



## MANAGER UPDATE

1/26/2026

To: Town of Grand Lake Board of Trustees

From: Steve Kudron, Town Manager

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### Activities & Events Recap

- The Three Lakes Tournament was held this past weekend. While the registration is substantially down, the Town did receive a good number of participants over the weekend.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lake Pond Hockey Tournament is this weekend January 31 and February 1, 2026. I'm certain Trustee attendance will be welcomed throughout the event.
- The Ice rink in Town Square Park has been filled and is frozen. The surface is solid and in use daily. Skaters have begun to skate on the lake as well.
- Winter Carnival is February 7<sup>th</sup>. The Theme is Viking!
- The Denver Snowmobile Club has confirmed their use of the Community House for the February 14<sup>th</sup> Flight for Life Poker Run.

### Department Notes

- **Admin**
  - Water billing has been completed. Cards should arrive in the mail this week
  - Staff continues to digitize all the Town's historic planning documents. This will help to remove much of the clutter in the planning office in increase accessibility to the important Town documents.
- **Finance**
  - Our ERP integration process is beginning. Timeline meeting is tomorrow 1.27.26.
  - Our new treasurer continues her training on the Towns financials and is working to provide more detailed reports for added transparency and access.
- **Code Enforcement**
  - STR enforcement continues. Staff has been able to successfully collect many past fees and is increasing our compliance significantly.

- **Planning**
  - Ayres met with the Planning Commission regarding 2026 code clarity. As the Commission addresses items of confusion or concern within the code, the Board will hear their recommendations throughout the year.
  - Anterrio Group has successfully submitted a grant to GOCO for trail mapping and wayfinding starting in Grand Lake. I will continue to provide updates as we progress.
  - The Colorado Energy Office has recommended us to resubmit with adjustments our last mile transit opportunities. This is the grant that would provide shuttle planning and implementation.
  - ***There is an opening on the Grand Lake Planning Commission. A full commission ensures the best representation possible.***
  - Grand Lake Transit continues to develop routes and timing. The Board will meet with transit on February 9, 2026 for updates prior to the community engagement process.
  - The Next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is February 4, 2026
  
- **Public Works**
  - Public Works has received training on the Polecat Snowmaker. Production of snow will continue to ensure Town has the snow needed for our winter events.
  - Public Works staff is doing interior repairs and other interior projects during this slow snow period.
  
- **Grand Lake Center**
  - Center activity continues to be brisk.
  - Final bids for the flooring are in progress and will be brought to the Board in the future.
  
- **Marketing/Events/Visitor Center/Communications**
  - Visitor Center staff transition has been quite seamless. Our Town ambassadors are a wealth of information on who visits us daily. Please welcome Brenda, Judy & Brookes to Town Staff!
  - The Town's request for funding from Grand County Tourism. The Board has approved \$70,000 for 2026 marketing spend. This is the full amount we could have qualified for in 2026.
  - Staff will be bringing a resolution for support of establishing Grand Lake as a certified Main Street community. The access to training, resources and grants will be a great value to our business community. Sarah Weekes will be the Town administrator of the project.
  - At the February 23, 2026 Regular meeting, staff will be presenting the complete marketing strategy plan calculating using all committed funding sources.
  
- **Intergovernmental**
  - I attended the County Stream Management Plan update this past week at the Willow Creek campus of Northern Water. 42 of the county's stream reaches were analyzed and graded. Even with a recent fire, the streams of the headwaters are in great condition, receiving mostly grades of A's and B's.
  - The Town participated in a second-round interview for a Colorado Energy Office Accelerator
  - I will be attending Colorado Preservation Inc.'s Saving Places 2026 February 11-13, 2026 in Denver.

- **Water Department**
  - Q1 Water billing has been completed
  - Water repairs are completed.
  - Normal operations
- **Marina**
  - Quiet Time
- **Pay as You Throw**
  - Normal Operations
- **Space to Create**
  - Makers Space continues to progress. Much of the framing inside the Makers Space has been completed. Wall insulation is complete. Siding continues
  - Modules are in production. Ten of the thirteen modules are currently in production. Delivery is schedule for the week after Skijor.

**Upcoming Event Highlights:**

- January 23-25, 2026: Three Lakes Fishing Tournament
- January 31, 2026 – Pond Hockey Classic
- January 29-31, 2026: Youth Theater at the Community House.
- February 7, 2026: Winter Carnival. Get your Viking on!
- February 14, 2026: Flight for Life Poker Run
- February 21-22, 2026: Tightline Outdoors Fishing and Education Weekend
- February 28-March 1, 2026 Grand Lake Skijor

*For all the great events happening in Grand Lake as well as Rocky Mountain Folk School classes, check out the December newsletter on the Town's website.*

**Next Board Meeting:** February 9, 2026