



BIG SKY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Monthly Newsletter

Important Reminders From BSAC & Board



Temporary Structures and Storage

As a reminder, Meadow Village and Sweet Grass Hills Covenants do not permit temporary sheds or structures of any kind. Please see the [Meadow Village](#) or [Sweet Grass Hills](#) Covenants for more information.

For questions, please contact bsoa@bigskyoya.org

Upcoming Meetings and Agenda

BSAC: February 3rd, 2022 at 9 AM -

[Agenda](#)

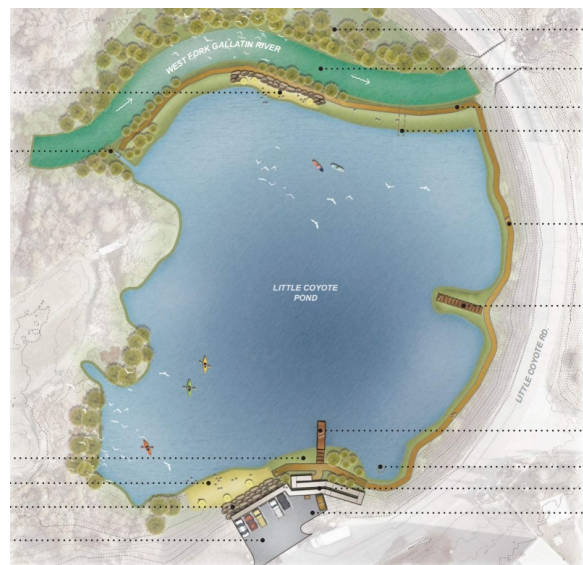
Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Calendar 2022: Board of Directors Meetings are held every third Friday of the month at 9 am. BSAC Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 9 am. All members must attend virtually. Virtual attendance information is on our [home page](#) of our website. Meeting schedule is subject to change.

[2022 Calendar](#)

Little Coyote Pond Update

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the BSOA is moving forward with plans to restore the West Fork of the Gallatin River and Little Coyote Pond. The project involves taking Little Coyote Pond off stream, restoring the West Fork's fisheries, channel and stream banks, and dredging and restoring the Little Coyote Pond as a recreational facility and fishing pond. This will be a place where families can gather for picnics and swimming, children can learn to fish, and the public can enjoy the natural beauty of the area. With great proximity to the Community Park, this will be a valued asset to the Big Sky community, its residents and visitors alike. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting project!



Sustainability Spotlight



Understanding Big Sky's Diverse Ecology

There are many reasons why we choose to live, work, and play in Big Sky. The opportunities to get out and enjoy all that Southwestern Montana has to offer seem endless. If you live in Big Sky partially or full-time, you live in one of world's most unique ecosystems. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) is like no other place on Earth. Roughly 22 million acres are home to the largest concentration of mega-fauna in the lower 48 states, which means we share the land with 67 species of mammals, alone. Because we are in such close proximity to the national park boundary, we often have encounters with our four-legged neighbors. Keep in mind, their habitat has been severely fragmented in the GYE due to increased and rapid development over the last several decades. It should come as no surprise that we must learn to respectfully cohabitate with wildlife, since we choose to reside along their migration corridors and hunting grounds.

Quick GYE Facts

- States: Wyoming, Montana, Idaho
- 26 tribes have ancestral connections to Yellowstone including the Mountain Shoshone, Kiowa, and ancestors of the Crow. There are over 1,800 tribal cultural sites in the heart of the GYE
- Encompasses state lands, two national parks, portions of five national forests, three national wildlife refuges, Bureau of Land Management holdings, private and tribal land
- Home to the largest elk herd in the world
- Number of Elk herds: ~7 herds
- Number of grizzly's in greater Yellowstone: ~728
- Number of Gray Wolves: ~530
- Number of Bison: 5,450

Living with Wildlife Tips

- Do not leave trash or food items out. This attracts both black bears and grizzly's. Bear-human contact can be avoided with a bear-proof trash cart and responsible food storage. Bears are most active between March and October.
- Keep your pets on a leash; there have been frequent run-ins with dogs and wildlife recently. Keeping your dog on a leash can prevent harm to both your dog and wildlife.
- Keep your distance; we know how exciting it can be to experience a wildlife sighting but running up to an animal to get a closer look can cause harm to both you and wildlife.

Visit our [Living with Wildlife](#) page for more information.

Have questions? Contact Emma at emma@bigskyoa.org for more information sustainable initiatives in Big Sky.

Attention Cross Country Skiers

In order to keep the roads safe this winter, we ask that you either park at the lot located at Historic Crail Ranch or at the Big Sky Golf Course and Nordic center. Parking at both locations are free. Additional parking is also available on the North side of Black Otter Road. Please do not park on both sides of the street in order to maintain the safe flow of traffic going both ways. Thank you!



Cascade Residents - Chair Lift Update



The following chairlifts are now open for the season:

- White Otter
- Cascade
- Little Thunder

For questions and hours of operation contact:

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Bear-Proofing in Big Sky

If you have a blue trash cart from Republic, it is not bear-proof. In an effort to comply with our [2014 Trash and Bear-Feeding Resolution](#), drivers from Republic will be swapping out non-bear proof carts in the coming weeks **on Mondays and Fridays**. Please leave your trash cans out that day their drivers have a chance to swap them out for the appropriate bear-proof Kodiak cart. Bear-proof carts are required all year



long in the BSOA jurisdiction.

Have questions? Contact us at bsoa@bigskyoa.org

Recycling and Trash Consortium Interest Form

We want to hear from you!

Many members of the BSOA and the greater Big Sky community have expressed the desire to have curbside recycling in addition to their current garbage service. As such, the BSOA has been negotiating with local trash providers. By leveraging the purchasing power of our membership, we are looking to provide members this vital service at a discounted price.

Bundle includes:

- Kodiak bear-proof carts (if you do not already have one)
- Bi-weekly pick-up for curbside mixed recycling
- Weekly trash pickup services

By filling out an interest form you are moving us one step closer to improved waste management in Big Sky. Thank you for your participation.

Submit Interest Form Here

Have you moved?

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

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