will be complete.