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TOWN OF GRAND LAKE NEWSLETTER

June 30th Microburst

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On Thursday, June 30th, a microburst storm ripped through Town and blew down approximately 60 trees in a matter of seconds. Immediately, we witnessed a fantastic response from so many people; the Grand Lake Fire Department was on scene for the trees that were blown into power lines, as was Mountain Parks Electric. Town Staff helped to clear the roads to make the streets passable, and many private citizens stepped up and volunteered their time to help clear out the debris as well. Additionally, the Thompson Brothers came to the rescue with their trackhoe and pulled four trees out of the North Inlet River, under the lights and watchful eye of Grand Lake Fire once again—we are truly in the debt of each person that gave their time that evening.

One of the more devastating aspects of the storm was six, 70'+/- lodgepole pine trees that blew down in Town Square. A minor miracle that Peter Esmonde was working on the intercom system in Town Square and warned everyone to clear out of the park, and a major miracle that no one was hurt throughout the Town with trees falling everywhere.

The following morning should make everyone proud to be a resident of Grand Lake. By 8 a.m., Town Square was full of volunteers with chainsaws and a determination to clean up the park, and by noon you would never have known that it had happened. De-limbing, bucking, hauling, stump pulling and even rebuilding the sandbox, our volunteers and Staff put in a Yeoman's

effort and the end result was a beautiful Town Square. For this work, the citizens of Grand Lake are indebted to the following people: Matt Reed, Don Campbell, James Reed, Clive Smith, Wesley Selby, Kathy Scarbrough, Suzi Maki, Ken Benson, Tom Weydert, Jim Peterson and Judy Burke. If you see these folks on the street, please be sure to shake their hands and thank them for their time, because they represent the best of the best. Additionally, Town Staff should be commended for all of its work throughout as well; every department showed up in force and the sum total of everyone's effort made for quick work and an outstanding result.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 22– Sep 7

Summer Concerts
Wednesdays

July 4th

Fireworks over the
Lake

July 9-10

Wooden Boat Show

July 9

ISC Golf Tournament
& Auction

July 16-17

Buffalo BBQ
Used Book Sale
Pancake Breakfast
5K Run/Walk

July – Sep

Kauffman House
Display
“Treasures in the Attic”

August 1-7

Regatta Week

August 6-7

Craft Fair

Redistricting

Redistricting is the process of redrawing the state's electoral district boundaries to reflect population changes counted during the decennial census results. The Colorado Reapportionment Commission is responsible for redistricting Colorado's 35 Senate and 65 House of Representative districts. The Reapportionment Commission consists of 11 members, comprised of five Democrats, five Republicans and one Independent.

The Town encourages everyone to take notice of the hearings this year, as the current proposal to move Grand County into a district with either Larimer or Boulder County. This redistricting plan would fail to achieve much of the state's constitutional criteria by pairing a rural west slope county with densely populated Front Range County.

Specifically, there is a requirement that districts be composed of communities of interest - ethnic, economic, cultural, demographic, trade area and geographic- are to be preserved within a single district whenever possible. To be blunt, Colorado as it is experienced in Grand County is much different than the Colorado that is experienced for people on the Front Range, and the result is a divergence on many of the criteria outlined above in substantive ways.

This geographic disconnection doesn't fare well for representative government, for any elected official will most certainly live in the Front Range and will be hard pressed to learn the region, much less represent the region when it comes to so many important issues in which the west slope and east slope fail to agree.

In short, Grand County is a west slope rural county, and it only makes sense that our political interests be preserved by keeping us aligned with other west slope communities that share our ethnic, economic, cultural, demographic, trade area and geographic interest.

Your comments and opinions do matter. If you would like to get involved, please call: 303-866-3950, email: reapp2011@state.co.us or send written comments to: Reapportionment Staff, 1313 Sherman St., Office 122, Denver, CO 80203

Visitor's Service Kiosk Volunteer Program



The Town of Grand Lake, in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre and the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce, has been exploring opportunities for use of the Town Square Visitor Services Kiosk (formerly the RMRT box office). The west side of the structure, now open to the general public during the day, houses information about local businesses, maps, and general visitor information. The Chamber will help manage and maintain this section to provide visitor service information to individuals who are already in the center of Town. Please contact the Chamber (970/627-3402) for more information on how your business, community organization, or event might be advertised in this premiere location.

The Town Board would like to make the east side of the Kiosk available for use by other organizations (governmental, non-profits, and community organizations, etc.) wanting to sell tickets for their various public events. While the Kiosk will be now available for approved ticket sales by qualifying organizations, it is the Board's hope that while organizations are occupying the Kiosk to conduct those sales, they also agree to simultaneously serve as Visitor Services volunteers on behalf of the Town.

The Town is currently working on outlining a more formal volunteer program. Visitor Services Kiosk volunteers will be the ambassadors of our community, guiding visitors to businesses, community landmarks, and trailheads, as well as providing general information about the Grand Lake community. Although they will not be selling tickets there, RMRT representatives have indicated their willingness to serve as Visitor Services Volunteers in the Kiosk for portions of the week throughout the summer simply as a contribution to our community. If you are interested in serving as a Visitor Services Kiosk volunteer, please contact Grand Lake Town Hall at town@townofgrandlake.com for further information.

Public Hearings on Proposed Shoreline Management Regs set for July 20

With an increasing awareness of the water quality of Grand Lake and the Three Lakes Watershed District, the Town of Grand Lake is reviewing and comparing various aspects of the Town's Municipal Code with water quality standards; many of the Municipal Code Sections may have proposed Code changes in the coming months to better help improve the water quality of our community and the headwaters of the Colorado River. The first of these proposed Code changes have been scheduled for a Planning Commission Public Hearing on August 3rd. At that Hearing, the Planning Commission will hear staff-proposed changes to Municipal Code Chapter 12-2-29: *Shoreline and Surface Water Regulations*; this Code Section not only addresses preexisting buffers and setback disturbances for shoreline development but, too, Shoreline Structure (Boathouse, Boat Dock, Marina, Bridge, Irrigation Structure and Flood Control Device) Construction.

While most of the existing Code will remain in effect, the Town is considering regulation changes that will help better promote uniform development of the shoreline of Grand Lake and Shadow Mountain Reservoir; the goal of the Town of Grand Lake is to continue to work with the Grand County Department of Planning and Zoning to see the Town and the County's regulations mirror the others as much as possible. Given this, the Town will be considering mandatory maintenance accesses on boathouses, a maximum square footage for boat-house/boat dock structures, as well as provisions for only allowing one boat-house or boat dock per Single Family Dwelling.

Additionally, the most significant proposed addition to the Code would be the addition of mandatory Best Management Practices for Shoreline Structure Construction including: Pre-Disturbance and General Project Considerations, Site Preparation, Material Selection, Preparation and Use, and

Site Disturbance Activities. When applied to every shoreline development project, these Best Management Practices will help reduce, if not eliminate, pollutant and sediment loading as well as runoff and erosion control issues near our water bodies.

To review the proposed Code changes, please visit: <http://www.townofgrandlake.com/scheduled-public-hearings.htm>; if you have questions about the proposed changes, the Town's policies on water quality standards or general inquiries about the Planning Commission Public Hearing, please contact Abbi Jo Wittman, Town Planner, at glplanning@townofgrandlake.com. Public comments are welcomed and encouraged either in person, at the meeting, or in writing to: Grand Lake Town Hall – P.O. Box 99 – Grand Lake, CO 80447-0099 or at the email address listed, above.

5th of July Clean Up

Like any other big party when a lot of people you don't know show up, the day after the 4th of July is usually an enormous task when it comes to restoring the Town to the grandeur that it enjoyed only 24 hours prior. One of the least enjoyable tasks has always been the lake-front clean up, as beer cans, pizza boxes, wine bottles, random clothing and misplaced cell phones (basically

everything but cash) litters the entire area.

This year was a bit different, however; we still had way too much trash to clean up, but were surprised by the turnout of so many people at 5 a.m. that morning. In addition to the normal three from public works that have cleaned up this area without fanfare for years, Bernie McGinn, Randy Lewis and T.J. Humble, we also

had the following good Samaritans show up: Mayor Judy Burke, Trustees Jim Peterson and Tom Weydert, Chamber Director Lisa Jenkins, Chamber President Steve Armstead and his wife Sue, and Town administrative staff Gay Dzinski, Marti Lund, and Shane Hale. Due to this extra help, the entire effort was finished by 7:00 a.m. —great work to all involved!

Volunteers Needed for Buffalo BBQ

The Chamber is looking for volunteers for Buffalo BBQ weekend (July 16-17). Volunteers are still needed with the set up/take down, food service, and ingress/egress people (to keep alcohol on site). If you can help out, please call Lisa Jenkins at 627-3372.

Cottage Court Designated

The Smith-Eslick Cottage Camp is now officially on the State Register of Historic Properties. The importance of the circa 1911 “motel” for its Rocky Mountain rustic architecture and for having promoted automobile tourism in the area were both influential in the State Historical Society’s recognition.



Opportunities for Students

Grand County Water Community - We have some opportunities this summer for high school students to earn community service hours AND help us out with our monitoring programs.

Secchi Monitoring – Sarah Hershfelt, our Field Technician, goes out every Wednesday morning from 830am-1230pm on the Forest Service boat leaving from their dock on Shadow Mtn Reservoir. Student can help record data from the Secchi monitoring and assist with raising and lowering of the Sondes.

Healthy Headwaters – the next two monitoring events are July 19 and August 16. I will be running the July 19 event, Ben August 16. This is an almost all-day sampling where we visit 8 sites from Kremmling to Winter Park. We take water samples, do some filtration for dissolved metals and organic carbon (July only), Sondes readings, and take site pictures. Student can help get the water sample, partition into sample jars, take pictures and help with the Sondes. Plus since this is an all-day event we will buy lunch!

Students would need to bring their community service sheets for us to sign. Students would also need to be able to arrange their own transportation although for Healthy Headwaters sampling we always meet at the Java Lava in Granby as we calibrate the Sondes [there](#) before going out.

If interested, please call or write.

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GCWIN Needs Volunteers for Lake Monitoring

The Grand County Water Information Network needs volunteers this summer to monitor lake clarity on Grand Lake and Shadow Mountain Reservoir. The Three Lakes Clarity Monitoring Program is part of a multi-year project designed to develop lake-clarity standards at the headwaters of the Colorado River. Monitoring takes less than an hour per week of your time and is your chance to help ensure that our lakes remain clear and healthy. With your invaluable help, we can develop a more accurate and comprehensive understanding of our lake. For more information, please contact Ben Carver at GCWIN at (970) 627.8162, or email at ben.carver@gcwin.org, or stop by our office at 610 Center Ave in Grand Lake.

