



TOWN OF GRAND LAKE NEWSLETTER

The Soul of the Rockies™

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Town Manager's Musings



It's early November, and the Town of Grand Lake is prepared for the Winter Season. Last week's snowfall put the Public Works crew to the test. Our equipment had been winterized and we were ready. See the Bleeder information included in this addition of the newsletter from our Water Department. Next Monday night, November 16, 2015, an Open House will be held at the Grand Lake Center from 5:30-7:30pm. It will give our residents and guests a chance to see the transformation that can take place there for future events. A presentation will be made at 6:15pm to address some of the ideas for future uses and architectural modifications that have been considered to date. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and that weekend, the Grand Lake Center will be used again on Friday and Saturday, November 27th and 28th for the Olde Fashioned Holiday Craft Bazaar, sponsored by the Grand Lake Arts Council. On Saturday morning, November 28, 2015, hearty souls can enjoy the Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Trailblazers Snowmobile Club at the Heckert Pavillion from 9am till 11 a.m.

We have been working for several months on our budget for 2016 and are in the final stages. Our sales tax revenues are up 10%. We contribute approximately \$64,000 to our service organizations in Grand Lake and throughout the County. Many wonderful services are provided as a result. A copy of our 2106 budget draft is available at Town Hall.

Remember Peggy Mann's Christmas Concert on December 5, 2015 at the Community House at 7pm. The following night, December 6, 2015, the Grand Chorale will be at the Community House. On December 8, 2015, Delicious Dishes Benefit and Auction will be held at Daven Haven at 5pm. December 8, 2015 is also Colorado Gives Day! Remember, too, locals ski free at the Nordic Center on Saturday, December 12, 2015! Hope to see you around Town!

Jim White
Town Manager



Happy Thanksgiving

Water Accounts with an Authorized Bleeder

The Grand Lake Water Department would like to remind all water accounts with an authorized bleeder that usage at a rate of 1 gallon per minute may begin December 1st and ends on April 30th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 16

GL Center Open House
5:30-7:30 p.m.

November 26 & 27

Town Hall Closed

November 27

Tree Lighting Ceremony
& Caroling
5:00 p.m. Town Sq. Park

November 27 & 28

Old Fashioned Holiday
Craft Bazaar
GL Center

November 27 & 28

Kauffman House Open

November 28

Trail Blazers Pancake
Breakfast
Heckert Pavilion 9-11

December 5

Peggy Mann Holiday
Concert
GL Community House

December 6

Grand Chorale
Christmas Show
GL Community House

December 8

Delicious Dishes
Daven Haven

December 18 & 19

Secret Santa Shop

December 19 & 20

RMRT Holiday Shows

December 20

Juliet's Holiday Concert
GL Community House

Grand Lake Center Grand Opening



An Open House to celebrate the progress made at the Grand Lake Center as well as the possibilities for future uses has been scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015 at the Center, which was formerly the Grand Lake Elementary School.

The first 45 minutes will be a time for people to enjoy refreshments, view the multi-purpose room as it was prepared for the Disney Way conference and mingle with fellow attendees. At 6:15 p.m., Jeff Wood from the University of Colorado-Denver, Colorado Center for Community Development will then present several potential options for the Center as well as feasibility analysis of those options. It was he and his students that worked with Grand Lake residents to design and transform the multi-purpose room from a gymnasium to a conference center.

The Center, which was purchased earlier this year from the East Grand School District by the Town of Grand Lake, is already utilized by a local church for services and a local group of recreational pickle-ball players.

The recent Disney Way Customer-Service Training that was held in the building is an example of using the Grand Lake Center as a convention center. That training, which attracted nearly 100 people, utilized the multi-purpose room for lectures, group exercises as well as breakfasts and lunches. The classrooms were utilized for break-out sessions. That type of use is an example of a revenue bucket that can support other uses of the building.

Utilization of the Grand Lake Center is still in the envisioning stage and the residents of the Grand Lake area are encouraged to attend the Open House to talk about the vision for future uses and to discuss ways to finance the facility. This invitation is intended to give people the opportunity to get involved at the planning and visioning phase.

Please plan to attend.



Town Ice Rink



The ice skating rink in Town Square Park on the basketball court is anticipated to be completely constructed by Thanksgiving. Though the rink will be set, the freezing of the water and the official opening of the rink will be weather dependant. The Town asks that users refrain from utilizing the rink until it has officially opened to prevent damage to the ice.

Rocky Mountain Outfitters has again volunteered to have ice skates available for free public use once the rink is open.

Christmas Tree Donation

The Town has received a donation of the 2015 Christmas tree to be displayed downtown during the holiday season.

Thanks to Robert & Nancy Lavington for the generous donation!



Grand Lake Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, November 27th at 5 pm
Town Square Park/ Grand Ave

Grand Lake invites the community and visitors to join us for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, at 5 pm, Friday, November 27th in front of Town Park.

We will have a hot chocolate bar with all the toppings and cookies. A special appearance will be made from Bruce the Moose and Santa Claus. Christmas carols lead by Juliette Shams.

Please bring an ornament to help decorate the tree!

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Peggy Mann Christmas and Musical Testimony Concert

Saturday, December 5th, 2015

Doors open at 6pm Show starts at 7pm

Accompanying Peggy will be Larry Bacon on Bass, Mark Johnson on Piano, Ken Lund on Percussion and Mandy Cluck on Flute

AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE IN GRAND LAKE

wine and beer available for purchase
sponsored by the Grand Lake Rotary!

Tickets are \$20
non refundable



For tickets/reservations
email Sara Moran at:
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SECRET SANTA SHOP

Grand Angels & Rotary Club of Grand Lake invite you to bring your child to the 5th Annual Secret Santa Shop on Friday and Saturday, December 18-19, 2015. The shop will be open 10am to 3pm at the Grand Lake Community Center in Town Hall. Santa will be there too! Sleigh rides on Friday, fire truck rides on Saturday!

Your child will be able to pick out a free gift for you and then have it wrapped and ready for him/her to present to you on Christmas morning. Our hope is to bring JOY to your child by sharing with him/her the lesson of love that it is truly better to give than to receive. To help with the cost of gas we will give you a \$10 gas voucher.

Volunteers needed for set up on Dec 16 & 17 and for working the shop. Being an Elf Angel is FUN! Gifts for parents and pets can be dropped off at Mountain Lake Properties or the Grand Lake Bowling Alley. Checks can be mailed to Grand Angels, PO Box 676, Grand Lake, CO 80447 – designate Secret Santa Shop. Thank you for your support and **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**