

December 8, 2015

BIG SKY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



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Hello From The BSOA

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

Lone Mountain Ski Passes

Winter has arrived! Make sure to swing by the BSOA office to get your Lone Mountain Ranch cross country season pass at our discounted price. It is one of the perks of being a BSOA member, so make sure you take advantage of it.



Day passes and dog passes must be purchased at Lone Mountain Ranch.

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 for every skier purchasing a seasons pass.

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

BSOA Board of
Directors Meeting
Cancelled

BSAC Meeting
Dec 17, Cancelled

SAVE THE DATE



The Big Sky Christmas
Stroll will take place on

Friday, Dec 11

5:30pm - 8:15pm

HAPPENINGS

Dec 4 - \$20 Day @ Big
Sky Resort

Dec 5 - Women's Early Bird
Ski Clinic

Dec 8 - HR Workshop

Dec 8 - Big Sky
Community Dinner

Dec 11 - Christmas Stroll

Dec 11 - It's A Wonderful
Life

Dec 14 - Dan Egan Early
Bird Camps

Dec 17 - Business After
Hours

Dec 19 - Educator
Appreciation Weekend @
Big Sky Resort

Dec 20 - Bells of the
Bridgers

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](#)

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

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HAVE AN IDEA?

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.

Strolling

The streets of Big Sky will be filled with holiday spirit Friday, December 11 from 5:30 - 9:15 p.m. for the 18th Annual Big Sky Christmas Stroll. Join us at the Meadow Village Center, Westfork Meadows and Big Sky Town Center for an evening of family friendly events, entertainment, and holiday cheer!



This festive evening will kick off with the tree lighting ceremony in Meadow Village Center at 5:30 pm. While in Meadow Village swing into Blue Ribbon Builders and snap a photo with Santa, or catch the magic show in First Security Bank. Other festivities to enjoy include an artists market in Town Center, an illuminated cross country ski trails, sleigh rides courtesy of Big Sky Medical Center and Lone Mountain Ranch, a beer stroll hosted by Lone Peak Brewery, music from the Dicken's Carolers, music by acclaimed DJ Missy O'Malley, and more! The stroll will conclude with a fireworks display in Town Center at 8:15 pm. Take in the night as you stroll through the many local shops and enjoy their open houses, raffles, and holiday specials. Family friendly kids activities will be ongoing throughout the night as well.

The holiday season is not the only thing we are celebrating this

weekend. The ski season has just begun! Ski and stroll with the annual Turkey For A Ticket Food Drive at Big Sky Resort. That Friday, December 11 get FREE lift tickets with the donation of a turkey, or 20 cans of food to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank! A Food Bank donation is also appreciated when having your photo taken with Santa at Blue Ribbon Builders.

Make sure to stop by the BSOA office and celebrate the holidays with us! There will be appetizers and drinks, as well as fun holiday ornaments for the kids to make and take home. Once again, the fire pit will be located in front of the office for folks to gather around and enjoy a s'more, or two.

[Christmas Stroll Poster with Event Schedule](#)

Open House

The Big Sky community is receiving a big and shiny Christmas present this year and it is shaped like a medical center! After great anticipation, the grand opening of the Big Sky



Medical Center is here. This community present will be unwrapped tomorrow, Wednesday, December 9th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and everyone is invited to the celebration. This facility is the new community gem and you don't want to miss the opportunity to view it while it is still bright and shiny!

Kodiak Can

In October 2014 the BSOA Board passed a resolution requiring the use of bear resistant containers within BSOA jurisdiction. Since then, there seem to be some common questions and concerns about the bear cans including the cost, ease of use, and



distribution. In regards to the distribution concern, BSOA staff is working with Republic Services to swap out more of the old, blue cans for the Kodiak cans. In regards to the rest, the Bear Smart Big Sky committee put together a flyer breaking down some of the information.

There are different Republic Services payment plans available and your monthly bill may differ from your neighbor. You may have a weekly pick-up plan and they may have a one-time pick-up plan. The type of plan is what causes the difference in cost. The type of can you have affects the cost too. The bear resistant Kodiak Cans required by the BSOA can cost you an additional \$.15/day, \$4.65/mo, or \$13.95/qtr. One question that has BSOA staff has received before is why you can't just purchase a trash can from Republic Services? If Republic Services owns the can repairs are built into the cost. Damages can occur during pick-up and while you can is sitting curbside. You can call in any time repairs are needed and they will pick-up the damaged can and replace it with a working can.

The ease of use is another regular comment received by BSOA staff and Bear Smart committee members. The double latching system can be tricky to operate and for good reason to: if it is tricky for you, it is tricky for a bear! When using your Kodiak can please keep these simple do's and don't's in mind.

Do

- ~ Close and latch the Lid each time you put trash in it
- ~ Check for damage or holes
- ~ Call Republic Services for repairs

Don't

- ~ Modify or remove the locking mechanism
- ~ Do not overfill the trashcan
- ~ Do not stack trash beside or on top of the can

[Click here to download the "Understanding Your Can" flyer](#)

Winter Entertainment

Big Sky residents have learned to be both surprised and pleased by the variety, quality and unique attributes of the acts comprising the winter season line-ups at WMPAC. This winter season presents a diverse lineup including an acrobatic ballet, repertory-crossing string quartet, and an opera. Artistic Director John Zirkle says that while he intentionally looks for new and different acts for each season's line-up, there are also certain commonalities. "We always feature something that highlights movement, a spoken word artist or two, cutting edge musicians in specialized fields, and something

theatrical." WMPAC winter season extends beyond the stage. The Visual Arts Committee, founded and chaired by Jill Bough, works diligently to curate the visual gallery spaces outside of the theater. This year, four exhibits are planned from December 11, through March 26th.

A list of the season's performances is below and visit the WMPAC website for more information, www.warrenmillerpac.org.

December 1- Tickets go on sale for entire season. There will be no staged release as in the past. Plan your whole winter ahead and buy your tickets now!

December 11- It's A Wonderful Life: The Live Radio Show. LPHS high school performs the Christmas Classic as a radio show. 3:00 and 6:30; attend the Christmas Stroll in between.

December 18 - Nothing Serious, by Rich Orloff. Community Theater presentation.

Dec. 30th - Manual Cinema (Film)

Jan. 9th - NPR's Selected Shorts (Radio Storytelling)

Jan. 16th - So Percussion (Better than Stomp)

Jan. 23rd - Volo by Diavolo (Architecture in Motion)

February 12th - Kronos Quartet (World's Best String Quartet)

February 27th - The Dybbuk (Opera... a WMPAC First!)

March 5th - Billy Collins (Yep... the one and only)

March 19th - James Sewell Ballet (We love James...)

March 26th - Jitro Czech Girls' Choir (Eat your hearts out, Take 6)v

Trail Etiquette

Those of you who love Nordic skiing know that it is a great cardio work out as well as a great way to spend an afternoon in Big Sky. This community is lucky to have trails of varying difficulty winding and weaving though the area. From skiing newbies, to trained athletes, there is a trail for everyone. Regardless of your skill level there are some basic manners that all skiers must adhere to when out on the trails:

Do Not Walk on the ski trails - walking on groomed trails create divots which are a hazard to skiers.

No Dogs - there are designated trails for you to take your four-legged friends on by the Community Park and Town Center. Dog owners are responsible for keeping their animals safe and under control, and must remove any droppings near the trails.

Right of Way - skiers going downhill have the right-of-way.

Pass on the Left - Please let others know that you are approaching them from behind by politely calling out "on your left." If you are skiing fast and come upon slower skiers, please reduce your speed while you pass on their left, and then take off again once you have safely passed them.

Leave Behind Only Ski Tracks - If you stop for a break on the trail, make sure to pack all of your trash and take it with you. The pristine beauty of Big Sky is one of our biggest assets; please take the time to help protect the beauty that is Big Sky.

Wear Your Pass - All of the groomed Nordic trails require a Lone Mountain Ranch Ski pass. *Take advantage of your membership and pick up a discounted pass at the BSOA office.*

Transportation District Board

Openings

There is an opening for both a Gallatin and Madison County resident to serve on the Big Sky Transportation District Board. To be the Madison County representative it is required by the BSTD bylaws, and the Madison County Commissioners that the person "reside" in Madison County. Those interested don't have to own property in Madison County, but must be a "resident" of the County.

If you are interested in serving on the BSTD for either county please contact Skyline Coordinator David Kack at (406) 994-7526 or dkack@coe.montana.edu



Give a meaningful gift this holiday season.
Donate blood.

Big Sky Fire Department

Blood Drive

650 Rainbow Trout Run

Monday, December 14, 2015
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

To schedule your appointment or for more information,
please call 1-800-REDCROSS (733-2767) or visit
redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: BigSky

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Happy Holidays from the BSOA Staff & Board!

The office will be closed Dec 24 & 25

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