

June 25, 2015



Hello From BSOA

Here are some of the important matters in Big Sky right now!

DEADLINE APPROACHING: Board of Directors Candidates

Once again, the BSOA is preparing for their annual elections and there are 3 open seats on the BSOA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors are responsible for the oversight and administration of the Big Sky Owners Association. The BSOA has been around since the early years of the community and with the help of the Board, the Association continues to come up with projects that better both members and the community at large.

Those interested in joining have only a few days left to submit a letter of interest to the BSOA office in person, or via mail. **Filing period began May 22, 2015 and letters of interest need to be received no later than the closing date of Friday, June 26, 2015.**

Applicants must own property, or lease commercial property in the BSOA jurisdiction and be in good standing to sit on the Board.

For further information about the process please contact the BSOA office at (406) 995-4166.

BSOA Board of Directors

July 17, 9:00am

BSAC Meeting

July 2, 8:00am

July 16, 8:00am

SAVE THE DATE



This year's Annual Meeting will be **3:00 pm - 6:30 pm** on

Friday, Sept. 4th

ON TOP OF THE PEAK

This month's honoree is:



Brian Wheeler

Anyone who has gone before BSAC, has ties to the Resort, or has lived in Big Sky for a length of time has probably crossed paths with Brian Wheeler. When he is not busy in his role as

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Director of Real Estate and Development for Big Sky Resort, Brian enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons. He enjoys skiing, hunting, golfing, fishing and hiking in the mountains of Montana.

Other than the Chair of BSAC, Brian has played a key role in many community programs and organizations including: design and development of the Big Sky Community Park, Big Sky Ski Education Foundation, was a founding member of Big Sky Chapel, and sits on the Big Sky Water & Sewer District board.

Brian is always at work trying to better the community and both BSAC and Big Sky are lucky to have him. Thanks Brian for all that you have done and continue to do!

Submit your nominations for next month's "On Top of the Peak" member to emily@bigskyoa.org.

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HAPPENINGS

June 24 - Big Sky Farmer's Market begins

June 25 - Music in the Mountains: Midnight River Choir

June 26 - Mary Poppins

Annual Meeting & Montana Rose Duo

The 2015 BSOA Annual Meeting will be on Friday, September 4 from 3:00pm - 6:30pm at Big Sky Resort.

The meeting will be held in the Gallatin Theatre and then transition into the

Huntley Dining Room for the

reception. It has been a goal to revitalize the meeting and reception and make it more relevant as well as a social gathering. We'd like to see more members, both new and old, attend and get to know their neighbors better.



This year's meeting will include a presentation about recent BSOA projects, such as the Little Coyote Pond project. The presentation will also contain information from other Big Sky community organizations, property management companies, etc that have important and interesting topics they would like to pass along to the membership.

The reception will have live music courtesy of a duo from Montana Rose. Forged in the crucible of cowboy bars throughout the Rockies, Montana Rose is arguably one of the top cowboy bar bands playing today. With eight recordings available world wide, and their songs playing on the radio in more than 30 countries, Montana Rose has come to embody the spirit of "Americana". BSOA is fortunate to have them performing at our reception and is a great opportunity for our members, who are admirers of the band, to enjoy their music.

Any questions about the annual meeting can be directed to Emily in the BSOA office at 406-995-4166, or emily@bigskyoa.org.

BSOA Propane Consortium

The Big Sky Owners Association continues to look for ways to provide desirable benefits to our members. With over 2,200 individual properties within the BSOA, together, our members have "purchasing power". Group purchasing, or consortiums are formed to leverage the purchasing power and optimize cost reduction, meaning the more members that sign up, the greater the negotiating power, which results in lower prices. Therefore, the BSOA would like to offer our members the opportunity to join the Big Sky Propane Consortium.

Since its conception, Big Sky Propane Consortium has grown from 5 members to over 400 members and for the last 11 years has been getting the best propane costs possible. Although the amount of money saved is dependent upon the amount of propane used by each resident, an example of possible savings, is the BSOA office, which joined the consortium last year and saved 38% in costs from the previous year.

A separate email was sent out with an attached letter explaining the program in greater detail. A copy of the letter is also attached to this newsletter. Please complete the sign-up form and return to the BSOA office before August 1, 2015 if you want to participate in the consortium.

[Click here for the letter and sign-up form!](#)

Any questions regarding the Big Sky Propane Consortium can be directed to Lori in the BSOA office at lori@bigskyoa.org, or (406) 995-4166.

UPDATE: Trailer Policy

After a thorough review of the recreation vehicle and trailer policy, the BSAC recently made revisions to their guidelines.



No boats, trailers, snowmobiles, motor homes, or other recreational-type vehicles shall be permitted to be kept or stored on the premises of any lot or residence unless a covered, fenced and screened parking space, which must be approved in advance by the Big Sky Architectural Committee, is provided.

Temporary parking of the aforementioned vehicles and trailers is permitted when advance notification is provided to the Big Sky

[presented by Big Sky
Broadway](#)

June 27 - Morningstar Learning Center Fundraiser

July 1 - [Open Land Month begins](#)

July 2 - Music In the Mountains: Sons of Bill

July 4 - [Firecracker open @ Big Sky Resort Golf Course](#)

July 4 - Music In the Mountains: The Tiny Band

July 9 - Music In the Mountains: Incendio

July 10 - [Brewfest 2015](#)

July 10 - Strings Under the Big Sky

July 16 - Business After Hours

July 16 - Music In the Mountains: The Suffers

July 23 - Music In the Mountains: The Whiskey Gentry

July 25 - [Annual Crail Ranch Bake Sale Plus!](#)

July 25/26 - [Big Sky Fly Fishing Festival](#)

July 27 - [New Women's Fly Fishing School](#)

July 28 - Baroque Music Montana

July 30/31 - [Big Sky PBR](#)

July 31 - [Wet & Wild](#)

[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.

Owners Association. Temporary parking is defined as parking for a period not to exceed 10 total days per month, and no more than 5 consecutive days without removal for a period of 2 days.

Please remember, Advance notification can be provided in person at the BSOA office or by mail, phone, or email. The updated policy can be found on the BSOA website.

Round-Up For Weeds

In the picture to the right, oxeye daisy and canada



(creeping) thistle are thriving on the steep and heavily disturbed lot. Many people aim to control weeds by using "Round Up" (who's active ingredient is glyphosate), and most are unhappy with the results. Why?

First, it's important to know that glyphosate is a non-selective, meaning it kills all plants. Second, glyphosate will kill the top growth of noxious weeds, but does not kill the root. Noxious weeds are called "noxious" for a reason, as they are competitive, adaptive and persistent. In other words, the top will die back, but root reserves will help the weed rebound from the assault.

Another common recommended home remedy is a vinegar and salt mixture. Again, this mixture will kill the top (as vinegar desiccates foliage), but not the roots. And like glyphosate, this mixture will kill all plants. But the added danger of this mixture is that it can actually harm the soil! Salt decreases water uptake, can cause non-target plant toxicity, interfere with uptake of essential nutrients, and can accumulate in soils causing long term problems.

The recommended approach to noxious weed management is:

1. Identify weeds correctly
2. Create a management plan that takes into account the biology of the weed and ecology of the property
3. Select herbicides that are proven to be effective on that specific noxious weed (herbicide recommendations for each noxious weed can be found on the "Weed ID & Control"

page of our website, bigskyweeds.org)

4. Properly use herbicides

* Properly calibrate the weed sprayer - a must for proper application

* Follow the label - it's the law

**Successful weed management requires constant vigilance!
Successful weed eradication requires yearly treatment for many
years.**

[Click here for more information.](#)

Interchange Opening

For those of you who are frequent flyers you may be relieved to know that the construction on the new interchange is coming to a close. The East Belgrade Interchange on 1-90 has been in a work in progress as early as 2011 when the initially planning was taking place. The Gallatin County Commissioners, the City of Belgrade and the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport will open the new interchange with a ribbon cutting on Friday, June 26th.

Round-Up for Open Land Month

July is deemed "Open Land Month" by Governor Bullock and Big Sky is getting involved in the statewide celebration!



The month long celebration is a formal salute to the importance of open land and Montana's outdoor way of life. It is a chance to honor all that open land represents: our agricultural heritage, vast outdoor recreational opportunities, clean water, diverse wildlife habitat, scenic splendor, tremendous economic benefits, a \$4 billion tourism industry, freedom to roam and so, so much more! .

In partnership with Montana Community Foundation, Mike Scholz has brought together three non-profits to benefit from the "Round Up for Open Land" initiative in Big Sky. Businesses throughout the community are participating for the month of July and proceeds from this point-of-sale donation mechanism will be split between Travelers for Open Land, Gallatin River Task Force, and Big Sky Community Corporation - a triumvirate of community assets: open land, water, trails. During the month of July receipts will have an additional line where you can round up your total to the nearest dollar, or more, and the donation will support the three local non-profits.

Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer that breaks down how the program works and talks about the organizations that will benefit!

MOR Offer For Big Sky Residents

As an exclusive offering to the Big Sky community, Museum of the Rockies now provides special 6-month Family Seasonal Memberships in recognition of seasonal residents.



Family Seasonal Memberships are available for the Summer Season, May 1 through October 31, and the Winter Season, November 30 through April 30, at a reduced rate of just \$55. Family Seasonal Members enjoy all the benefits of a full Museum of the Rockies Membership, such as invites to members only exhibit openings, discounts at the Museum Store, special discounts to Museum programs and Benefit Events, and access to over 300 Museums worldwide through the ASTC Passport Program.

Museum of the Rockies at Montana State University is a Smithsonian Affiliate and is recognized as one of the world's finest research and history museums. Known for its collection of dinosaur fossils and its permanent regional history exhibits, MOR also thrills visitors with changing exhibits from around the world, the Martin Children's Discovery Center, the Living History Farm - a historically accurate, working 1890s Montana homestead open every summer, and the Taylor Planetarium, featuring a state-of-the-art digital projection system.

To find out more about new Family Seasonal Memberships exclusively for Big Sky residents, please call Stephanie Uter, Membership & Special Programs Manager, at 406-994-6054.

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