



# SKYLAND CHRONICLE

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## **Special points of interest:**

- *The Annual Meeting will be virtual on Sunday, July 11th at 4:00pm.*
- *The Annual Picnic will be held outside at Lake Grant on Sunday, July 11th at 6:00pm.*
- *Please be aware of your outside water usage this summer.*

## **President's Message**

Greetings Skyland Property Owners:

If you've been away for the winter, then welcome back. Skyland has grown in your absence with the addition of 13 buildable lots in the new Aspen Ridge neighborhood at the base of Mt. Created Butte. The extension of Skyland Drive and the associated infrastructure was completed in November.



New home starts here in Skyland have continued at a rapid pace, but otherwise, things have been relatively quiet. There were two issues that were brought to the attention of the Skyland Community Association Board at our February meeting that may deserve action.

The first pertains to inquiries by Skyland homeowners regarding the use or installation of outdoor firepits. As it stands now, the Skyland Declaration of Protective Covenants states that "There shall be no exterior fires whatsoever except barbeque fires contained within receptacles there for." It was the consensus of the board at the recent meeting that natural gas or propane fueled firepits should be allowed, but that wood burning firepits should continue to be prohibited. The risk of flying sparks or embers from a wood fire starting a fire in the brush of our Skyland open space or igniting a wood-shake roof is just too great to relax that prohibition. That's why fireworks are not allowed in Skyland.

Our board treasurer, Kent Fulton, has contacted the head of the Crested Butte Fire Protection District for his input and will present his findings at our June board meeting. However, amending our Protective Covenants to allow gas-fueled firepits will be no simple task, in that it would require the written consent of two-thirds of Skyland property owners. I personally feel that we should proceed with the amendment, rather than just look the other way as the popularity of gas-fueled firepits in Skyland continues to grow.

The second issue brought to the board's attention is the overcrowding of watercraft stored at the Lake Grant boat laydown area. Currently there are 53 watercraft stored there year-round, and the demand for storage will only continue to grow as Skyland builds out with new homes. I've compiled a list of the 21

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## Manager's Corner



By Mike Billingsley

With a mild winter and warm dry spring, the staff has been working hard to get Skyland ready for another beautiful Crested Butte summer. Working along with me, Nola, Grant, and Adam diligently work to keep the community running smoothly and looking great, if you see us out and about feel free to stop and say hello.

### WATER CONSERVATION

Crested Butte has had a very lean, below average winter and spring in terms of both snow depth and the water content. Drought conditions for this summer are a very realistic possibility. The Skyland Metropolitan District Board is in the process of implementing the water conservation plan contained in the District's Rules and Regulations. The Board asks that customers act in accordance with water conservation rules contained in Section 11 of the District Rules and Regulations. These rules provide for limitations on **outdoor** uses of water and lawn watering. **Please pay close attention to your irrigation system to ensure that it is properly adjusted and there are no leaks or breaks.**

The District's current watering regulations are: **Odd numbered street address homes** will only be allowed to **water on Odd numbered days** and **Even numbered addresses** will only be allowed to **irrigate on Even numbered days**. The outdoor irrigation times allowed are between the hours of **5:00a.m. – 10:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.** Following these irrigation hours is the most efficient means of delivering water to your landscaping and helps conserve water. The District has made significant upgrades to the water supply system over the years but conservation of this resource is the biggest factor to maintaining an adequate water supply throughout the summer.

As the District Board monitors the ongoing drought conditions, the Board may implement the following additional conservation options;

1. Adjust or curtail the outdoor watering schedule as needed.
2. Continue working with the Golf Course to maintain adequate water levels in Grant Lake.

The Board would prefer to avoid implementing overage penalties or rate increases as a method to discourage increased water consumption in favor of working with the District customers to promote the voluntary reduction of water consumption. Please let us know your thoughts and please stay in touch with our office and our website for current information.

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boats currently stored at Lake Grant that do not display a Skyland boat registration sticker. Please review the list on page 4, and if you own one of these boats, please register or reregister it at the Skyland office. Our ultimate goal is to exclude from the storage area any watercraft that are not owned by current Skyland property owners.

The board has decided to have our July 11th annual meeting online, as it was last year. The county’s indoor group meeting size limitation currently stands at 50 persons.

Since the Skyland picnic is an outdoor affair with a current county limit of 250 persons, then we should be able to host it at the Lake Grant pavilion on July 11th as we normally do. Nola will be communicating with you on all the details.

Best regards and safe travels,

Hal Cook

Community Association President



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### ROAD AND PATH WORK

The Skyland Metropolitan District will be performing a paving project on Eagle Lane, Vista Court, and Slate River Drive this year. The paving is scheduled to start late summer, after the busy season.

### LAKE GRANT

The Boat Lay Down Area is a very popular place and is becoming overcrowded with boats being stored there. Please check on your craft and if it is damaged, please remove it. Staff will be removing damaged and unregistered boats this summer.

### AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Please be responsible pet owners and keep your dogs under voice or leash control at all times. Dogs are not allowed to wander. When out walking your dogs, please be a good neighbor and always pick up after them.

If the summer continues to be as dry as the winter and spring have been, we will likely see a large bear issue. Help keep bears wild and be responsible about trash and bird feeders.



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-Hal Cook



## Boat Listing



*Please check to see  
if one of these boats  
belongs to you!*



The 53 watercraft stored at the Lake Grant boat laydown area were inventoried April 25<sup>th</sup>, and the following described 21 watercraft did not display a Skyland boat registration sticker, or the sticker was so badly damaged that the registration number was unreadable. The lengths of the craft described are just estimates and were not measured.

- 14' Olive-green "Lund" aluminum flat-bottom john-boat
- 12' Olive-green plastic kayak
- 16' Green "Pelican" plastic canoe, #CAZEP05144A808
- 10' Lime-green "Sun Dolphin - Aruba" kayak
- 10' Blue "Sun Dolphin - Aruba" kayak
- 15' Green "Old Town - Saranac 146" plastic canoe
- 16' Teal-green "Discovery" fiberglass canoe
- 8' Olive-green "Life Time" plastic kayak
- 16' Green "Old Town - Saranac 160" plastic canoe
- 17' Aluminum canoe, Oklahoma registration OK0244BC
- 14' Green "Rogue River" plastic canoe
- 8' Purple "Corsica Proline" plastic kayak
- 16' Dark Green plastic canoe
- 6' Red "Water Quest" plastic kayak, Serial #JOK04529A212
- 14' Gray "Mad River - Adventure" plastic canoe
- 16' Rust-red plastic canoe
- 16' Faded Red "Chilly Pepper - Passage" fiberglass canoe with large alligators on the sides
- 14' Olive-green "Alumacraft" aluminum flat-bottom john-boat with "DW1" sticker
- 13' Green plastic flat-bottom john-boat
- 16' Brown "Destiny" fiberglass canoe
- 12' Teal-green "Sun Dolphin" plastic canoe, Serial #JOK10644E313

If you are the owner of any of these watercraft, please stop by the Skyland office on the first floor of Skyland Lodge to obtain a registration sticker for your boat. Otherwise, any "unstickered" craft will be subject to removal to offsite storage to help alleviate the overcrowding of the storage area at Lake Grant.



*With the start of summer many animals begin to appear, especially bears. Please use only bear-proof containers when putting your trash out. Also remember to set your trash out after 7:00am on your scheduled day of collection.*

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Homes with **even-numbered addresses** will water on **even numbered dates**.

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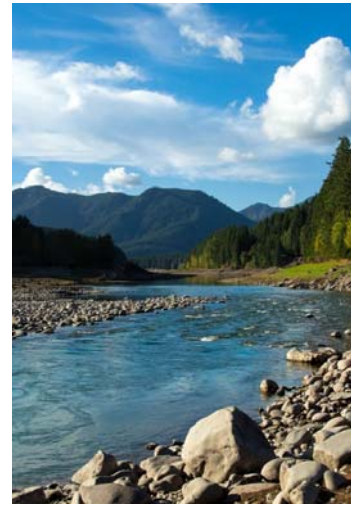
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Please check the District Website [www.skylandonline.com](http://www.skylandonline.com) for the most up to date conditions and water regulations.



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## Meeting Schedules

### Community Association Meetings

The Skyland Community Association Board meets about four (4) to six (6) times per year. The meetings are held at the Skyland Lodge, Suite 112A.

### District Meetings

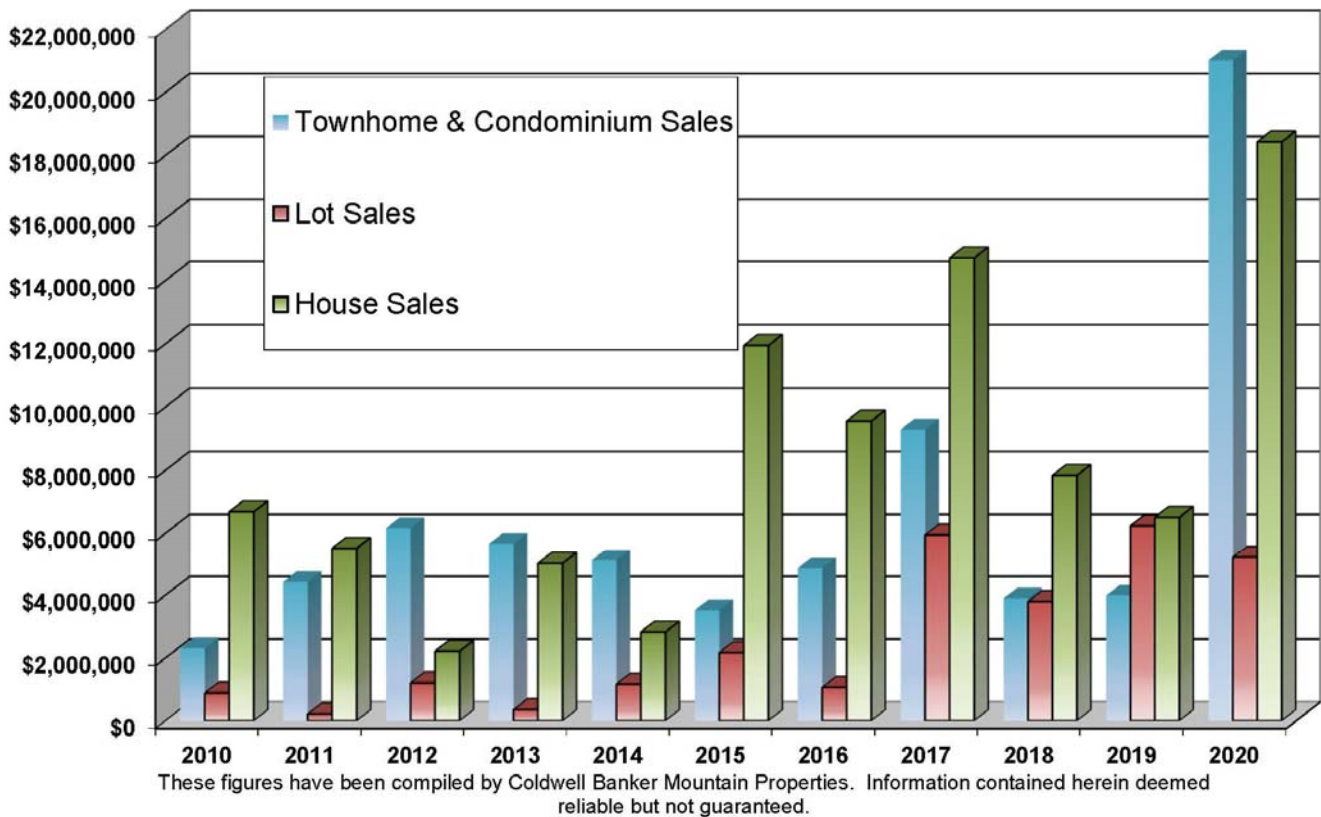
The Skyland Metropolitan and East River Regional Sanitation Districts normally meet the third Wednesday of each month. The start time is 4:00pm and the meetings are also held at the Skyland Lodge, Suite 112A.

### Design Review Meetings

The Skyland Design Review Committee meets one (1) time per month, however, the date changes monthly. Contact the management office at (970) 349-7411 for meeting dates and times. The Design Review also meets in the Skyland Lodge, Suite 112A.



## Skyland Real Estate Sales 2010 to 2020



## Spraying for Noxious Weeds

The Skyland Metropolitan District continues to spray for noxious weeds every summer. Our weed spraying program has been in effect for several years and has been very successful. Unfortunately, the weeds continue to grow and we continue to spray common and open space areas as needed.

Once again, we are offering to “spot spray” the noxious weeds (dandelions, chamomile daises, yellow toadflax) on your property. Please contact the office at (970) 349-7411 to get on the spraying schedule. The cost of spraying is currently \$25.00 per hour plus the cost of the herbicide.



## Lake Grant

The Lake Grant Pavilion is an absolutely wonderful place in the summer for an impromptu picnic or a planned family get-together. The pavilion is available for use by any association member.

Availability may be checked at any time by simply going to the Skyland Community Association website at [www.skylandonline.com](http://www.skylandonline.com) and clicking on “Community Calendar” or by calling the office at (970) 349-7411. If you wish to reserve the pavilion, the Pavilion Use Permit Form can be found on the website under Forms & Documents in the Skyland Community Association section. We are also more than happy to fax, email or mail the form at your request.

Please keep in mind that in order to reserve the pavilion your Skyland Community Association account must be in good standing and a clean-up deposit of \$250.00 is required in the form of cash or check. The money will be deposited at the time the reservation is made and will be completely refunded after a cleanup inspection. We ask that you take all trash with you so as not to encourage bears or other animals. Please be respectful of the surrounding homes and plan to end your gathering no later than 1/2 hour after dark. A complete copy of the Lake Grant Pavilion Exclusive Use Policy is included with the Permit Form.



## Parking Permits and Boat Stickers

In an effort to curb illegal parking and access to Skyland property owner amenities, the Skyland Community Association (SCA) has continued to maintain a vehicle permit and boat sticker program. We know that these permits and stickers have helped the staff enforce parking and use of owner amenities.

The Association recently updated the parking stickers to placards that hang from your rear view mirror. These placards can be used in any of your vehicles. The old stickers are still good for as long as you have your vehicle or until you have to replace the windshield.

### **Please Note:**

Only two (2) parking placards will be issued to each household. Temporary parking passes are available at the Association office for your guests and long-term renters

# Skyland Community Association

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Crested Butte, CO 81224

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We realize that owner information changes often and we like to keep the information we have on file for each owner as up to date as possible. This information is important to us so we can manage the association more efficiently and contact you if the need arises.

**Lot/Unit Number**

**or Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and**

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Crested Butte Information:**

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Out of Town Information:**

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Skyland Property Management Information:**

Company/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Skyland Community Association Management

**\*\*PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF COMPLETED FORM TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE.\*\***



# Bearproofing Your Home

Help Keep Bears Wild



Only people can prevent conflicts with bears. Please do your part to protect your home and property, and prevent conflicts with bears.

## Keep Bears Out

- Many bears that enter homes do so through an unlocked or open window or door. Close and lock all bear-accessible windows and doors when you leave the house, and at night before you go to bed.
- If you must leave downstairs windows open, install sturdy grates or bars. Screens don't keep out bears.
- Keep garage doors and windows closed and locked at night and when you're not home. Don't leave your garage door standing open when you're not outside. Install extra-sturdy doors if you have a freezer, refrigerator, pet food, bird seed, or other attractants in your garage.
- Keep car doors and windows closed and locked if you park outside. Make sure there's nothing with an odor in your vehicle, including candy, gum, air fresheners, trash, lotions and lip balms.
- Bears are great climbers — remove any tree limbs that might provide access to upper level decks and windows.
- Replace exterior lever-style door handles with good quality round door knobs that bears can't pull or push open.
- Put on talk radio (not music) when you leave home; the human voice startles most bears.

## Get Rid of Attractants

- Bears follow their super-sensitive noses to anything that smells like food, and can follow scents from up to five miles away.
- Don't leave trash out overnight unless it's in a bear-proof enclosure or container. Obey all local regulations.
- We recommend feeding birds only when bears are hibernating. If you want to feed birds when bears are active, please review the Attracting Birds, Not Bears fact sheet on our Web site.

■ Don't store food of any kind in an unlocked garage, flimsy shed or on or under your deck.

■ Don't leave anything with an odor outside, near open windows or in your vehicle, even if you're home. That includes scented candles, air fresheners, soaps and lotions.

## Teach Bears They're Not Welcome

- If a bear comes into your yard or close to your home, do yourself and the bear a big favor, and scare it away. A confident attitude plus loud noises like a firm yell, clapping your hands, banging on pots and pans or blowing an air horn sends most bears running.
- If a bear enters your home, open doors and windows and make sure it can leave the same way it got in. Don't approach the bear or block escape routes.
- Never approach a bear. If a bear won't leave, call your local CDOW office. If a bear presents an immediate threat to human safety, call 911.

Visit [www.wildlife.state.co.us/bears](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/bears) for more information or call your local Division of Wildlife Office.



Please Do  
Your Part  
to Keep  
Bears  
Wild

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