

Big Sky Owners Association April Newsletter

Your Homeowner Association newsletter with this month's community news.



BSOA Board of Directors Meetings:

Friday, May 18, 9:00 am
Friday, June 15, 9:00 am

BSAC Meetings:

Thursday, May 3, 8:00 am
Thursday, May 17, 8:00 am

BSOA NEWS



BSOA Call to Service: Board of Directors Candidates

Big Sky Owners Association is preparing for their annual elections. **The filing period for all candidates is from April 13 through May 14, 2018.** This year, two Board of Director seats are open, to be voted on by the membership in the coming August, 2018 election. There are no open elected positions on the Big Sky Architectural Committee for this election year.

BSOA's mission statement is: *to preserve, protect and enhance property values.* Board of Directors are responsible for the governance of the association and its programs and projects, with a goal to improve both membership and community services while working toward fulfilling the BSOA mission.

If you are a BSOA member in good standing and are interested in filing as a BSOA Board of Director candidate for consideration of the Nominating Committee, please click on the following link: [calltoserviceform](#), to review and fill out the Call for Board Service Form. For further information about the BSOA's nominating and election process contact Suzan Scott, Executive Director at (406) 995-4166.

Call for Board Service Forms must be completed and submitted back to suzan@bigskyoa.org or drop off the Form to the office before the end of the filing period: 5pm on May 14, 2018.

Mailing Address: PO Box 160057, Big Sky, MT 59716

Physical Address: 145 Center Lane, Unit J, Meadow Village Center, Big Sky, MT 59716

Little Coyote Traffic Calming Study

The Little Coyote Traffic Calming Study is now complete and available on our website (at bottom of HomePage) for members to view: [Traffic Calming Study](#). Directors from the Board and Executive Director Suzan Scott met with representatives of the Little Coyote neighborhood to review the study, answer questions, and to get their feedback as to what the neighborhood is looking for in terms of a resolution to this concern.



In the final stages of resolving this issue, BSOA has allocated funds to implement two sets of the recommended traffic calming devices. Once engineers have submitted instructions for placement and location of these devices, the final steps of construction and installation will take place. Feel free to call the office with questions at (406) 995-4166



**New Construction
Painting
Additions
Landscaping
Decks
Hot Tubs**

Spring is a great time to start planning your summer home improvement project. Please remember that all changes to the exterior of your home including painting, window replacement, landscaping, siding repair, etc. requires review and approval by the Big Sky Architectural Committee (BSAC).

Janet Storey, the BSOA Architectural Review and Compliance Coordinator is available to help you with your application for the review process. The BSAC meets the first and third Thursday of each month and the application submittal deadline is two-weeks prior to the scheduled committee meeting.

More information, including application forms, can be found at www.bigskymt.org under the *Architectural Review* tab. You may also contact Janet Storey directly at 995-4166 or via email at janet@bigskyoa.org.

Ditches and culverts serve an important role within the community. Snowmelt and rain water from properties and roads are collected and carried in the

**Time to clean out the
ditch and culvert in
front of your home for**

ditches. Ditches are more sustainable than underground storm water systems. Ditches reduce the need for infrastructure and construction as vegetation provides natural filtration and allows water to be absorbed rather than being transported and discharged in a specific location. All driveways within the BSOA jurisdiction are required to have culverts with flared ends to assist the movement of water through the ditches.

The ditches and culverts are intended to minimize flooding during snow melt and rain storms. It is very important that they remain clear. Obstructions in the ditches and culverts can result in roadway and property flooding. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to clean and maintain the ditches bordering their property and the culverts under their own driveway. Please be proactive and clear the ditch that borders your property and your driveway culvert to allow water to freely move through the ditch. A culvert cleaning service may be required if the culvert has not been regularly maintained and is clogged with dirt or debris. Thank You!

spring.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Upper Gallatin Drought/Water Supply Being Addressed at Community Meetings

A number of interrelated factors have compounded to make drought planning a necessity in the Big Sky area, among them warmer, drier climate trends and the threat of wildfire.

To address this challenge, a small focus group met on Feb. 21 in Big Sky to discuss targeting local homeowner associations as well as landscape and property management companies to advocate for more awareness of drought concerns among part-time residents.

Local resident Steve Johnson pointed out that second homeowners might not be aware of the importance of sustainable landscaping when it comes to fire mitigation efforts and a reduced strain on local water resources. “They’re a difficult stakeholder group to reach,” Johnson said.

Big Sky Fire Department Battalion Chief Seth Barker stressed the importance of the planning effort in terms of the local economy. For example, he said that if the availability of local recreational activities is reduced due to poor drought planning, “it affects everyone.”

Education and awareness about this issue are the keys to implementing an effective drought management plan in the Upper Gallatin River watershed. There also “is a strong need to gain more input from other community members and groups,” said Emily Casey, the GRTF’s water conservation program coordinator.

For more information about the drought forum, visit gallatinrivertaskforce.org

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recycle



Big Sky – Local recycling can be found at 47280 Gallatin Road, south of the Conoco station, on the frontage road between Gallatin River Guides and the Whitewater Inn. This is a temporary site until a long-term location can be established. In the meantime, make use of this community service made possible by Haas Builders who provides the site, Gallatin Solid Waste Management District who provides the bins and Delzer Diversified who plows, all as a generous contribution to the community. The site can not accommodate garbage disposal or glass recycling.

Bear Smart Big Sky

Spring has (maybe) sprung....whether it has for sure or not, bears are convinced it has, and are now emerging. Please review the brochure below for key points how to best stay safe and reduce bear-human contact. For more information about what Bear Smart Big Sky does or to report a bear sighting, click here: [bearsmartbigsky](#)

BE BEAR SMART WHILE RECREATING



Keep bears and people safe
by being bear smart



Remove common bear attractants
such as food, trash, coolers & grills.



While camping

- Do not store food in your tent
- Cook 100 yards from your tent
- Clean cooking area thoroughly
- Don't sleep in clothes you cooked in
- Store food, trash, lotions, toothpaste, and deodorant in a hard sided vehicle or bear-resistant container



While hiking or biking

- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return
- Travel in groups of 3 or more and stay together
- Make sure everyone has bear spray
- Carry bear spray in an accessible location (hip or chest holster) and know how to use it
- Stay alert
- Always keep children & pets close & within sight
- Make noise to avoid surprising a bear



Bears are most active between March & October



BEAR ENCOUNTERS

While recreating:

- do not approach the bear
- slowly back away, keep a distance of at least 100 yards
- get your bear spray in hand and prepare to use it
- do not run or climb a tree
- give the bear a clear escape route
- do not make eye contact
- stay in a group
- remain calm

IF A BEAR CHARGES RELEASE YOUR BEAR SPRAY



Bear spray is the most effective means of repelling an attacking grizzly or black bear in a non-toxic, non-lethal manner. Learn more about bear spray and how to identify a grizzly vs. black bear and their different responses to human encounters at bscomt.org/bearsmart.

REPORT A BEAR SIGHTING

To report a bear conflict or emergency situation, immediately call (in this order):

1. 911 2. 1-800-TIP-MONT

Bear conflicts and emergency situations include:



- a bear is charging you
- you or a bear has been injured
- a bear has caused property damage
- a bear is still present and hasn't left the area

You can prevent bear conflicts

Report a bear sighting at bscomt.org/bearsmart/report

Reports will be sent to Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and will help prevent conflicts in which bears need to be captured and relocated or lethally removed.

Bear conflicts are a community issue.

It is important to work together to remove bear attractants.



For more information on bears in Big Sky, visit us online at bscomt.org/bearsmart

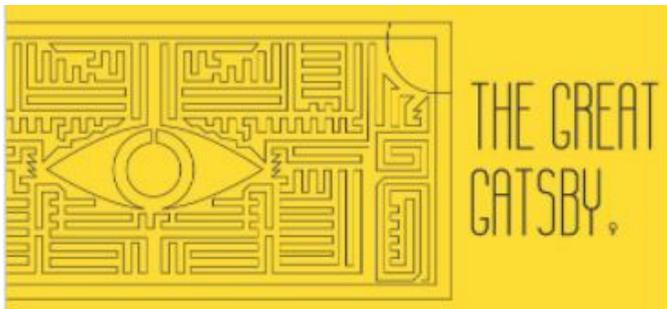


GIVE BIG

Why should we give to Give Big Gallatin Valley?

Give Big Gallatin Valley is a 24-hour online and live celebration of giving, created to connect generous community members with the causes we care about most. The goal is simple - inspire all of us to come together, show pride in our communities, and contribute to support the life-changing work of local nonprofit organizations in Gallatin County.

Donate online at GiveBigGV.org
Thursday & Friday MAY 3 & 4



WARREN MILLER
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Friday, May 18th

Big Sky Community Theatre presents the stage adaptation of the F. Scott Fitzgerald classic, featuring an all-female cast in a retelling like you've never seen before! tickets@wmpac

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