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TOWN OF GRAND LAKE NEWSLETTER

Crews & Brews Fest — Spirit of the Lake Regatta

August 2013

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Saturday, August 17, as part of Grand Lake's
Annual Brews & Crews Weekend

The Spirit of the Lake Regatta is a staggered start exhibition Head Race and Colorado River Headwaters Conservation fundraiser. This event is open to: Rowers, Kayakers, Canoeists and Stand-Up Paddle-Boarders, with separate starts for each division. Costumes are encouraged for the Regatta, Beer Fest, and Mariner's Ball; have fun and get creative. The Regatta is staged on Grand Lake (once known as Spirit Lake). For more information go to www.grandlakechamber.com.

2nd Annual Constitution Week in Grand Lake

September 17th thru September 22nd Grand Lake will celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution with Constitutional scholar speakers, a parade, events, fireworks, and a 5K Run for the Republic.



The Constitution of the United States was signed on September 17, 1787. Although the 4th of July, 1776 was the birth of our nation and our independence from England, the Constitution is what defined our nation and it's people. Please join in a variety of daily events in this wonderful celebration! Contact the Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce for more information at (970) 627-3402 or check www.grandlakechamber.com.

Grand Camp Improvements

Construction has began at 600 Mary Drive (a.k.a. Grand Camp), located on U.S. Highway 34 at Mary Drive, for grading, paving, and site work. During the construction, traffic is being detoured to Golf Course Road; signs are in place. Be watchful while road work is being conducted and please drive safely in the construction zone. Work shall be completed by October 31, 2013.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 17
Crews & Brews Fest

August 24
4th Annual Mtn Madness
Corvette Car Show

September 1
Tombstone Tales
at GL Cemetery

September 7
Loaves & Fish Fundraiser

September 7 & 8
Fall Arts & Crafts Fair

August – September
Kauffman House Open

September 17- 22
Constitution Week

September 21
Constitution Day Parade
Ceremony and Fireworks

September 29
Team Grand Lake's
Race for the Cure

Point Park Improvement Project Continues

The Arapahoe Roosevelt Pawnee Foundation is working with the Arapahoe National Recreation Area to raise funds to repave the trail, install new memorial benches and create new interpretive signs at Point Park. Thanks to Barbara Leutwiler for spearheading the local effort on these improvements.

Scentsless Chamomile—a Noxious Weed

It is not too late to get rid of the scentsless chamomile weeds, depicted in the photo on the right, that are prolific throughout the Grand Lake area. They pull up easily and can be bagged and put in trash bags for disposal.

These weeds are an ecological and agricultural disaster for Colorado. Scentsless Chamomile can produce up to 960,000 seeds per plant! The seeds germinate quickly, allowing a single plant to give rise to more than one generation within a growing season. Help rid this area of this invasive, noxious weed!



3rd Bi-annual Grand Angels' Loaves & Fish Fundraiser

Join us for food, fun, fellowship and auctions!



Grand Lake Community Center
(located in the Town Park)
Saturday, Sept. 7th 4-8 p.m.

FREE - Bring an appetizer to share
Beer and wine for sale - ID and bid number required
Silent Auction 4 p.m., Live Auction 6 p.m.

Attendance is limited; get your bid number and reserve your spot, email:
grandangels1@aol.com

View live and silent auction items www.grandangels.net

Event Sponsors (funds raised are matched – **your \$10 multiplies to \$50**):

Trinity Church in the Pines
The Grand Foundation
The Gahan Foundation
Rotary of Grand Lake
Anonymous donor

100% of proceeds support Grand County Neighbors helping Neighbors
Bring cash/checkbook and join us for this worthwhile cause!

From the Town Manager's Desk

Greetings! Can you believe it is already the middle of August?! For those of you that are here in Grand Lake, you know how busy it has been and how much is going on. I sincerely hope you are making the most of all Grand Lake has to offer. For those of you who are not in Grand Lake, I sincerely hope you know how much you are missing. Waste no time to make plans to get back to our mountain paradise!

See the calendar of events elsewhere in this issue (and a couple of the articles) for the major events and activities coming up in the next few weeks. The Chamber website (www.grandlakechamber.com) has a complete listing of all events and activities for your reference. Plan to be in Grand Lake soon!

Community engagement continues! Each of the committees (Marketing, Design, Economic Development, Management, Branding and Livability Assessment) are working on action times and making progress.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS If you aren't involved, think about doing so. If you are too busy now, then think about next month, or the fall. And not being in Grand Lake is no excuse. There are committee members who are second home-owners. They join in the fun in-person when they are able to be in Town and by conference call and email when they are elsewhere. It is not too late to get involved and make a difference in our community. Call me (627-3435) or email me (glmanager@townofgrandlake.com) to discuss the possibilities.

Wondering about our next community meeting? We are coordinating with Downtown Colorado, Inc. to schedule the next community meeting. Maybe mid September? This will be the meeting where we formally unveil the Downtown Assessment Report and discuss the Downtown Assessment Team's ideas for moving forward. Watch for announcements and plan to attend! Stay tuned for details...

Earlier this year I shared with you about Grand Lake's selection as one of five gateway communities in the nation to participate in the Federal Lands Livability Initiative (Initiative), a pilot program of The Conservation Fund (TCF) in partnership with several federal departments and agencies. The Initiative will assess livability in the Grand Lake gateway community relative to the Six Principals of Livability (Principals) as espoused by the federal departments and agencies participating in the Initiative. See a summary of the Initiative, the Principals and the Livability Assessment (Assessment) elsewhere in this issue.

The Assessment is scheduled for September 18, 19, and 20, 2013. The Livability Assessment Team will use those three days to get to know the community and our surrounding federal lands as well as meet with a large number of stakeholders from the community and our federal partners. Details of the Assessment schedule are still being developed. Save the dates and watch for announcements about the Assessment. Plan to get involved!

The process to develop the Town's budget for the coming year gets underway this month as Town Staff begin to develop our estimated revenues and expenses in preparation for our first budget meeting with the Board of Trustees in September. Do you have any ideas and suggestions for projects or programs for 2014? Please contact me (627-3435, glmanager@townofgrandlake.com) to discuss your ideas. Use this chance to get involved!

I continue to desire to expand our newsletter subscriber base so that through this forum more and more folks are in the know about what is happening in Grand Lake. We try to make the content interesting and relevant. Please spread the word about this newsletter! Tell your friends and family. As you know, signing up as a subscriber is easy (www.townofgrandlake.com/view-the-towns-newsletter.htm).

See you around Grand Lake soon!
David

FEDERAL LANDS LIVABILITY INITIATIVE

What is Livability?

U.S. DOT Secretary Ray LaHood defines livability as tying the quality and location of transportation facilities to broader opportunities such as access to good jobs, affordable housing, quality schools, and safe streets.

For the purposes of this initiative, livability in gateway communities is using existing natural and physical assets and ongoing investments to sustain and enhance community health and well-being (including economic, natural, and social health) for residents and visitors.

The federal [Partnership for Sustainable Communities](#) developed six Principles of Livability. While substantial work is being done to support, promote and implement this nationally, this livability initiative focuses on what ‘livability’ means and how it is measured in gateway communities. Gateway communities face unique challenges and must work in a symbiotic relationship with their public land partners to overcome these challenges and realize the opportunities that derive from being a gateway to the nation’s public lands. As such, we propose using an adapted version of the principles as follows (adapted text is italicized):

Provide more transportation choices *for residents, workers, and visitors.*

Promote equitable, affordable housing *and lodging choices that meet the needs of residents, workers, and visitors.*

Enhance economic competitiveness *by valuing the public lands and natural, cultural, recreational, and environmental assets associated with the gateway community.*

Support existing *gateway communities and the economic and social opportunities that sustain their unique character.*

Coordinate policies and leverage investments *within the community and between the gateway community and public lands.*

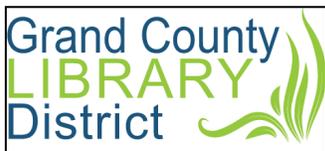
Value communities, neighborhoods *and landscapes and the area’s natural, cultural heritage, and recreational assets with investments in opportunities that foster social, economic, and public health.*

What is a Livability Assessment?

A Livability Assessment is the process of reviewing and evaluating the on-the-ground characteristics of a gateway community and its nearby public lands and summarizing observations and recommendations in an assessment report. The on-the-ground assessment team (consisting of The Conservation Fund and a federal partner) will visit and evaluate the natural, cultural, physical (infrastructure), commercial, and economic health of the gateway community and surrounding landscape as it relates to the six principles of livability. The assessment will include evaluating attractions, visitor services, physical infrastructure, organizational capacity and partnerships, the condition and preservation of resources, economic development, public support for sustainable tourism and livability, and education, outreach, and marketing. This is done through site visits, interviews with key stakeholders, and review of reports, brochures, plans, Web sites, news articles, and other relevant materials. The resulting assessment report will provide specific recommendations for planning and implementing livability improvements with emphasis on the challenges and opportunities unique to gateway communities and their nearby public lands.

July Hail Storm





November 2013 Ballot Issue

What is this ballot issue about?

Grand County voters are being asked to consider a mill levy increase for the Grand County Library District (GCLD) to sustain library services and programs at their current levels and prevent a reduction in open hours and staffing.

How is the library funded?

In 1994, voters approved a 2.41 mill levy to establish the library district. In the nearly 19 years since then the district has continued to thrive. However, based on the county's 2011 property assessment, the district experienced a 17% loss of revenues in 2012 and 2013. In response to the reduction in revenues, the district restructured, streamlined systems and processes, made reductions in staff, open hours, materials and online resources. Based on this year's property value assessment, the library district will face an additional 13% reduction in revenues in 2014, making a total 30% reduction since 2011.

How much of a tax increase is needed to sustain the libraries?

Currently, the GCLD is supported by a 2.41 mill levy. The district will ask voters for an increase of 1.5 mills to bring the mill levy to 3.91 mills.

1.5 mills amounts to an annual increase of \$12 on a \$100,000 residential property or the price of one large pizza. For more information contact the GCLD at 970 887-9411 ext 107.



Grand Lake Rotary

Citizen of Year Nomination Form

Purpose of Award – To recognize and honor local Grand Lake citizens whose actions have contributed to the quality of life and sense of civic pride in our community.

The winner of this award is selected by an independent committee of previous recipients. The process is managed and sponsored by Grand Lake Rotary. All residents of the Grand Lake area are eligible for nomination.

Nominee's Name

Nominee's Address

Nominee's Phone Numbers

Reasons for Nominating This Person(s) (Use attachments as necessary) :

**Person/Organization Making Nomination:
Return Nominations to:**

Name _____

Grand Lake Rotary

Address _____

P. O. Box 723

Phone _____

Grand Lake, CO 80447

Call 970-509-0199 for info

All nomination forms must received by no later than 9/1/2013