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March 26, 2015



Hello From Big Sky Owners Association

Here are some of the important matters in Big Sky right now!

Coming To A Close

It's getting closer to the time of year when you, albeit reluctantly, have to put your ski gear away until next season. The winter season will come to a close on April 19th, so make sure you hit



the slopes while you still can! If you are a season pass holder make sure to look on Big Sky Ski Resort's website to see if your pass has any special benefits in these last few weeks.

Bighorns Crossing

The Spanish Peak bighorn sheep herd are at the center of recent safety discussions. During winter, the herd can be found along Highway 191 and Lone Mountain Trail licking the salt off the roads. Salt is an



attractant for the animals and the use of it as a roadway treatment often draws the sheep to their death, as well as motorists on some occasions. Recently, a propane truck flipped into the ditch along Lone Mountain Trail when the driver swerved to avoid the animal and he over-corrected the vehicle. The driver was lucky and escaped

BSOA Board of Directors

Apr 17, 9:00am

BSAC Meeting

Apr 2, 8:00am

Apr 16, 8:00am

SAVE THE DATE!



This year's community weed pull will be in the afternoon on

Tuesday, June 23.

STAFF CHANGES

There are some new faces in the BSOA office, so next time you're in the area stop by and say hello!

Casey Drayton



Architectural

with minor injuries. The Spanish Peak herd is more susceptible to motor vehicle fatalities in and around Big Sky in winter months when their territory is greatly reduced.

The current flashing signs near milepost 55 are not the most effective method for wildlife/vehicle collision mitigation. Using a salt alternative on roadways, though more cost prohibitive, is a better method. Another option is to change driver behavior by adding flashing lights that keep a running total of how many animals have been killed on the road. Adding fencing and limiting where the animals can cross is another common method. The Big Sky Chamber of Commerce has initiated discussions about contacting MDT Commission to study the issue.

Not all motorists are as fortunate as the driver of the truck who flipped in January, but safe passage for the bighorns could prevent future accidents. Until changes are initiated, use caution when driving.

For the full article: <http://www.explorebigsky.com/newspost/bighorns-in-the-crosshairs-sheep-and-vehicles-clash-in-big-sky>

Skyline Spring Schedule

Spring is here and with it comes a new schedule for Skyline. The current winter bus schedule ends on Sunday, April 19th and the off-season schedules begins on the 20th. The off-season schedule operates April 20 - June 7 and buses run Monday through Friday only. Visit Skyline's website for exact hours of service for each route.



<http://www.skylinebus.com/routes-schedules/information/>

Reminder: Speed Limit

Recently, there have been concerns with the speed at which drivers travel on Little Coyote Road. The posted speed limit is 25 mph and drivers should abide by that regulation. Driving above the posted limit is dangerous not only to yourself, but to other people on the road as well. Please be respectful of your fellow travelers and watch your speed.



Electric Cable Replacement

This spring NorthWestern Energy will be upgrading approximately 34,000 trench feet of underground electric distribution systems in the Big Sky area. The project will begin along Spur Rd in the meadow

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Happenings

Mar 26 - [Auction for the Arts](#)

Mar 28/29 - [Subaru Winterfest](#)

Mar 28 - [James Sewell Ballet](#)

Mar 29 - [PirmaLoft Snow Run 5K](#)

Apr 1-15 - [Blue Water Task Force Mother's Day Flower Sale](#)

Apr 2 - [Ribbon cutting for Ryan Turner Photography](#)

Apr 3-16 - [Military Appreciation Week](#)

April 5 - [Easter Sunday Services](#)

Apr 10 - [Big Sky Shootout Screening](#)

Apr 11 - [Shedhorn SkiMo](#)

Apr 11 - [Whiskey A-Go-Go](#)

Apr 16 - [Business after hours @ Peak Building](#)

area in May, or as early as April depending on weather. NorthWestern Energy will have construction crews



and equipment working in backyards, roadways, and alleys and the work could require digging in and around yards as crews replace underground equipment. Any disturbances to yards during this time will be restored in a timely manner. The upgrade work will include short, planned power outages, which you will be notified of in advance. The temporary inconvenience will provide more reliable service and reduce the length and frequency of unplanned power outages in the future.

*All questions and concerns may be directed to the Project Engineer:
Caleb H Skjervem at (406) 582-4685.*

[Apr 18 - Big Sky Resort Pond Skim](#)
[Apr 18/19 - Keely's Ski Camp for Girls](#)

Recycling Relocation

Big Sky Natural Resource Council and Big Sky Town Center are working together to relocate the community's recycling center. The bins have been in their current location



for six years now and were previously located near the Exxon on Highway 191. The bins were initially supposed to be moved by February 15 of this year, but the date has been extended until an effective relocation strategy is in place. A 1.5-acre parcel of land located along the east boundary of the sewer ponds is being considered for the new facility. The new site would host compactor bins that would make for a cleaner site with greater capacity.

Another solution being presented is to bring curbside recycling to Big Sky. Republic Services would offer the service if a minimum of 250 residents signed up. Logistics such as cost, container type, and frequency of service are still being discussed. A survey will be circulated to residents in the near future in hope of gauging the public's interest in curbside recycling being made available.

For the full article: <http://www.explorebigsky.com/newspost/bsnrc-seeks-new-home-for-big-sky-recycling>

Update: Bear Smart

The educational outreach efforts and quantity of bear proof cans distributed for the Bear Smart program have been very successful thus far. Currently, there are 700 bear proof cans in the community. Program funding has been requested



to support getting the bear stewards into classrooms by mid-April and to do more door to door educational outreach. A challenge the group continues to face is getting residents to be more receptive to the bear proof trash cans when it is not written in the subdivision covenants. BSOA passed a resolution that requires all owners to have animal proof trash receptacles. The Association, in partnership with Bear Smart Big Sky and Big Sky Natural Resources Council, hopes to continue educating members on the hazards of living in bear country and to insure the highest level of safety for humans and bears alike. Please contact the BSOA office with any questions you may have about the trash receptacle resolution.

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