



BIG SKY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Monthly Newsletter



SAVE THE DATE

BSOA Annual Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022 | 3-5 PM | BIG SKY RESORT
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW FROM 5-7 PM

We are excited to announce our annual meeting will be held in person this year. Virtual attendance will also be available. Please join us for a fun and informative afternoon! Hear from local leaders and key members of our community regarding the latest issues, as well as BSOA and community projects.

We hope to see you there!

August 26th Schedule:

BSOA Annual Meeting: 3 PM to 5 PM | *Talus Room, Big Sky Resort*

Reception with Musical Guest: 5 PM - 7 PM | *Huntley Dining Hall, Big Sky Resort*

BSOA Board of Directors - Filing Period

Interested in Making a Difference in Our Community? Run for a BSOA Board of Director Position!

The BSOA nominating process for two Board of Director positions is now underway. The filing period began **April 15, 2022 and extends through May 15, 2022**. A Board of Director position is a 3-year term. The BSOA Board is responsible for the governance of the association, its programs and projects, with a goal to improve both membership and community services, while working to fulfill the mission of the BSOA.

If you are a BSOA member in good standing and are interested in filing as a candidate, please complete and send in the [Call for Service Form](#) for consideration of the Nominating Committee. All Call for Service forms should be emailed to suzan@bigskyoya.org, mailed to the BSOA address below, or dropped off at our office, before 5 pm on May 15, 2022.

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

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

Thank you for adding value to the Big Sky community and the BSOA membership. We appreciate you!

For further information about the BSOA's nominating & election process, contact Suzan Scott, Executive Director at suzan@bigskyoya.org or (406) 995-4166.

Increasing Bear Activity in Big Sky

Hibernation is over! We have received multiple notifications that there has been increased bear activity throughout Big Sky. One non-bear resistant trash bin can put an entire neighborhood at risk. **If you see a blue trash can on your street**, a quick call to our office at (406) 995-4166 will help to prevent any bear, human interactions. Per our [Trash and Bear Resolution](#), it is mandatory to have a bear-resistant trash bin within the BSOA jurisdiction.

Are you renting? Contact your property manager as soon as possible to notify them if you do not have a bear-resistant trash can.

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks: (406) 444-2535

[Visit the FWP website to Be Bear Aware](#)



Sustainability Spotlight



Get a Head Start on Fire Season Preparation

Prepare – Clean roof and gutters of pine needles that could catch embers, learn more at [FireWise USA](https://www.firewiseusa.com).

Plan – Big Sky safety zones include the parking lots at Roxy's Market, Wilson Hotel, Big Sky Ski Resort, and Lone Peak High School. Complete your "[Wildfire Action Guide](#)" (page 15) and keep in the home for all to see.

Prevent – It only takes one spark to start a wildfire in tall grass, work safely with machinery outdoors.

Brought to you by Fire Adapted Big Sky and the Big Sky Fire Department

[BSFD Wildland Info](#)

Contact Emma at emma@bigskyoa.org.

Shoulder Season Reminders

- **Lock your vehicles:** We live in a transient community. As the season ends, many leave town and sometimes take what's not theirs with them.
- **Pet Waste:** You are what you leave behind. A reminder to dog owners to be responsible and pick up after your pooch.
- **Seasonal Closures:** Expect businesses and restaurants to change their hours or close for the duration of shoulder season.
- **Wildlife:** Take extra caution as wildlife become more active in the spring, when calving season is at its peak.
- **Trails:** Stay off muddy trails! Hiking on muddy trails can cause long-term damage. Whether you are hiking, biking, or on horseback, we strongly encourage you to be good stewards of our local trails and hike at lower elevations.



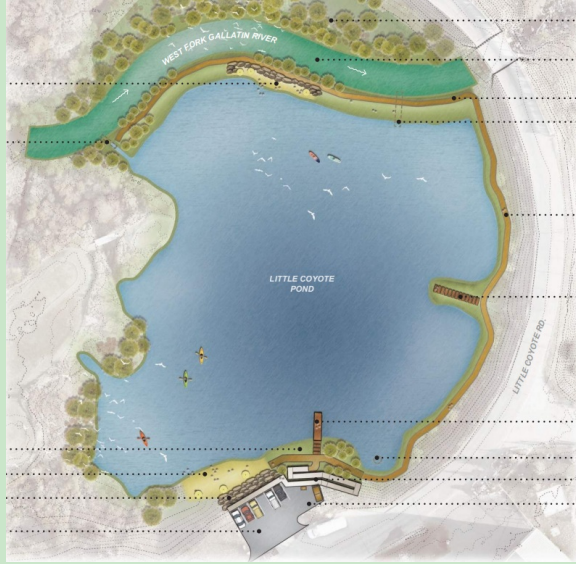
Don't get the mud-season blues! It's part of mountain living.

Here are 8 ways to stay busy during the shoulder season:

[Visit Big Sky - Read Full Article Here](#)

Little Coyote Pond Update

Efforts on the Little Coyote Pond and West Fork



Restoration project continue to move forward. We are currently in the permitting and construction bid process. Bid submittals will be due back in early June.

For the first time in many years, the BSOA submitted a Resort Tax application to assist with funding for the Restoration project. Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD) is in the process of reviewing the applications in preparation of the Application Review Meetings in June. **What can you do to help?** Show your support for this great community project by emailing info@ResortTax.org or by attending the June meetings. More details on sharing public comment can be found at [BSRAD Funding Page](#).

Reminder from BSAC - Application Process

1. Apply

- New homes require a new construction application
- Adding square footage or changing footprint requires a major alteration application
- Exterior material changes require a minor alteration application
- Any work on property but not on a structure requires a landscape application

2. Submit

Submit required materials to the BSOA both electronically and hard copy **14 days** prior to the meeting you wish to attend. This includes the associated review fees. Dues must be paid and all outstanding compliance issues on a property rectified prior to review.

2.1. If it's a minor or landscaping change, this single review is all you need. Once approved, you can submit your performance deposit and begin work.

2.2. For new construction and major alterations, the process has two phases and we recommend budgeting at least 6 weeks to complete the review process.

3. Phases for New Construction

- **3.1. Sketch Phase:** The sketch phase requires the submittal of required materials (listed under the sketch portion of the app checklist) which is focused on structural elements of the project. The materials are due 14 days prior to the meeting and the hard copy of plans can be sent to Selby's prepaid for staff to pick up if arrangements are made. **It is critical that you provide us sketch plans to scale in Phase 1.**

- **3.2. Final Review Phase:** After the sketch is approved, you can submit for Final Review. The required documents are listed under the final review portion of the app checklist. This phase focuses on aesthetics including finish materials, landscaping, and exterior lighting. A material sample board is required before the meeting (at least 12"x12"). Once final approval is achieved, you have one year to submit the performance deposit and begin construction or the approval will lapse.
- **3.3. Extension:** The date the performance deposit is posted determines their completion deadline. If an extension to the deadline is needed, we require written notice 45 days prior to deadline. Alterations to the approval can be requested and reviewed at any time (14 days prior to meeting).

4. Completion Notice

Once work has been completed, written notice should be given to staff to review in a 45-day period. If work is determined to be substantially complete and in compliance with the approved plan, the deposit will be returned. If the landscape cannot be seen due to weather such as snow cover, that portion of the deposit will be held until an inspection can be performed.

Contact Amy San Nicolas, Architectural Review Manager at amy@bigskyoa.org.

Water-Wise Gardening with Gallatin River Task Force

As April showers bring May flowers, now is a great



time to think about Water-Wise Gardening. GRTF has some great recommendations for your next landscape project.

[Read Article Here](#)

Yellowstone National Park Roads are now open!

Current roads open as of April 15th:

- West Entrance to Old Faithful
- Mammoth Hot Springs to Old Faithful (via Norris)
- Norris to Canyon Village
- North Entrance to Mammoth Hot Springs to Northeast Entrance (open year-round)

Openings in May:

- May 6: East Entrance to Lake Village (Sylvan Pass), Canyon Village to Lake Village
- May 11: Cooke City to Chief Joseph Scenic Byway*
- May 13: South Entrance to West Thumb, Lake Village to West Thumb, West Thumb to Old Faithful (Craig Pass), Tower Junction to Tower Fall
- May 27: Tower Fall to Canyon Junction (Dunraven Pass), Beartooth Highway



Have you moved?

Call or email our office to update your preferred contact information.

[Contact](#) | [BSOA FAQs](#) | [Community Calendar](#) | [Numbers to Know](#)

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