TOWN OF GRAND LAKE NEWSLETTER

The Soul of the Rockies ™

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Spring is definitely upon us; the Ospreys and Bald Eagles, and Bears abound. Rude Awakening beckons the residents to get out and celebrate the warmer weather and begin to look ahead toward summer.

It's been great to see some of our local businesses owners remodeling their storefronts (painting or reconstructing), or completing renovation of interior space. It's a refreshing complement to the Streetscape project Phase 1 which was completed last summer.

On Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 6pm in Town Hall, beginning at 6pm, we will hold our second Public Meeting to present an update on the scope of work planned for this summer in Phase 2 of the Streetscape Project. It will include: A Revised Scope of Work; Construction and Traffic Impacts; Our Communications Plan; and Answers to Resident Questions, Comments, and Concerns.

We received notice this morning from our contact at CDOT that funding has been approved from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for an additional $424,000 for our West Portal Bridge Rehabilitation Project. CDOT can now move forward to amend our previous Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Following the revision of the IGA, we receive a formal Notice to Proceed. Then we can contact Structures, Inc., our selected contractor from the competitive bid process and make plans to begin our project. West Portal Road will be closed during construction and traffic routed through town.

On Friday, May 18, 2018 a new business is opening in Grand Lake. The Grand Lake Bike Company will open adjacent to the Grand Mountain Bank on the corner of Grand and Ellsworth. Free burgers and the opportunities to try out the bikes will be provided for the first 100 guests.

The Grand Lake Lodge, under new ownership, is continuing through the development process. It is a multi –year project that currently has a Public Hearing scheduled at Town Hall on June 6, 2018 at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting beginning at 6:30pm.

The Park Avenue Lofts Project is nearing completing on Park and Vine, a project done by Sloan Construction. The next Sloan Construction project is the Boardwalk Lofts project on the site of the former bowling alley. Work is currently underway in collaboration with businesses housed in the adjacent building. They are consolidating work from the corner all the way to RMRT…this work will continue all summer.

According to Jon T. Hall, the Town's Headwaters Marina Director, we will open the Town Marina (weather permitting) on Saturday, May 19, 2018 with boat rentals from 9am till 5pm…last rentals due back at 6pm. There will also be a "Sunset Cruise" Saturday evening from 6pm till 7pm.

Our Rocky Mountain Repertory Theater opens with its production of Annie on Friday June 8, 2018. There's already a lot of activity going on with our early spring. I hope to see you around Town!

Jim White

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Town of Grand Lake Regulations

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 19
Grand Lake Gardener's Exchange Noon to 4pm

May 19
Town Beautification Day & a Potluck Lunch Heckert Pavilion 9a.m.—11:30

May 19
Arbor Day—11:30 GL Center

May 26 (tentative)
Trail Ridge Road Opens

May 26
Bingo in the Park begins

May 26
Kauffman House opens 11 a.m.—5 p.m. daily

May 28
Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony at 10AM

June 9-10
Craft Fair Town Square Park

June 13-14
Ride the Rockies

June 16
Rubber Duck Race

Grand Avenue – Boardwalks and Greenways

Spring is here and businesses are busy preparing for summer visitors. In the spirit of welcoming our guests the Town would like to remind you of a few regulations regarding the Boardwalks and Greenways on Grand Ave:

- **Greenways** – any improvements, such as benches, picnic tables, art, decorations, landscaping, etc. must be reviewed and approved by the Town prior to installation. If you currently have items in the Greenway in front of your business and are not sure if you have approval for those items, please contact the Code Administrator at Town Hall. We can review your property file to determine if you have submitted a permit application in the past. Unapproved improvements may be subject to a warning and/or fine per the Municipal Code Section 11-4-10 Greenway Obstructions.
- **Boardwalks** – No obstructions or improvements are allowed on the boardwalks at any time to ensure free and safe passage for pedestrians. Municipal Code 11-4-8 Obstruction of Sidewalks and Boardwalks Prohibited.
- **Boardwalks, display of merchandise** – Merchandise may not be displayed on the Boardwalk without a permit. Permits may be submitted and, if approved, are only valid for specified dates. Please see Municipal Code Section 11-4-8 (B).
- **Boardwalk Maintenance** – please help the Town maintain our new Boardwalks. If you notice any issues with the boards, including cracking, warping, etc. please report the location and concern to Town Hall at 627-3435 or to code@townofgrandlake.com
- **Boardwalk Signage** – Sandwich Board Signs are Not Allowed on Boardwalks at any time. There will be minor streetscape projects on and around Grand Ave. this summer (definitely won't be as dusty as last year!). Business owners may use 3'x5' red, white and blue "OPEN" flags to be used in front of businesses, as they did last summer. Flags should be taken down each night at closing. Please be sure that flags hang at least 7 feet above the Boardwalk or Greenway. LED/neon signs hung on the inside of windows are allowed, however, flashing, blinking or animated signs are not allowed.

These are just some of the regulations that the Town has implemented, via its Municipal Code, over the years. It is not the Town's intention to be heavy handed regarding code enforcement, however, many regulations are in place for safety and overall enjoyment of the Town by its residents and guests. Town Staff and Trustees agree that enforcement should be applied fairly and consistently and we make every effort to maintain that standard. We hope that you will continue to work with us as we strive to maintain Grand Lake's rustic charm.

Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre Welcome Back Party

Join the Grand Arts Council in welcoming back the RMRT at El Pacifico restaurant, 920 Grand Ave. on Wednesday May 30th, 5pm to 7pm. Don't miss this anticipated annual event to welcome back the actors and directors and to celebrate the coming season. You will be treated to light appetizers and songs from many of the actors. A $10 donation is suggested.

MOOSE WARNING

The moose activity in the Town of Grand Lake is high right now. More people each year are injured by moose then by bears. When people don't see moose as potentially dangerous, they approach too closely and put themselves at risk. View them from a distance!!!

Memorial Day Parade

Grand Lake's Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 28th, starting at 10AM. The Grand Lake Memorial Parade & Ceremony honors those who served to protect and defend our nation in this western gateway town. It includes Veterans, service groups, horses, and plenty of patriotism! Following the parade will be a ceremony in Town Park with live music. If you would like to participate in the parade, contact the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce for an application, 970-627-3402.

Grand Lake Beautification Day, Arbor Day and Lunch

Grand Lake Town Clean up day is scheduled for **MAY 19th.** We will be meeting at **9am** in Town Park. Join your neighbors and help us clean up the Town in preparation for the summer season. We will NOT be accepting furniture, appliances, or electronics. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. The entire community, non-profits, town, and business owners are encouraged to get involved and continue the community engagement and collaboration efforts.

There will be a lunch provided to all volunteers. Lunch will begin at approximately 11am in Town Park.

Arbor Day will also be celebrated on Saturday, May 19th. Stay with us after your volunteer lunch or join us in Town Park at noon to hear the Mayor's proclamation and help plant our newest tree, everyone is welcome!!

Annual Gardeners Exchange

MAY 19th Noon to 4pm
In the Grand Lake Community House
GARDEN PLANTS WILL BE FOR SALE/OR TRADE

I am sure you will see your friends and neighbors at this event and this is a good time to learn a bit more about high country gardening. Share gardening tips, information and inspiration. There will be many varieties of annuals and perennials.

For more details call Pam Coonrod at 970-627-3055

Grand Lake Center News

Hey, Hey, Hey it's already May and the Grand Lake Center is starting to book up for this summer! With several HOA meetings booked including Grand View Villas, Shoreline Landing and recently Wildacres, the GLC is the perfect space to hold your meeting. It's a great place to bring everyone together, many whom have never seen our amazing Grand Lake community center and all of the wonderful amenities, activities and multi-use space we have to offer. We welcome the Rotary Club of Grand Lake who has recently moved their bi-monthly meetings here as well as the Heart and Soul Project which meets here once a month. We have non-profit rates available, call our staff and book your meeting today!

Join us for our hot summer sale! Through May and June we are offering a 3 month membership for only $90! That's $10 off of our monthly rate! It's a great opportunity to renew your commitment to yourself, join for the summer months, or to get started on your new fitness program. Membership includes use of the cardio and weight rooms, walking track, game room, toddler play room, Pickle ball, and more! If you are a returning member we can easily reactivate your keyless entry card. New members will need to pay a one-time, refundable $10 key deposit. Keyless entry gives all members after-hours access 7 days a week. Don't miss out on this awesome deal!

Do you have a fun activity, skill, sport, craft, athletic/dance class for adults or children you may be interested in teaching this summer? We are looking to add more activities to our summer schedule. Call us at 970-627-2415 to discuss starting up your one-time or on-going class. We would love to speak with you and help get you started!

We would like to cordially invite you to the Grand Lake Open House and Grand Lake Heart and Soul launch potluck party, Friday June 1st from 4-8pm. The Heart and Soul Project involves everyone. It's listening to all voices, creating a deep-seated sense of unity, where issues may be addressed together rather than divided. It seeks voices that may not normally be heard helping to create a shared sense of belonging to ultimately strengthen the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of Grand Lake. Tours of the Center will run from 4-6pm, followed by a potluck dinner from 6-8pm. Bring your favorite dish to share and come see what the Heart and Soul project is all about. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sarah Chabot with Sarah Chabot Massage Therapy will be hosting a make and take essential oils classes this month. Friday, May 25th at 11am will be "Skin Health with Oils". Learn the oils to support healthy skin and create the youthful glow. For $6 create a make and take body scrub. For more information or to register call 970-616-2868.
Check our calendar at www.grandlakecenter.com as new things are always being added.
Have a great month!
Grand Lake Center Team

BEARS

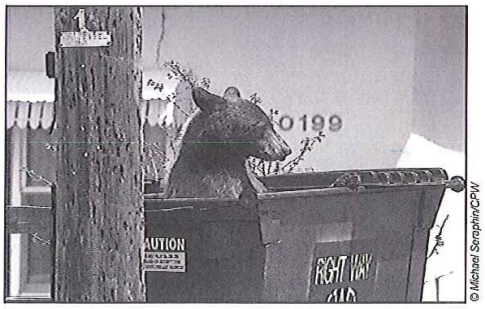
COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

Bearproofing Your Trash

Help Keep Bears Wild

Garbage Kills Bears

Allowing bears to use trash and garbage as a food source creates serious problems for both people and bears. Because the food reward is so great, bears are willing to work hard to get at trash and garbage, and return often in hopes of finding more. These food-conditioned bears sometimes enter homes, garages or even vehicles in search of an easy meal. Bears in pursuit of such a good source of calories can do a lot of property damage, and even become aggressive. Allowing bears to get into the garbage is one of the leading causes of human-bear conflicts. Being smart about how you handle and store your trash can protect your home and property, and help keep bears alive and wild.



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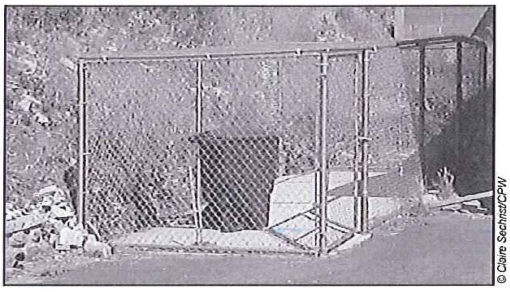
Lock it Up

Keep trash and recyclables safely locked inside your home or a sturdy, locked garage or outbuilding constructed of heavy wood or metal. Don't leave any trash outside overnight; even empty bottles, cans, packages and recyclables have odors that attract bears. Don't store trash on your deck or screened-in porch, and don't stash your trash in your car, truck or camper. If you keep trash in your garage or an outbuilding, it should have sturdy doors and windows that lock. Put trash out the morning of pick up only.

Use a Bear-Resistant Enclosure

Ordinary chain link, wood or vinyl fencing won't keep out bears. Bears are great climbers and can easily scoot up and over fencing if there's something on the other side they really want. Black bears are also good diggers and can tunnel underneath fencing as well.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If you can't store your garbage inside a sturdy locked building, a heavy-duty chain-link fenced enclosure with a chain-link "roof" and a concrete pad bottom and a locking (not latching) gate can help keep out your average bears. Just remember that garbage in an enclosure still gives off odors that attract bears and other wildlife, so it's very important you always remember to lock the enclosure, and check your home and property often to make sure there's nothing else for bears to explore after they give up on the trash. See our brochure on Living with Bears and our fact sheet on bear proofing your home for more information.

In areas with high bear activity, it's better to secure trash inside the house, or a sturdy locked garage or specially constructed outbuilding with concrete or cinder block construction with heavy duty wood or steel doors and roof. Sides need to be flush with the ground, with no more than a 2-inch gap at the bottom of the doors. Ventilation holes should be kept to a minimum and covered with heavy gauge steel mesh.

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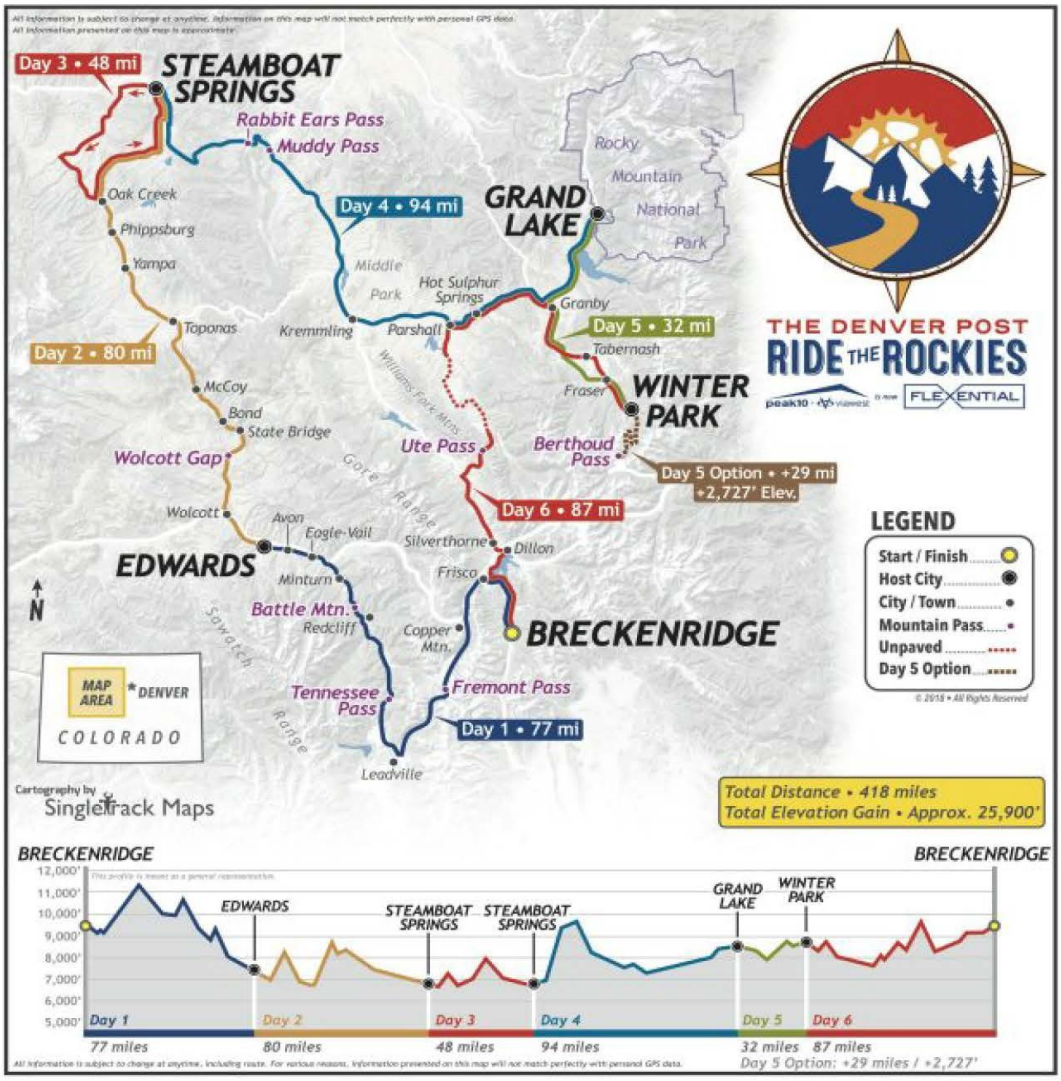
RIDE THE ROCKIES

Ride the Rockies Overnight in Grand Lake – June 13th!
Contact the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce if you would like to volunteer for this event.