



MANAGER UPDATE

11/24/2025

To: Town of Grand Lake Board of Trustees

From: Steve Kudron, Town Manager

Activities & Events Recap

- Grand Lake Tree Lighting was an amazing success. Estimates are that close to two thousand attended our annual event. The snow started falling right as the carolers started singing and lines for cocoa and cookies were long but all were served and happy with the time to share with friends and neighbors. Thanks to those who were able to attend.
- The Pavilion Heaters were installed and worked great for our first winter season event. A special thanks for Rand with Grand Lake Electric and Grand Lake Plumbing & Heating to work through the Holiday to ensure they were ready for the Event!
- The Ice rink in Town Square Park has been filled and is frozen. We expect to open it any day.
- The Town has been invited to participate in a second interview regarding the successfully submitted the Colorado Energy Impact Accelerator grant request for a Complete Streets Activity and Mobility plan.

Department Notes

- **Admin**
 - Holiday Dinner was December 5, 2025 – What a great turnout. I am grateful to all who were able to come and enjoy this wonderful event.
 - An offer for admin/billing has been accepted. Please welcome Bailey Kracke to the Town Team!
- **Finance**
 - Stephanie Rhone has joined our staff and is already at work learning our systems and procedures. Please welcome Stephanie when you see her!
- **Code Enforcement**
 - Several construction projects are continuing through the winter months. They are predominately interior finishing.
 - STR enforcement continues.

- **Planning**
 - Currently several developments are in different stages of process with the Planning department. The Commission will see these and refer as appropriate.
 - 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 December 17, 2025

- **Public Works**
 - Plow routes and snow removal plans are in place. This year on snow days work will begin at 4am with primary road accessibility by 7am – prior to school bus arrival.
 - Bathroom one at the Pavilion has been remodeled and sealed. We will be working on Bathroom two as weather allows
 - The Town’s contract for road monitoring services has begun. This contract, signed in September 2025, provides real time monitoring of temperature, snow accumulation and actual conditions. Meters will be placed upon arrival.
 - **Parks**
 - Federal gate closures are now in place. Please respect these seasonal safety closures.
 - Holiday lights are all operating

- **Grand Lake Center**
 - Regular cleaning process is in place and working well between staff and public works

- **Marketing/Events/Community Engagement**
 - 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.
 - Staff is engaging in our marketing partners to ensure an effective transition to the Town’s marketing direction.

- **Intergovernmental**
 - The Kawuneeche Valley Cooperative met for our regularly scheduled steering committee and outreach meeting on December 2, 2025. The project continues to grow, with permit applications for a third enclosure on this side of the Park. Please let me know if you would ever like to have a tour of the two exclosures currently along the Colorado River in the Park.
 - The meeting with the Winter Park transit operators was very successful. The County has committed to matching the funds necessary for operations.

- **Water Department**
 - Those using bleeder valves should have turned them on to reduce the chance of frozen pipes.

- **Marina**
 - Marina is winterized. Water and services turned off for the winter
 - 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 and panels are scheduled for installation this week
 - Northstar Systembuilt has started production of the residences at Space to Create. Members of the design and development team will visit the production plant on January 5-7, 2026.

Upcoming Event Highlights:

- Happenings at the House: Grand Lake Community House. Special guest Bernie McGinn

Town offices will be closed the following for the Holidays:

- December 25, 2025 & December 26, 2025 – CLOSED
- December 31, 2025 - Closed at Noon
- January 1, 2026 - CLOSED

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 22, 2025. Traditionally, the Trustees have voted to cancel this meeting. If such a motion is made, the next regular meeting will be held January 12, 2026