



MANAGER UPDATE

2/9/2026

To: Town of Grand Lake Board of Trustees

From: Steve Kudron, Town Manager

Activities & Events Recap

- The 9th Annual Grand Lake Pond Hockey Tournament was held January 31 and February 1, 2026. Attendance was great and the lake cooperated with good ice.
- Winter Carnival was February 7th. It was fun to bring a little winter to an otherwise dry and warm 2026 so far
- We are in regular communication for the upcoming Flight for Life Poker Run. If conditions allow, the club is hoping to have the event.
- Tightline Outdoors Fishing will be presenting Ice Addiction 2.0 in Grand Lake February 20 and 21, 2026. This expanded two day event adds an elite class tournament, demonstrations and activities to the lineup.

Department Notes

- **Admin**
 - Staff continues to digitize all the Town's historic planning documents. This will help to remove much of the clutter in the planning office and increase accessibility to the important Town documents.
 - Our Grant to GOCO was not selected as a finalist.
- **Finance**
 - Our ERP integration process is in progress. Chart of Accounts Mapping starts this week
- **Code Enforcement**
 - STR enforcement continues
 - We have had very little in the way of trash and parking violations
- **Planning**
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 - The Colorado Energy Office has recommended us to resubmit with adjustments our last mile transit opportunities. The grant resubmittal is due February 18, 2026

- ***There is an opening on the Grand Lake Planning Commission. A full commission ensures the best representation possible.***
- The Next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is February 18, 2026
- **Public Works**
 - Snow production is continuing. Public Works Staff are manning the equipment nightly as the temperature falls into the production range
 - The interior facility repairs have been completed at the Stanley House and Pitkin building.
- **Grand Lake Center**
 - Pickleball is a thing.
- **Marketing/Events/Visitor Center/Communications**
 - The Town has contracted for the Marketing funds from Grand County Tourism
 - Advertising:
 - Meta ads started for @GGL (6 per quarter rotating)
 - Sky hi ads running for Carnival and S2C leasing (two each)
 - Public Relations:
 - Pond Hockey feature on Fox News morning show 1/31 as result of PR pitch
 - Carnival feature on 9news 2/2 (thanks to GLCD)
 - Skijor news feature (courtesy of GL Skijor team)
 - Winter Carnival/Ice sculpting article - <https://www.globaltravelerusa.com/learn-to-ice-sculpt-at-grand-lake-viking-winter-carnival-colorado/>
 - Journalist will be in town for Carnival (thanks to GLCD)
 - Marketing campaigns
 - S2C leasing info: press release, social posts, print flyers, e-newsletters, e-mail blast to interest list and SkyHi ads (2)
 - Winter Carnival: social posts, print flyers, e-news, Sky hi ads (2)
 - National Plan For Vacation Day: press release, socials, e-news, blog on GGL.com
 - Reviewing previous/existing contracts with web host, marketing agency and photog/vids
 - Meetings with KFFR, GLCD, Granicus (SEO quarterly review), GC-PIO group (quarterly), Guidebook contractors, S2C committee, DarkSky consultant, Denver Post
 - Monthly newsletters to GLACC members (final), GGL visitor info list, TOGL and GLC
 - Starting guidebook project - out May 2026
- **Intergovernmental**
 - The Lift ran a test run for transit on Monday the 2nd
 - I will be attending Colorado Preservation Inc.'s Saving Places 2026 February 11-13, 2026 in Denver.
- **Water Department**
 - The Kaufmann House has a service line break.
 - Water Department staff shut the water down at the curb to keep further damage from occurring.
 - Damage was reported at a neighboring business.
 - Normal operations

- **Marina**
 - Quiet Time

- **Pay as You Throw**
 - Normal Operations

- **Space to Create**
 - The first residences information session was held February 3, 2026. The more are scheduled before the applications open March 16th

Upcoming Event Highlights:

- February 10, 2026: Happenings at the House – Special guest Tim Zimmerman
- 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 23, 2026