



# TOWN OF GRAND LAKE NEWSLETTER

## The Soul of the Rockies™

March 2017

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### Town Talk From the Town Manager



In many parts of Colorado, it hardly looks like winter anymore. As I am writing this, I am told it may be 80 degrees in Denver today. Here in Grand Lake and in our back yard in Rocky Mountain National Park, we still can enjoy winter for a while longer.

We have hired a new Town Planner, Nate Shull. He holds a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado Denver and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from the University of Florida in Gainesville. He was most recently employed at the Downtown Denver Partnership -City of Denver's Mall Experience initiative. He will begin on March 16, 2017. Give him a chance to settle in for a few days then come by to say hello. We also want to thank Don W. Baird for his help in smoothing the transition from our former Town Planner to our new Town Planner. Some shared time together in the next two weeks will help bring Nate up to speed.

Over the winter, the Town has been working with our consultants: George K. Baum, Investment Banking Firm and Butler, Snow, LLC, our legal counsel on the sale of our municipal bonds so we can begin our Streetscape Project this spring. I extend a very special thanks to Erin Ackerman, Town Treasurer, and to Katie Nicholls, Town Clerk, for their collective efforts in providing information in response to the sales tax bond questionnaire. Phase One includes infrastructure; boardwalk replacement; storm drainage; irrigation; traffic calming measures; street lighting and other improvements on Grand avenue from Hancock to Vine. We are also working with Diamondback Engineering to complete construction drawings as we prepare to put the project out to bid.

We continue to work on our West Portal Bridge Project. Costs estimates have risen and we are looking for further financial assistance through the offsite bridge program managed by the Colorado Municipal League to secure additional funding.

The Town will be replacing our East Inlet boat docks and improving the boat ramp this spring. The Town Board has several options under consideration.

Funding for the boat inspection project is in jeopardy this year, but efforts by the Town of Grand Lake, Grand County, the Bureau of Reclamation, the US Forest Service, the State of Colorado, Northern Water and other interested parties are underway to continue the project funding on a temporary basis while long term funding is being pursued legislatively.

Remember to purchase your Rocky Mountain Repertory Theater tickets soon. RMRT will present Mama Mia, Newsies, and West Side Story during the summer and Almost Heaven as the finale this year.

That's all folks, for now. I hope to see you around Town! Happy St. Patrick's Day !



*Jim White*

## Nightly Rental Licenses in Grand Lake




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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**March 17**

St. Patrick's Day

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Grand Lake Fireworks  
Fundraiser at El Pacifico  
At 5pm.

**March 18**

Kauffman House Open  
1-4 pm, Treats and Tours

**April 15**

Annual Easter Egg  
Hunt in Town Square.

Nightly Rental Licenses for short term rentals in Grand County are a hot topic right now. Recently, the Grand County Board of County Commissioners held a discussion regarding a series of proposed changes on how the County regulates short term rentals. In this way, Grand Lake is ahead of the curve. As many people in Grand Lake are aware, the Town implemented a nightly rental licensing process for short term rentals (nightly rentals less than 30 days). The Grand Lake Municipal Code states "...no person shall rent or advertise to rent a single family structure, dwelling, dwelling unit or lock-off unit for nightly rental purposes, except in accordance with the provisions of this Article." (Section 12-2-31 (B)4 of the Code). This means - any homeowner within the Town of Grand Lake boundaries who wishes to make their home available for short term rental must submit a Nightly Rental Application to the Town for review and approval *before* putting it in the rental pool.

Homeowners are required to provide certain documentation with their application, including but not limited to, a site plan outlining the area of use, a Grand Lake Business License, a Colorado Sales Tax License and a \$600 license fee. Adjoining homeowners are noticed prior to a Nightly Rental License being issued. If the Applicant meets all the requirements, a Nightly Rental License is issued.

Generally, there are very few conflicts between neighbors and rental guests. However, when these issues do arise, neighbors may send in a letter of complaint to Grand Lake Town Staff. If there are recurring issues, a nightly rental license may be reviewed by the Board of Trustees who may then place conditions upon the license or even decide to not renew the license.

There is a onetime \$150 application fee which covers Town Staff time and the mailing costs of notifying adjoining properties. The \$600 is divided into two categories by order of *Resolution No. 20-2015* which states that any funds not allocated to the Grand Lake Chamber for Marketing Services will be allocated to the Town's Affordable Housing Fund. The applicant must renew their license and pay the \$600 license fee annually.

Town Staff would like to thank all homeowners and property managers who are working with the Town and keeping their licenses current. If you have any questions about Nightly Rental Licenses (or any other item in the Municipal Code) please feel free to contact the Code Administrator, Erin ORourke, at 970-627-3435 or at [code@townofgrandlake.com](mailto:code@townofgrandlake.com)

## Board of Trustee/Planning Commission Meeting Information

Grand Lake has Board of Trustee Meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of every month. There is a workshop before the evening meetings. The public is welcome to come to the workshop, however, at the workshop the Board can gather information from the public but can not act or comment on the information. The evening meeting takes place at 7:30pm, and the public can bring items to the board and request action. The town residents are welcomed and encouraged to come to these meetings. It is a great way to see how the Board is addressing situations in town, and how the Government works in a small town. Instead of hearing about the information from a neighbor or friend, its best to hear the information first hand. You may have some great ideas or suggestions that would help the town, and your input would be valued. This is your chance to get involved as a citizen in a small mountain town.

The next Meeting will be on March 27th. The workshop is at 5pm and the evening meeting is at 7:30pm. The Agenda has not yet been set for this meeting, however, on the Friday before each meeting you are welcome to go to our town website at [www.townofgrandlake.com](http://www.townofgrandlake.com) and under meetings and agendas you will find the agenda posted.

The Planning Commission holds their meetings on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the each month, unless there is no agenda. Once again check the town website to see if there will be a meeting and what items might be on the agenda.

Also, after each meeting the minutes are posted on the website for the general public to read so they can stay informed.

Remember, it's your town and you can participate in it's future.




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## **THE TOWN'S APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**The Board of Trustees** serves as the community's legislative body; meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. The workshop meets at 5pm and the evening meeting meets at 7:30pm.

Mayor: James Peterson

Mayor Pro-Tem: Kathy Lewis

Trustees:

Steve Krudron

Lisa Jenkins

Tom Goodfellow

**\*The Town is seeking 2 additional Trustees: please contact Town Hall with questions.**

**The Planning Commission** serves in an advisory capacity to the Town Board; meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm, if there is an agenda.

Chairman: Hayden Southway

Vice Chairman: Robert Canon

Commissioners:

Elmer Lanzi

Paul Gilbert

John Murray

James Shockey

**\*The Town is seeking an additional Planning Commission Member, please contact Town Hall with questions.**

**The Cemetery Committee** administers and preserves the history of Grand Lake Cemetery; meets as needed.

Chairman: Corrine Lively

Members:

Martha Boehner

Mandy Hanifen

Christina Rourke



## 2017 Annual Commercial Enhancement Grant Program For the Town of Grand Lake



### **Objective:**

The Grand Lake Commercial Enhancement Grant Program has been made available to allow Grand Lake organizations and businesses the opportunity to receive a matching grant for aesthetic property improvements.

Organizations or business owners shall submit applications outlining their proposal and anticipated beneficial impacts. Allocation of the funds will be based on proposal merits and decided upon by the Downtown Community Initiative Design Committee and administered by Town Staff. Grant amounts are limited to 50% of the projected total cost with maximum Town contribution of \$1,000.00 per project. Town Staff must receive all paid receipts within 45 days of completion of the project before the awarded grant amount will be reimbursed. Individuals/entities performing the work must comply with all Town licensing, tax and permitting requirements. The grantee may be subject to a 1099 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Service.

### **Applications will be considered twice a year in the Spring and Fall.**

**Spring Application Submission Deadline:** April 17<sup>th</sup>. Grant award will be made by May 17<sup>th</sup>. Projects must be completed no later than July 1st.

**Fall Application Submission Deadline (funding dependent):** August 14<sup>th</sup>. Grant award will be made by September 14<sup>th</sup>. Projects must be completed no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Eligible Projects (subject to change on an annual basis).**

- Building Facade improvements such as but not limited to: renovations, painting, remodeling, signage, awnings, cornices, and lighting. Boardwalk repair not eligible.
- Landscaping
- Exterior enhancements including public and private art

### **Evaluation Criteria**

- The degree of beneficial impact on the commercial area.
- The amount of visual enhancement to areas viewed by large numbers of people.
- Conformance to the character of the neighborhood and compliance with town regulations.
- Other relevant factors deemed important by the Community Initiative Design Committee.

### **Submission Requirements** (to be dropped off at the Grand Lake Town Hall or mailed to the above address).

- Completed Commercial Enhancement Grant Program Application with all supporting documents.
- Sketch, color rendering or photograph of applicable work.
- Site plan or sketch of project location on the commercial location.
- Complete itemized cost breakdown estimate.
- Planting proposals must provide a complete plant list with quantities.
- Applications may be submitted by tenants with written approval by property owner.

*Note: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.  
You can pick up a complete application packet at Town Hall, or find it on our website,  
[www.townofgrandlake.com](http://www.townofgrandlake.com).*

## Andy Murphy's Challenge.....

Andy Murphy owner of Mountain Paddlers has donated \$1,000.00 to Grand Lake Fireworks Organization to build a new barge. Andy is presenting a challenge to other business owners and residents to do the same. As you may know, the Town of Grand Lake is known for our fireworks displays. We are fortunate to have Colorado's largest natural lake at our back door, and being able to present dazzling fireworks displays over the lake is extremely impressive. Andy has the hopes that others will take him up on his challenge to insure the Grand Lake Fireworks shows are safe and successful for many years to come.



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## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Grand Lake Fire Protection District will be hosting  
their annual Easter Egg Hunt  
in Grand Lake Town Square in Town Park  
on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 11am.  
Find the golden eggs and receive a prize!



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## GRAND LAKE CENTER UPDATE

We just launched our new website! [www.grandlakecenter.com](http://www.grandlakecenter.com) Check us out online!

Reserve a meeting room, work out in our fitness center, host your family reunion or attend an event. Crystal Myers is our Lead-Coordinator and Bea Kaufman is our Assistant Coordinator. To speak to either Crystal or Bea call 970-627-2415. Remember the center's office is closed on Sunday's and Monday's. Normal office hours are 9am to 5pm.



## FACTS ABOUT SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Saint Patrick was actually British. Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish himself. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late Fourth century.

According to Irish legend, Saint Patrick wasn't originally called Patrick. His birth name was Maewyn Succat, but he changed his name to Patricius after becoming a priest.

The phrase "drowning the shamrock" is rooted in a tradition in which a shamrock worn on the lapel for St. Patrick's Day was tossed in the last drink of the evening. Furthermore, the shamrock is not the symbol of Ireland. That honor goes to the harp. A popular icon of the holiday, the shamrock was actually used by St. Patrick to teach the Holy Trinity.

The first American St. Patrick's Day celebration took place in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1737. New York City's Saint Patrick's Day Parade is one of the world's largest parades. The first New York City's St. Patrick's day parade was in 1762. British soldiers from Ireland marched through the streets of New York City to honor St. Patrick. The parade marchers have traipsed up Fifth Avenue on foot-the parade still doesn't allow floats, cars or other modern trappings.

The first St. Patrick's day parade that was held in Dublin, Ireland was in 1931. The holiday wasn't a National Holiday in Ireland until 1903.

Corned beef and cabbage, a traditional St. Patrick's Day staple, doesn't have anything to do with the grain corn. Instead, it's a nod to the large grains of salt that were historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns".



WHAT TIME DO THE  
SHENANIGANS START?



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 BE LESS   
 and your  
 Blessings  
 be MORE.....  
 AND NOTHING BUT  
**HAPPINESS**  
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