



## BIG SKY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Monthly Newsletter

### BSOA Announcements

BSOA IS  
**HIRING!**

Architectural Review Manager

APPLY NOW

Email Cover Letter and Resume to [suzan@bigskyoya.org](mailto:suzan@bigskyoya.org)

#### We're Hiring!

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MANAGER:** This position works with architects, builders and homeowners coordinating building project submittals, manages the Architectural Review Committee and project review and approval, ensures compliance of design guidelines and policies. Candidate should have organizational and communication skills, proficient in Microsoft Suite, ability to interpret subdivision covenants, ability to read construction plans, and present and recommend project requirements. Team player and positive attitude preferred. Competitive wage, great benefits and other cool perks.

Send resume & cover letter to [suzan@bigskyoya.org](mailto:suzan@bigskyoya.org). Full job description at [www.bigskymt.org](http://www.bigskymt.org).



#### Notary Services Now Available Monday - Friday

Do you or someone you know need something notarized? Our full-time staff



#### SLOW DOWN, FOLKS!

We have received an increased amount of complaints from members about speeding on residential streets. As a reminder, the speed limit on residential roads like Little Coyote is

can assist you with all your notarial acts!

The BSOA is committed to providing our members with quality services Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Stop by our office at 145 Center Lane, Unit J or call (406) 995-4166.

We're happy to assist you!

25 MPH. Big Sky was designed without sidewalks so please be mindful of pedestrians, bikers, pets, and children.

If you want to know more about what the BSOA is doing to calm traffic on Little Coyote Road and Beehive Basin Road, reach out to our Projects & Compliance Manager at [tammy@bigskyoa.org](mailto:tammy@bigskyoa.org)



The poster features a scenic mountain landscape with a large mountain peak in the background, a lake in the middle ground, and a field of yellow wildflowers in the foreground. A semi-transparent blue banner is overlaid on the center of the image. At the top, the text 'BIG SKY OWNERS ASSOCIATION' is written in a serif font. Below the banner, the text 'SAVE THE DATE' is written in a large, white, serif font. Underneath that, 'BSOA's 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting & Election' is written in a smaller, white, serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is a large, gold, circular coin with the number '50' on it, and a ribbon banner below it that says 'ANNIVERSARY'. To the right of the coin, the text 'FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022 | 3-5 PM' is written in a serif font. Below that, 'BIG SKY RESORT' is written in a serif font. At the bottom, 'RECEPTION TO FOLLOW FROM 5-7 PM' is written in a serif font. A small credit 'Photo by Chris D'Ardenne' is visible in the bottom right corner of the image area.

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Photo by Chris D'Ardenne

#### **HAPPENING NEXT MONTH! BSOA's 50th Election and Annual Meeting**

Please join us for the BSOA annual meeting and election on August 26th, 2022 at 3 pm in the Talus Room of the Summit Hotel. Reception to follow in the Huntly Dining Hall with refreshments and musical guest, Sam Bee! Election ballots will be dispersed in the mail at the end of July. Instructions on how to vote will be enclosed in the ballot packet. Please cast your vote by August 25th, 2022.



A header image for the 'Sustainability Spotlight' section, showing a dense forest of evergreen trees under a bright sky.

Sustainability Spotlight



## Spotlight Interview Series - Part 1

I sat down with Ian Moore, Founder of **Big Sky Forestry**, to talk about the risks and solutions of wildfires as it relates to property ownership in Big Sky. Living in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) requires some background knowledge about how you, as a homeowner, can be prepared for a wildfire event.

### **E: Tell me a little about your background and about your business, Big Sky Forestry.**

I: I'm originally from Michigan, where my family owns timber property there. I grew up with a chainsaw in hand. Our family property mills trees and over the years I learned to work with timber, having hand-built a log cabin in MI. I have a degree in Math and Physics and later went on to study laser optics at MSU in Bozeman. After working in a science-related field for several years, I noticed a need here for improved fuels reduction practices in Montana. That's when I started to shift into the industry of public lands and property. Some of the practices in fuels reduction efforts here are not ecologically sensitive and involve clear-cutting forests and sterilizing the soil.

I own land in South Cottonwood Canyon and obtained a quote for fuels reduction on my property from local arborists. They came back with a \$35,000-40,000 estimate so I went out and did it myself. After that, I thought there must be a market for this kind of work. My science background and interest in fuels reduction helped out in the process. I later obtained a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist certification from the National Fire Prevention Agency. [At Big Sky Forestry,] we do a lot of full-scale forestry. We don't tear up the forest. I started with a few small clients in the Bridgers, which helped sink my teeth into the industry before starting full time last year. Now, we have three employees, who are qualified and experienced sawyers. Collectively, we have 30 years of experience in subalpine forestry and fuels reduction. We can be described as high-end low-impact forestry.

### **E: What can homeowners do to take precautions in a WUI area?**

I: Here are some key practices that homeowners can do right away:

- Eliminate slash piles immediately by either chipping or burning the pile.
- Keep grass mowed 50 feet from the house.
- Propane tanks should not have any vegetation around it.
- Do not store firewood under the deck. Move it to an area that is shielded from view and away from the house.
- Ask your landscaper to watch for any kind of conifer tree that has limbs touching the house. Conifers are sappy and flammable.
- Incorporate 3-5 feet of non-combustible material in your landscape plan around the immediate perimeter of the house. Examples: stone, gravel, brick, semi-permeable pavers, or rock.

### **E: What are some things you would like Big Sky residents and property owners to know?**

Ian highlighted the top four biggest combustibles on a home during a wildfire event:

- Roofs: Roofs are the most at-risk in a WUI. Make sure you have a NFPA rated Class A roof that is asphalt, metal, or composite shingle.
- Decks: Unscreened decks pose a risk due to embers blowing up and under, which can cause the deck to burn from below. Screening below the decks can eliminate that risk.
- Eaves: Be aware that eaves can trap embers.
- Gutters: Always keep your gutters free and clear of organic material.

I: The bottom line is, you need community buy-in. Saving lives and keeping the community safe should be the highest priority. Also, we need safe evacuation routes and vegetation control along the roads. The national standard is to clear 12 feet off the road but experts say 30 feet is ideal. Community leaders should ensure there is well-marked non-combustible road and home signage.

Residents should also make sure they are well-insured, document important household assets in a spreadsheet, and have a "Go" bag ready, in case authorities call for an evacuation and there isn't time to prepare.

*Need more information about BSOA's sustainability initiatives? Contact Emma at [emma@bigskyoya.org](mailto:emma@bigskyoya.org) for more info!*



# NAVIGATE BIG SKY

Brought to you by the Big Sky Resort Area District



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A new Big Sky website intending to foster citizen engagement and awareness within the community has launched. The Big Sky Resort Area District (Resort Tax) is excited to introduce [Navigate Big Sky](#) a new web-based community event and engagement tool. The site is FREE for all who want to use the comprehensive calendar or post an event. The District encourages you to use and share this resource as you Navigate Big Sky.

[Read the full press release here.](#)

## Upcoming Events

Aug 4, 2022: BSAC Meeting | Virtual | 9 AM  
Aug 7, 2022: Hooked on the Gallatin (GRTF Annual Event) | Riverhouse BBQ | 5:30 PM  
Aug 8, 2022: Shakespeare in the Park | Town Center | 5:30 PM  
Aug 11, 2022: Big Sky Zoning Advisory Board Meeting | WSD Board Room | 9:30 AM  
Aug 11, 2022: Gallatin County Planning & Zoning Commission | Virtual/Bozeman Office | 9 AM  
Aug 12-13, 2022: Wildlands Festival  
Aug 18, 2022: BSAC Meeting | Virtual | 9 AM  
Aug 19, 2022: BSOA Board of Directors Meeting | Virtual | 9 AM  
**Aug 26, 2022: BSOA Annual Meeting | 3 PM | Talus Room, Big Sky Resort/Virtual**  
Aug 26-27, 2022: Big Sky Biggie | Town Center  
Aug 29, 2022: Madison County Planning Board | Virtual/Virginia City Office | 6:00 PM  
Aug 29, 2022: Big Sky School District First Day of School for 2022-2023

### 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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