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TOWN OF GRAND LAKE NEWSLETTER

Shoreline Public Hearing

The Town of Grand Lake Board of Trustees has become aware of certain issues relating to the construction of boathouses on land adjacent to the lake and extending into the lake. This information could affect your property.

The Board shared the Town information concerning the lake issues at a meeting on August 13, 2012 to get your thoughts and feedback on the matter.

The Board held a Public Hearing on October 8, 2012 and received citizen feedback on the consideration of an ordinance establishing a morato-

rium on issuance of permits for boathouses and boat docks. At this meeting, the Board continued the Public Hearing and directed Town staff to revise the ordinance with the possibility of an indemnification agreement and to focus on a process similar to Grand County.

The Board invites all to attend a Public Hearing to be held in the Town Hall (1026 Park Avenue) on Monday, November 26, 2012, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This Public Hearing is for consideration of an ordinance establishing guidelines on the issuance of boathouse and boat

dock permits with the requirement of an indemnification agreement.

Copies of the ordinance are available at Town Hall during normal business hours or at www.townofgrandlake.com/ordinances.htm. Public comments and participation are both encouraged and welcome, either in person at the Public Hearing or in writing. Written comments can be delivered to the Town of Grand Lake in person, by postal mail, by FAX, or by E-Mail to gplanning@townofgrandlake.com prior to noon, November 26, 2012.

From the Town Manager's Desk

Greetings!

Well, it seems as if winter is setting in! The leaves have fallen, the elections are over, the snow will be a part of our viewscape until the spring melt, and hunting season has come and gone. In addition to all that, it is almost Thanksgiving. Don't you agree that we have so much for which to be thankful?

Don't miss the tree lighting ceremony this Friday. Many may call it 'black Friday', but this special event is anything but black as we kick-off the holiday season with some home town fun. Details are elsewhere in this issue. Hope to see you there!

I encourage each of you to enjoy the holiday season in Grand Lake. Shops, restaurants and lodging are open and ready to serve you. Shop local for all your gifts – avoid the crowds and the long lines at the big box stores and support our local small business merchants. Plan to be at our annual New Year's Eve celebration – you will not want to miss it! Snow season recreation will soon be underway with something locally for everyone – snowmobiling, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, ice skating and more.

The Town's budget development for 2013 continues. A public hearing on the budget was held November 12. Final adoption is scheduled

for December 10, 2012. Between now and the 10th, the Board of Trustees will make final adjustments to forecasts of revenue and expenses (operations and capital improvements). The proposed budget is available for review and the Board of Trustees welcomes your constructive input. I encourage all Grand Lakers to participate in the budget process. Take advantage of the opportunity to get involved.

Another activity underway this winter addresses economic development in Grand Lake. In cooperation with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and Downtown Colorado, Inc., the Town will complete a Downtown Assessment in February, 2013. This 2-day event will reach out to the community through a series of focus groups and result in the development of a report by a team of experts assembled by DOLA and DCI. The report will outline a number of action items that businesses, the Town and the Chamber can take to improve the business climate of Grand Lake. I encourage everyone to participate, so watch for more details on times and dates!

Have a happy Thanksgiving and see you around Grand Lake soon!

Best Regards,

David

Town Ice Rink



Popular in its new centralized location (next to Town Hall) on the basketball court, the ice skating rink 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.

Continuing the partnership formed in 2010, Blue Water Bakery will have ice skates available for free public use once the rink is open.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 23

Tree Lighting Ceremony & Caroling
5:30 p.m. Town Park

November 23 & 24

Town Hall Closed

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Kauffman House
Open House
1- 4 p.m.

November 23 & 24

Olde Fashioned Holiday
Craft Bazaar
GL Elementary 10-5

December 2

Grand Angels Fundraiser
Christmas Concert &
Peggy Mann CD Release

December 8

Grand Chorale
Christmas Concert
Community House

December 11

Delicious Dishes
Daven Haven

2013 Nightly Rental License Renewals

The time is fast approaching for everyone that has a Nightly Rental License with the Town of Grand Lake to renew that license. Renewals are due by January 1, 2013. Anyone who doesn't get their renewal in by that date will not be able to advertise to rent or rent their home on a nightly basis (any timeframe under 30 days to one entity) until they obtain a license. Applications received after January 1, 2013 must be treated as a new application.

There are currently — licenses issued in town for nightly rentals, and one more license is pending issuance.

Letters have been sent to the current list of homeowners with a nightly rental license, but if you didn't get the letter or misplace it, the forms can be found on the Town's website at www.townofgrandlake.com under the "I want to" heading and then "apply for a permit".

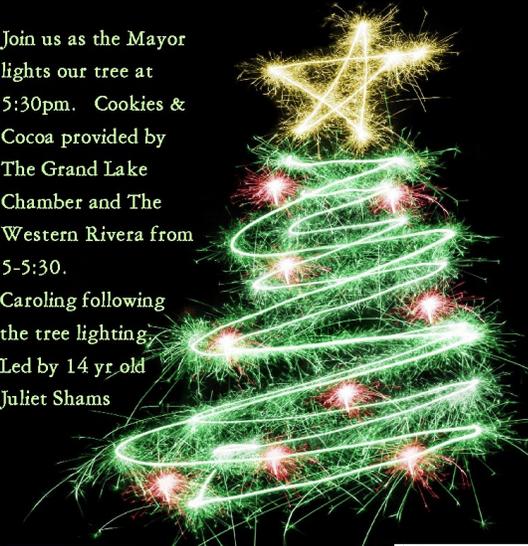
Christmas Tree Donation

The Town has received a donation of the 2012 Christmas tree to be displayed downtown during the holiday season. Thanks to Robert & Nancy Lavington for the generous donation! All are welcome to attend the tree lighting ceremony on Friday, November 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday November 23th 5:30 pm @ town park

Join us as the Mayor lights our tree at 5:30pm. Cookies & Cocoa provided by The Grand Lake Chamber and The Western Rivera from 5-5:30. Caroling following the tree lighting. Led by 14 yr old Juliet Shams





For More Information
970-627-3402



In Memorium

Town staff was saddened by the recent passing of Tom Powell, Mechanic/Operator II for the Public Works Department. It is never easy to lose a co-worker and friend. Tom will be missed.

Who's Open in Town on Thanksgiving Day

El Pacifico	Noon to 9 p.m. (970) 627-1934
Grumpy's Saloon	Potluck 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. (970) 627-0123
Lariat Saloon	11 a.m. to 2 a.m.
O – A Bistro	Please call ahead (970) 627-5080
Rocky Mountain Outfitters	Please call (970) 798-8021
Circle D Foods	9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (970) 627-3210
Lone Eagle Gas Station	9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (24 hr. by ccd at pump)



A Little Twinkle Goes a Long Way

As you drive down Grand Avenue, have you ever really looked at the charm of our main street? Now imagine that charm sparkling with the bright stars of holiday lights reflecting off the snow. If we don't have the perfect Christmas card right here in our front yard, then it doesn't exist. So let's get out those lights and bedeck this jewel of a town like it's never seen, down Grand Avenue and up through the hillsides, businesses and homes alike. If you light it, they will come! (And don't forget the home that might be for sale. The house with holiday lights will grab the buyer's heart faster than a dark hole).

Snowmobile Season

As winter approaches, the Town would like to remind all snowmobilers to respect our residential areas when riding. Please go directly to and from your destinations in Town. Do not ride in town between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except for **one** entry to or exit from town. Obey all speed limits, yield to all cars and pedestrians, have valid registrations, driver's licenses and snowmobile safety certificates (required for those under age 16). Ride in a single file as far right as possible and in the same direction as the automobile traffic. Stay on the trail in Rocky Mountain National Park. Remember, riding on the lakes is extremely dangerous due to open water and thin ice.



Have a safe and fun winter!