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Hello From The BSOA

*Your Homeowner Association newsletter with
this month's community news!*

Lone Mountain Ski Passes

Although it feels like spring outside, it is still only February, which means there is still time to hit the trails. Make sure you have stopped by the BSOA and purchased your discounted LMR trails season pass.



BSOA property owners and their immediate family including parents, children and spouses of children, are eligible to receive a pass for \$66.95 (includes tax). A maximum of 4 season passes per property at this price can be issued. A signed "Cross Country Ski Pass Terms and Conditions of Use" release must be received from every skier purchasing a seasons pass.

Passes can be purchased in the BSOA office and cash, check, and

[BSOA Board of Directors Meeting](#)

March 18, 9:00 AM

[BSAC Meeting](#)

March 3, 8:00 AM

March 17, 8:00 AM

HAPPENINGS

Feb 27- [Mad Wolf Winter Relay Race](#)

Feb 27 - [The Dybukk @ WMPAC](#)

March 5 - [Billy Collins @WMPAC](#)

March 5 - [Snowshoe Shuffle @ Big Sky Resort](#)

March 9 - [SOLAS @ WMPAC](#)

March 11 - [Headwaters Spring Runoff @ Big Sky Resort](#)

March 15 - [The Nordic Race Series](#)

March 19 - [James Sewell Ballet @ WMPAC](#)

March 19 - [Smokin' Aces Tour @ Big Sky Resort](#)

March 23 - [MSI Freeride Series @ Big Sky Resort](#)

March 24 - [Auction for the Arts](#)

March 25 - [BSSD Pie Auction @ Buck's T-4](#)

March 26 -

[Jitro Czech Girl's Choir](#)

March 27 - [Easter Sunrise Service](#)

BSAC

Spring is making an early appearance and so are the contractors. The sunny

credit card are all accepted. Click on the links below to download the liability release and ski pass order forms. These forms and payment can be mailed to the BSOA office and we will send you back your season passes.

[Download the 2015-2016 Ski Pass Order Form](#)

[Download the 2015-2016 LMR Waiver and Release Form](#)

From skiing newbies, to trained athletes, there is a trail for everyone. Regardless of your skill level keep these few trail manners in mind:

- **Do NOT** walk on the ski trails
- **No Dogs** - there are designated trails for you to take your four-legged friends. Dog owners are responsible for keeping their animals safe and under control and must remove any droppings near the trails.
- **Leave behind only ski tracks** - if you stop for a break on the trail, make sure to pick up and pack out all of your trash

If you have any questions regarding the passes please contact the BSOA office at (406) 995-4166, or at bsoa@bigskyoa.org.

Winter Fire Safety

February has been a difficult month for two Big Sky families who lost their homes to fire. In the early hours on February 3, a homeowner in Ramshorn subdivision woke to the smell of smoke, but was unaware of the fire in her own home. A passing snow plow operator spotted the fire and helped the homeowner evacuate without injury. A week later on February 12, a home on Beehive Basin Road was engulfed in flames. No one was home at the time of the fire, but the house was a total loss.

The cold winters have homeowners using fireplaces, space heaters and other heating devices more often. The risk of a fire starting in your home can be greatly reduced if certain precautions are taken. First and for most, make sure your home is equipped with functional smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are meant to inform you of a fire early on, so that all occupants can evacuate quickly before the situation escalates. Remember it only takes minutes for thick, black smoke to fill a house, or for it to be engulfed in flames.

Here are some other ideas for fire prevention:

1. Have your furnace serviced. It's worth the money to hire a

weather brings about new building and renovation projects that had to be put on hold during the cold months of winter. As a BSOA member all new construction, external renovations, and landscaping must be submitted and approved by the Big Sky Architectural Committee.

If you plan on building or renovating your home this summer it is highly encouraged to start the BSAC approval process now. The further into the building season you get, the busier the committee becomes, so take advantage of this slow period while you can!

Visit the BSOA website, www.bigskymt.org, for information about project applications and the BSAC process. Any additional questions can be directed to Casey Drayton in the BSOA office at **(406) 995-4166**, or casey@bigskyoa.org.

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professional to inspect your furnace once a year.

2. Have your chimneys and vents checked. If you light fires frequently, you need a chimney sweep at least once a year. Make sure you burn only dry wood so that it produces more flames and less smoke. Fires produce creosote which can build up in the chimney and lead to an unwanted fire. For the same reason, wood stoves should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.

3. Cover the fireplace with a screen. Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.

4. Beware of lit candles. Only light candles when you are around to watch them and blow them out as soon as you're done.

5. Beware of space heaters. Don't put space heaters near curtains, tablecloths, etc. They should also have automatic shut-offs.

6. Do not have your wood stacked next to your home. Though more convenient, the wood pile is an additional fuel source if a fire were to start.

Finally, plan and practice a home escape plan with your family. It is extremely important for everyone to know how to get to safety as quick as possible.

[Click here to read more safety tips for winter fires provided by the U.S. Fire Administration.](#)

Big Sky Fire Department

Last month Big Sky Fire Department presented their Master Plan for delivery of emergency services. In an effort to look forward and prepare for the anticipated growth of the Big Sky Fire District, an extensive study was completed by ESCI to evaluate growth,



current conditions and future service demands and provide recommendations for those services. For more information follow this link to the full report: <http://bigskyfire.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Big-Sky-Master-Plan-Final-Report.pdf>

BSFD has also just seen an improvement in their Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating. The department has been awarded with an ISO (Insurance Services Organization) Class rating of 4/4Y. Insurers use the PPC rating for underwriting and to calculate premiums for fire insurance. The new rating goes into effect on May 1 and the improvement may translate into lower insurance rates for residents and businesses within the Big Sky Fire District. Property owners should contact their insurance provider to see how the improvement will affect their policies. For more information follow this link to the full report: <http://bigskyfire.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/ISO-Letter-and-Report.pdf?platform=hootsuite>

Member Input

An objective set forth by BSOA staff and Board is to improve communication and educate our members, as well as the broader Big Sky Community. The Community Living Manual and the New Member Welcome Packet are both examples of new efforts to better communicate. The other tool being utilized is the monthly E-newsletters that are sent around the 24th of each month. BSOA staff wants to use this platform as a reliable source of information for not just BSOA related topics, but for community activities as well. We would like the newsletters to continue to improve and membership input is critical for that to happen.

BSOA staff welcomes any submissions and comments from BSOA and community members. Anything you'd like to see in the next newsletter? Let us know if there is an issue you would like addressed, an event your organization would like to share, or just something cool about the community. Email any topic ideas, BSOA member praises, press releases, event announcements, thoughts, ect. to bsoa@bigskyoa.org.

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