



MANAGER UPDATE

11/24/2025

To: Town of Grand Lake Board of Trustees

From: Steve Kudron, Town Manager

Activities & Events Recap

- Seussical the Musical was a rousing success for our local High School thespians! Standing room only was reported for all three shows, and some found tickets sold out! More than 600 patrons attended the shows over the three days. The program would love to be able to keep producing shows in 2026, one in the winter and one in the spring. We will be presenting a request for these shows at the December 8 meeting.
- Grand Lake Tree Lighting will be this Friday, November 28, 2025. It would be great if all of the Trustees were able to attend this annual Town tradition.
- Conservation Trust. Grant applications have been sent to continue the Ambassador program for 2026 with HTA, and the preliminary 2025 action report has been presented. Let me know if you would like details on any of these topics
- The Colorado Water Board has approved the Shoshone water pact with Grand County, the Colorado River District and other stakeholders. The \$99million dollar purchase will ensure downstream flows protecting the Colorado River headwaters for the future.
- The Town and the Three Lakes Watershed Association has completed interviews with the Windy Gap Environmental Fund for a \$150k grant for stormwater mitigation on the west side of Town. This project has been revised to fit within the current grant scope and cost.
- The Town successfully submitted the Colorado Energy Impact Accelerator grant request for a Complete Streets Activity and Mobility plan. This plan and implementation is designed to develop transportation and accessibility corridors to support multi model transportation options related to mass transit inclusion to the Grand Lake RMNP gateway corridor.

Department Notes

- **Admin**
 - Holiday Dinner is December 5, 2025 – Invites have been sent out
 - Admin/Billing support final interviews were held November 24, 2025. We anticipate an offer being sent this week

- **Finance**
 - Stephanie Rhone will be joining our staff on December 1, 2025 as the new Town Treasurer. She will be in the office for a few hours before her start date to become familiar with our processes. We are fortunate to add her to our team. Please welcome Stephanie when you see her!
 - 2026 Wage analysis is being completed and will be ready for the December 8, 2025, meeting
 - The 2025 Audit engagement will be presented at the December 8, 2025 meeting
- **Code Enforcement**
 - Several construction projects are continuing through the winter months. They are predominately interior finishing.
 - STR enforcement continues.
- **Planning**
 - There are several projects in predevelopment. The Commission and Board will continue to be updated as update on those specific project updates
 - The local Planning Capacity grant is being adjusted to allow for some more services in house to be paid by the grant. As a result, I am expecting to bring a planner in house in the next couple of weeks, once the amendment to the grant is complete. The planner has been identified and has acquired housing for his term.
- **Public Works**
 - Heaters are being installed in the pavilion this week. Our contractors will have it done in time for Tree Lighting
 - Remodel of pavilion bathrooms will be complete this week
 - Park Avenue tree removal is completed
 - Plow routes and snow removal plans are in place. The year on snow days work will begin at 4am with primary road accessibility by 7am – prior to school bus arrival.
 - **Parks**
 - The boat ramp has been removed for the season.
 - Federal gate closures are now in place. Please respect these seasonal safety closures.
- **Grand Lake Center**
 - Staff has completed their seasonal analysis with fee changes recommended
 - Regular cleaning process is in place and working well between staff and public works
 - Public Works has completed the replacement of faucets at the Center as well as performing repair on the modular buildings.
- **Marketing/Events/Community Engagement**
 - Tree lighting is November 28th this year. Please all attend
 - The Town has received notice that we have been included into the Colorado Tourism Office’s winter social coop program. This program will highlight the town’s unique place in the state’s marketing strategy that will benefit businesses alike.
- **Intergovernmental**
 - Mayor Managers Commissioners Meeting was held November 17, 2025. The Board has been asked to consider a coop to provide mental help services in Grand County EMS and Sheriffs offices for onsite support.

- Grand Places 2050 met November 20, 2025 in Winter Park. Key items included a discussion with the Colorado Open Lands – the Land Trust that has recently merged with Middle Park
- I will be meeting with the Winter Park transit operators later this week to discuss logistics for implementation
- **Water Department**
 - Q4 waters bills have been sent and payment is due the end of November.
- **Marina**
 - Marina is winterized. Water and services turned off for the winter
 - Pontoon boats have been ordered. More information on the Denver Boat Show to Follow
 - The Marina Manager and I have completed an evaluation of rates for the 2026 season. Fee changes have been included in the 2026 fee schedule.
- **Pay as You Throw**
 - Normal Operations
- **Space to Create**
 - Makers Space continues to progress. Some engineering/construction changes have been required since the contractor's erection of the building. These corrections have been approved to be made by Elk Mountain Construction to keep the project on track. Jimmy Strickland and his crew continue to overperform for the Town. The decision to work predominantly with local businesses has proven to be a great choice.
 - The Town has received its full grant payment from Colorado Creative Industries. This allows us to keep our schedule and maintain our projected summer 2026 ribbon cutting.
 - Northstar Systembuilt has started production of the residences at Space to Create. Members of the design and development team will visit the plant the first week of January. They will be able to view the first eight modules in different stages of production.

Upcoming Event Highlights:

- Tree Lighting November 28, 2025
- Winter Craft Bazaar – Grand Lake Community House – November 28 & 29, 2025

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: December 8, 2025