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# TOWN OF GRAND LAKE NEWSLETTER

## DOW Public Hearing—Save the Fraser River



Because you proudly display your “Save the Fraser River” bumper sticker on your vehicle, and because you care about the future of Grand County’s environment and its economy, it’s time to do your part for our rivers, streams and lakes by speaking up at the final public hearing concerning the Moffat Firing Project.

**The public is invited to the Inn at SilverCreek on Tuesday January 18th at 6:00 pm.**

The Division of Wildlife is holding this public hearing out of respect for our concerns and needs to be congratulated and

thanked for their pro-active approach in seeking the fairest mitigation that will keep our rivers healthy.

The Moffat Firing Project is a Denver Water proposal to triple the size of Gross Reservoir, located on the east side of the Continental Divide, so that their Board can increase the amount of water being diverted from the Fraser River, its tributaries and the Williams Fork River.

When completed, Denver’s diversions will take 80 percent of the native flows from the Fraser River in the Fraser Valley. The health of the Fraser River and its tributaries is already in decline from existing diversions. Increased diversions can only exacerbate these conditions. The flows in the Fraser River are a large portion of the flows in the Upper Colorado River, giving these two rivers a direct stream health connection.

All of Grand County’s environment and consequently the economy that depends on a marketable environment, will be affected by these increased diversions.

Those of us who have lived in Grand County long enough to have observed these drastic changes need to inform the Division of Wildlife about the declining health of our rivers, streams and lakes.

The DOW’s job is to make sure that adequate mitigation is required to address our concerns about the Moffat Firing Project.

For the sake of “Saving the Fraser River”, please attend this public hearing. Whether you speak, or by your presence show how much you care about this issue, please attend this very critical public hearing.

## Snowmobile Regulations in Town

***Please respect our residential areas and do not joy ride around the Town***

Do not speed. Obey all automobile traffic laws.

Do not ride in Town between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am, except for one entry to or exit from town.

Children under 10 yrs. of age may not operate snowmobiles in town.

Children under 16 yrs .of age must be under the direct supervision of an adult over 18 yrs old.

Ride in single file as far right as possible and in the same direction as automobile traffic.

Yield to all automobile and pedestrian traffic.

Snowmobiles must have a current registration.

Only stock mufflers are allowed.

Do not ride on sidewalks or boardwalks.

Do not ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



## Planning and Zoning Notices

Reminders about building in the Town of Grand Lake

Wintertime is a great time to start planning for spring construction projects. Taking the time now to work with Town Hall staff about your future construction needs will help expedite your project when the winter weather turns warmer.

Did you also know wintertime proves to be an excellent time of the year to do repair and restoration projects to your boathouse? Giving greater

access to parts of your boathouse in the winter months when the lakes may be frozen now is the time of year to paint or do other minor repairs to areas of a boathouse that may be not be as easily accessible in the summer. By conducting minor improvements and upkeep activities, property owners are not only ensuring the long term sustainability of their accessory structures but also helping improve the overall lake appearance. Please keep water quality in the forefront of your boathouse repair projects

to ensure building materials (including paint) do not end up in the lake. The Town promotes the use of Best Management Practices for all construction activities in and around our rivers and lakes.

To discuss your future building plans, the Municipal requirements that may affect your project as well as Best Management Practices, please contact Abbi Jo Wittman, Town Planner, at (970) 627-3435 or [glplan-ning@townofgrandlake.com](mailto:glplan-ning@townofgrandlake.com)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**January 1-29,  
9:30a.m. Saturdays**

*Ski the wilderness  
RMNP*

**January—March**

**Weekends**

*Snowshoe in the  
Kawuneeche—RMNP*

**Januray 28-30**

*3 Lakes Fishing  
Tournament*

**February 5**

*Winter Carnival  
Kauffman House  
Open House*

**February 12**

*Flight for Life Poker Run*

**February 18**

*Full Moon Ski*

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## Pay As You Throw Program (PAYT)

The Town thanks everyone who is participating in the PAYT program for trash removal. The program is in its first year and bugs with the system are being worked out still, but the public (that's you !) have seemed to embrace the concept.

The holidays produced a much larger quantity of trash than anticipated (as evidenced by the photo below), and the Town has learned from this experience. We are working to make sure the PAYT drop-off facility will be able to handle this type of heavy

The Town is hoping to get back the second wildlife resistant container as soon as it is retrofitted to handle the larger bags, and we will get larger containers for peak holiday use times.



## Save Grand Lake Elementary — PAC Mission



[www.elevateyoureducation.org](http://www.elevateyoureducation.org)

The Parent Advisory Committee of Grand Lake Elementary is on a mission to SAVE GLE from closure. The East Grand School District School Board will be discussing significant budget cuts for the 2011-2012 school year in their upcoming meetings.

Upcoming EGSD Board Meetings: All meetings begin at 6PM at the District Office in Granby unless otherwise noted

Tuesday, January 18, 2011  
 Tuesday, February 1, 2011  
 Tuesday, February 15, 2011  
 Tuesday, March 1, 2011

The GLE Parent Advisory Committee will be launching a letter writing campaign to the EGSD School Board requesting that they consider other options to make budget cuts that **do not** include closing Grand Lake Elementary.

Please check in at our website [www.elevateyoureducation.org](http://www.elevateyoureducation.org) for up to date information and an easy way to contact the EGSD School Board to express your support for Grand Lake Elementary.

Research by the GLE PAC found the following study from [www.ruraled.org](http://www.ruraled.org)  
 The socio-economic impact of schools on communities is significant, and school closures reduce the fiscal capacity of local communities to provide support for education.

Lyson (2002) analyzed data from all 352 incorporated villages and towns with populations of under 2,500 in New York State, almost all of which had had a school at one time. He compared the 71 places with 500 or fewer people with the 281 with more than 500 people. Almost three-fourths of the larger group had a school (73.7%), while only about half (52.1%) of the smaller group did.

Those with and without schools in each of the size categories had similar age level profiles, percent of households with children, and percent of children enrolled in school, but the economic and fiscal capacity of the communities without schools was much lower than that of the communities with schools. Among the smaller size grouping of towns and villages:

60% of the communities with schools saw population growth from 1990 to 2000; only 46% of those without schools grew.

Average housing values in the communities with schools are 25% higher than in those without schools. Communities with schools enjoy higher per capita incomes, a more equal distribution of income, less per capita income from public assistance, less poverty and less child poverty.

Communities with schools have more professional, managerial, and executive workers; more households with self-employment income; 57% higher per capita income from self-employment; a higher percentage of residents who work in the village; and fewer workers who commute more than 15 minutes to their jobs.

The Grand Lake community may vote for Grand Lake in Reader's Digest's *We Hear You America* contest. In this contest, Grand Lake is vying for a share of \$5 million in funds and promotional support. Individuals may vote up to ten times per day at <http://wehearyouamerica.readersdigest.com/>.

Please show your support to the Grand Lake community by participating in this contest. Contest participants are automatically entered for individual prizes, including a road-trip across America to visit the winning communities.

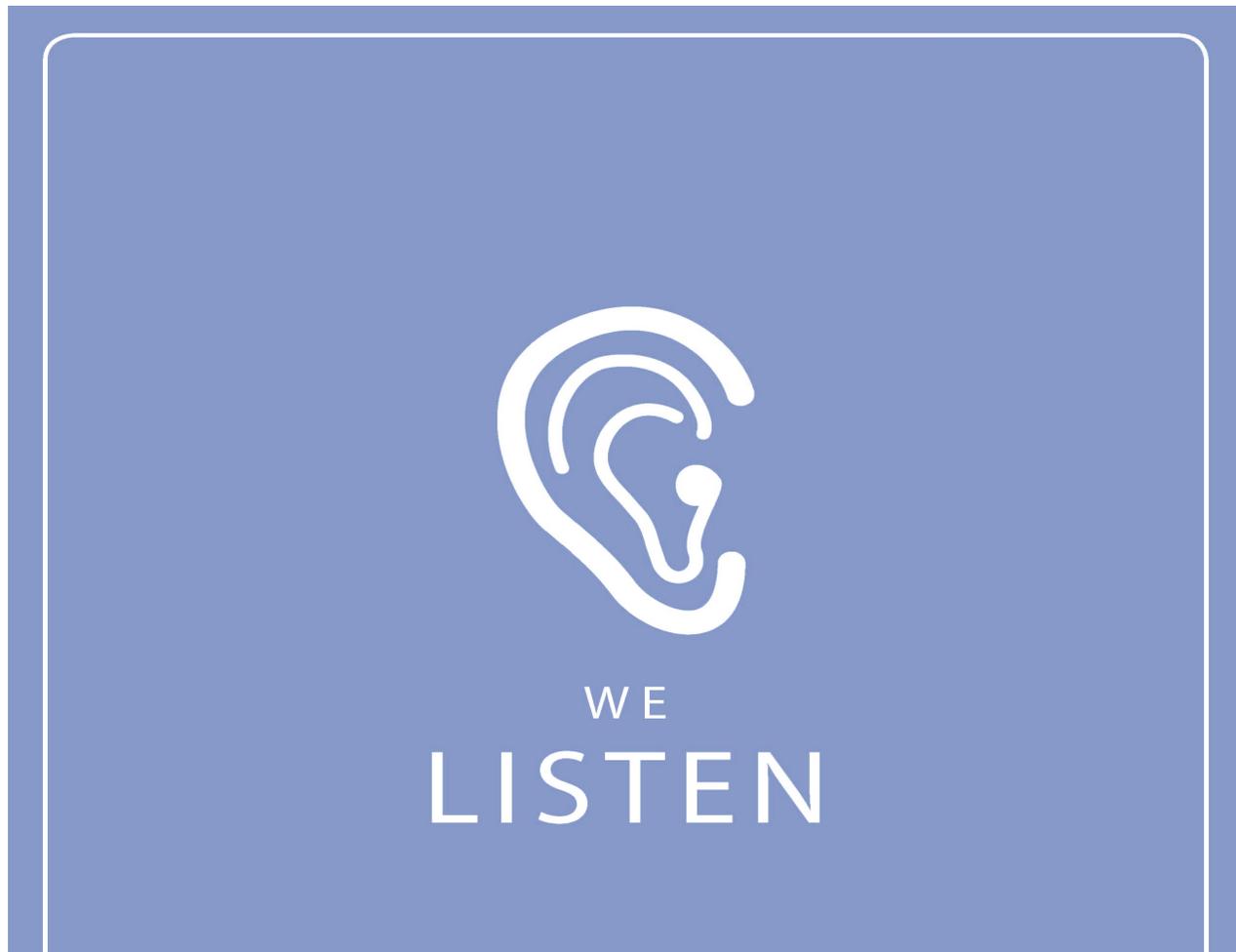


## The Town is on the Web!

The Town of Grand Lake's website, [www.townofgrandlake.com](http://www.townofgrandlake.com), has useful information including agendas and minutes of Town Board meetings, public hearing notices, connections to other area websites and the Municipal Code.

We will be updating the site on a regular basis. Take a look!

NOTE: Please let your friends and neighbors know they can sign up to receive this newsletter by email by contacting Town Hall.



You may not think about it, but your feedback helps guide our municipal government. The next time you have a suggestion on how to make our community a better place, speak up and reach out to the hard working men and women who care for our community. Speak up and be heard. Colorado cities & towns work for you.

In Grand Lake, we believe that all members of our society play their part in helping us achieve this great dream that we call participatory democracy. The Board of Trustees meets every second and fourth Monday of the month, at 3:00 p.m. for its workshop and then again at 7:30 p.m. for its regular meeting, and is always eager to hear your ideas and suggestions.



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