



## MANAGER UPDATE

1/12/2026

To: Town of Grand Lake Board of Trustees

From: Steve Kudron, Town Manager

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**Mayor & Trustees: Happy New Year and to a prosperous 2026! We are excited to get the year off to a great start.**

### Activities & Events Recap

- The Christmas Holiday season, while absent much of the snow we are accustomed to drew visitors, locals and our second home population into Town for the spirit of the season and our ever-present hospitality.
- Everyone who I spoke with raved at the annual New Years fireworks celebration. Lake conditions didn't allow for a lake shoot, but the show didn't disappoint. Many revelers enjoyed the fact that it wasn't below zero when they watched.
- The Ice rink in Town Square Park has been filled and is frozen. It has been open since Christmas weekend.
- Holes will be drilled at the lake rink to test thickness on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will begin snow removal and flooding, if conditions allow.

### Department Notes

- **Admin**
  - Water billing is being completed this week. It is a smaller run without summer meters.
  - Staff is in the process of digitizing all the Town's historic mylars. This will help to remove much of the clutter in the planning office.
- **Finance**
  - Final 2026 budget documents will be filed with the State at the end of January. Our annual audit is scheduled to begin the first week of March with Dazzio & Associates.
  - Our ERP integration process is beginning. Town staff was introduced to the Open GOV implementation team in late December. I will keep you up to date on the process as it moves along.

- **Code Enforcement**
  - STR enforcement has uncovered many locations that were not compliant either through a lack of system knowledge by the homeowner or not being current in their license payments. Our CEO has been able to get many of these STRs into compliance the past 30 days.
  
- **Planning**
  - Ayres is beginning to plan for workshops with the Planning Commission regarding 2026 code changes. As the Commission addresses items of confusion or concern within the code, the Board will hear their recommendations throughout the year.
  - ***There is an opening on the Grand Lake Planning Commission. A full commission ensures the best representation possible.***
  - Grand Lake Transit continues to develop our routes and times. The next scheduled meeting is January 21, 2026
  - The Next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is January 21, 2026
  
- **Public Works**
  - Logan Cross has been promoted to the position of Public Works Director. We received five applications and Logan's qualifications stood out among all candidates. Congratulations Logan!
  - Several Town wayfinding signs were stolen on January 6, 2026. The theft was reported to authorities and replacements are completed.
  - The Pitkin House remediation is completed. Town staff will complete the walls and other minor repairs.
  - The Town's new PoleCat snowmaker has arrived. Training has been setup and sessions with nearby users (Winter Park, Granby Ranch) have been initiated.
  
- **Grand Lake Center**
  - Pickleball is in full swing at the Center. Crystal reports every day is a busy day this month!
  
- **Marketing/Events/Visitor Center/Communications**
  - Katie Hearsom has been promoted to the position of Marketing and Communications Manager. She brings a wealth of experience from her career in public relations and advertising as well as her deep knowledge of our community. Katie recently celebrated her six-year anniversary with the Town. Congrats to Katie!
  - The Visitor Center continues to operate 5 days a week as scheduled. Some staff members will become cross trained in both Visitor Center and GLC desks to ensure continuity of operations when team members are out.
  - Katie continues to meet our marketing partners to ensure an effective transition to the Town's marketing direction.
  
- **Intergovernmental**
  - I attended the Wildfire Action Plan meeting in Winter Park last month. The County has been working on prioritization of resources should another wildfire event occur in our area.

Tactics include recognition of fire/flood/slide potentials and protections to critical infrastructure.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> bi-monthly Mayor Manager Commissioners meeting was held in Winter Park on January 12, 2026.
- Our next Transit Meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026
- CO Aerolab has been awarded a grant from the Grand Foundation to investigate ways to make day care and after school viable in our part of the county. The Town is cooperating as much as possible on the endeavor.
- The Three Lakes Watershed Association on behalf of the Town has been awarded a grand of \$1.273m to complete implementing the Town's west side storm water management plan.
- The Town participated in a second-round interview for a Colorado Energy Office Accelerator Grant. Antero has been supporting the efforts of a \$995,000 grant to provide final mile transportation, wayfinding and trail implementation for public access to the many trails, activities and neighborhoods within the community.
- The Town did not receive an award from the Department of Transportation's Safe Streets for All program. While the notification was disappointing, it should be noted that no applications from Colorado were awarded in the \$953m distribution (the only state to receive no funding)
- I will be attending Colorado Preservation Inc.'s Saving Places 2026 February 11-13, 2026 in Denver.

- **Water Department**

- A service line on Park Ave ruptured on January 9, 2026. Flow-reduction efforts have been implemented, and repairs are expected to begin on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Well 2 pump failed again on January 6, 2026. A replacement was completed on January 6, 2026. Four pumps have failed. All have been warranty coverage.
- Meter reads for Q4 2025 have been completed as of January 7, 2026. Billing is expected to be sent out the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of this month.

- **Marina**

- We have done repairs for two trailers
- The Crestliner Boat has been sold to the highest bidder. Plans are being made for them to pick it up.
- Our Pontoon trade ins have been successfully transferred to Denver.

- **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. Residential siding has been delivered.
- Budget remains solid. The project gap is being discussed in terms of remaining owners contingency.

**Upcoming Event Highlights:**

- Happenings at the House: January 12, 2026 Grand Lake Community House. Special guest Don Wall. Come hear 'Turtle' tell his personal tales of Grand Lake
- 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:** January 26, 2026