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Happy New Year from the Big Sky Owners Association Board and Staff!



Christmas Stroll Recap



Big Sky Owners Association hosted its 17th annual Big Sky Christmas Stroll on Friday, December 12th.

The Big Sky Town Center and the Meadow Village Center was the site for an evening which included the lighting of the community Christmas tree. BSOA hosted activities included the bonfire, carolers, marshmallow roasting for s'mores and lots of food and drink, all in a Who-Ville theme. Around the area business hosted photos with Santa, artists markets, sleigh rides, a beer stroll, fireworks display and live music. Residents and guests spent the evening strolling through the local shops and enjoyed food and refreshments, raffles, and holiday specials.

Thank you to all of our members and the community who stopped by to help the BSOA kick off the holidays!

Snowplowing

As the BSOA community continues to increase in density it is important to follow a few basic rules when plowing snow. Keep in mind that snow storage requires a considerable amount of space and it is important for homeowners and/or their property managers to anticipate the volume of snow that will need to be handled for clearing of driveways and walkways.



Snow may not be plowed across public roads. Pushing snow across roads poses safety hazards for drivers and the snowplows. When a vehicle is travelling perpendicular to normal traffic flows vision can be impaired and an accident could occur. Plowing snow across roads also creates ridges on the road which can be a hazard to both plows and drivers. In addition, snow from driveways may not be pushed into the road right of way.

Snow may not be stored in road right-of-way. The area immediately adjacent to the paved roads is reserved for the storage of snow from the road itself. When an owner places snow from their property into the right-of-way they are inhibiting the snowplowing from safely clearing the snow from the road. All snow from driveways and walkways must be stored within private property boundaries.

Complimentary Lone Mountain Ski Passes

One of the many perks of being a member of the Big Sky Owners Association are the four discounted Nordic ski season passes to Lone Mountain Ranch that each property owner receives.



Lone Mountain Ranch offers a professionally groomed scenic and diverse 85 km trail system for both classic and skate skiing. The trail system encompasses 2200 vertical feet from the top of Summit to the Meadow trails. Also, PSIA instructors are available for first time skiers or if you would like to brush up on your skills. If you don't own your own equipment, top of the line rental equipment is available directly from the Ranch.

Discounted tickets are available for \$66.95 each (including the Resort Tax) at the BSOA offices located in the Meadow Village Center at 145 Center Lane, Unit J in Big Sky between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (the BSOA offices will be closed on Christmas Day, December 26th and January 1st). Each property owner is

entitled to four season passes. The BSOA accepts cash, check or credit card (Visa and MasterCard). If you have any questions, please contact the BSOA office at 406-995-4166 or via email at bsoa@bigskyoa.org.

Membership Survey

We would like to hear from you! In early January, the BSOA will be emailing a questionnaire to all BSOA members. It has been a couple of years since the last membership survey – results from that survey were instrumental in formulating the BSOA strategic plan in the fall of 2012 where many suggestions from members were vigorously followed up upon and implemented. The questions from this year's survey range from community improvement programs and projects; local, county and state issues; membership communication; membership incentives and programs and much more. As we look towards developing a new strategic plan, **we would appreciate your careful consideration to the questions that will be poised as well as your thoughts.**

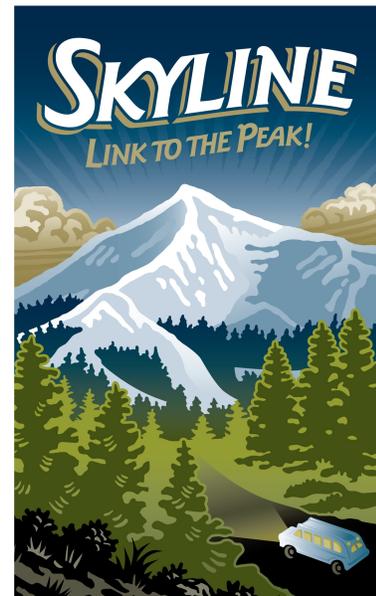
Skyline Winter Schedule

The Big Sky Transportation District has a new schedule for the Skyline transit system through April 19th.

Skyline will offer seven round-trips between Big Sky and Bozeman, Monday through Thursday, and eight round-trips, Friday through Sunday. The Canyon/Mountain, Mountain Loop and Meadow Circulator routes will operate within Big Sky for local service. Schedules for this service are available online at www.Skylinebus.com and in print at transfer points, the Big Sky Chamber, participating businesses and the BSOA offices.

And remember, the Skyline service within Big Sky is fare-free! However, if you desire to travel to Bozeman, the normal cash fare is \$5 per round-trip however by purchasing passes in bulk, you will save money. Passes (aka fare cards) in three denominations: \$15 for five round-trips, \$30 for 11 round-trips and \$60 for 23 round-trips between Big Sky & Bozeman.

Bus passes are not sold on the bus however you may purchase them at the following Big Sky businesses including the Big Sky Owners Association, Big Sky Basecamp



(Mountain Village), Moonlight ticket window (Madison ski area), the Country Market or the Hungry Moose Market & Deli.

Staff Changes

The Big Sky Owners Association bid farewell this month to Nicole Henhoeffler who served as the Communications and Events Specialist. Nicole's dedication and experience has greatly benefited the Association and she will be greatly missed, however we wish her the very best in on her return to the Big Sky Resort in their Sales & Marketing Department!



With that being said, we are pleased to announce that Chris Baker has joined our staff as the Communications and Events Specialist. Next time that you are in the office, please join the Big Sky Owners Association in giving Chris a warm welcome to the Association and the Big Sky Community! Chris' background includes over twenty five years' experience in the event, entertainment and association field, most recently managing a public event facility in Colorado. Baker is an East coast native who has traveled extensively across the United States and Canada, however fell in love with the greater Yellowstone area on his first trip to the area in 1995. Chris and his two children enjoy the serenity and quaintness of the Big Sky community.

Bear Proof Trash Cans

Just a quick reminder for those returning to town for the holidays. BSOA and Republic Services have partnered to switch all of our members to Kodiak Bear Safe Cans. You may contact Republic directly at 406-586-0606, so they may replace your old trash can. There is a slight increase in cost for anyone who presently has a blue can and a slight decrease for anyone that has the green trash can.



Remember, nine times out of 10, bears that repeatedly get into attractants (wildlife-biologist-talk for trash, bird feeders, barbeque grills, and pet food) around our homes are eventually euthanized. Please help save Big Sky's bears from this needless outcome by learning to help keep your residence bear-friendly. There are more tips on being Bear Smart on our website by following this link <http://bigskymt.org/special-projects/bear-aware/>

After making the switch to the Kodiak can, please stop by the BSOA offices to pick up your complimentary Big Sky Bear Smart water bottle. One bottle is available per household, however quantities are limited.

Christmas Tree Recycling



The Christmas tree recycling bin is located at the Big Sky Community Park from December 26 through January 7. Please make sure to drop off your tree at the Park location instead of at the Town Center bins.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 31 – Kids New Year’s Eve Party @ Yellowstone Conference Center
- Dec. 31 – Teens New Year’s Eve Party @ Big Sky Resort
- Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve Party @ Big Sky Resort
- Jan. 9 – Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company @Warren Miller Performing Arts Center
- Jan. 10 – Winter Trails Day @ Lone Mountain Ranch
- Jan. 10 – Coldsmoke Awards @ The Emerson in Bozeman
- Jan. 10 & 11 – Smash Life Banked Slalom 2015
- Jan. 17 – SnoBar @ Big Sky Resort
- Jan. 17 – Take 6 @ Warren Miller Performing Arts Center
- Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 24 – SnoBar @ Big Sky Resort
- Jan. 24 & 25 – Northern Division Youth Ski League @ Big Sky Resort
- Jan. 31 & Feb 1 – 5th Annual Ski Joring @ 320 Ranch
- Feb. 5, 6, 7 & 8 – Big Sky Bluegrass Festival @ Big Sky Resort

Big Sky Owners Association/Big Sky Architectural Committee Meetings

- Jan. 1 – BSAC Meeting @ BSOA Offices 8:00 a.m.
- Jan. 15 – BSAC Meeting @ BSOA Offices 8:00 a.m.
- Jan. 16 – BSOA Board Meeting @ BSOA Offices 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the BSOA Board of Directors is
Friday January 16, 2015.

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