

SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Seeley Lake Regional Land Use Plan Adopted on October 20th in Seeley Lake

The Board of County Commissioners adopted a *Resolution of Intent* to Adopt the Seeley Lake Regional Plan with Revisions. They deliberated for about 1-1/2 hours in the presence of roughly 50 members of the public. The final list of BCC changes to the October 2009 Planning Board Draft and the signed Resolution links can be found on the RI website. The final Plan and maps will be posted when they are available. Thank you to everyone who participated in this process. The Commissioners and staff appreciate the dedication and commitment of all involved over the last several years.∞

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And in part from the Seeley Lake Pathfinder (with permission):

It's been over three years in the making, but the Missoula Board of County Commissioners finally unanimously approved the Seeley Lake Regional Plan at a public deliberation session on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010. The Plan, intended to update the 1989 Growth Policy, was passed from the SLCC, to the Missoula County Planning Board and finally on to the Commissioners.

Very little changed in the plan, which was based on extensive listening sessions over the development period. The majority of adjustments were made in Chapter 7 and included modifying sections that discuss:

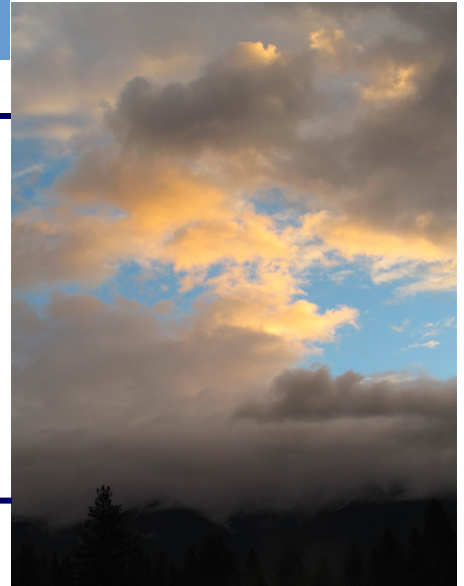
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SLCC NOVEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

The Seeley Lake Community Council will be represented once again at the All-Community Council meeting at Lubrecht Forest in late November. The Missoula Co. Commissioners established this twice a year get-together to promote the sharing experiences and learning from each other; hearing useful information from county staff; and perhaps surfacing and working on collective concerns by all in attendance.

Randy Gordon, SL Sewer Dist., gave an informative update on the progress the District has made and requested the Council assist to spread the word on the importance of the sewer update to this community. He invites any district resident with questions to call him di-

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Fall color in the Montana skies...
Photo by Kris Gullikson

rectly at 360-7224.

Discussion on the T-4 Ranch subdivision was tabled until next month for further clarification.

Owners of the new Medical Marijuana facility (Tumble Weed) to open in Seeley Lake were invited to share plans with the Council. Kayl Good and Trish Harnisch answered questions and fielded discussion on signage and location. According to Good, heavy traffic "will not be an issue" as the facility will be used for "growing and not be a distribution center". They stated they deliver the products they offer. Residents expressed being uncomfortable with the phone number displayed at the location (677-WEED) and owners readily agreed to change the sign to reflect the numerals instead. As to location, this building was chosen because of the security it offered and Good said he would consider other locations if a comparable offer came forward.

A lively discussion ensued on
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Missoula County Commissioners Seeking Applicants For Board Positions Expiring December 31, 2010

Applications for positions are available at the County Commissioners Office in the Court-house Annex or online at: <http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/mcbcc/forms.htm>. Submissions may be faxed to 721-4043. Deadline for Applications: 5pm, Friday, 11/19/2010. For further information, please contact the Office of the County Commissioners at 258-4877. The following boards have open positions. Airport Authority, Animal Control Board, City-County Health Board, Historical Museum Board, Impact Fee Advisory Committee, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Missoula Consolidated Planning Board, Open Lands Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission, Seeley Lake Refuse District, Tax Appeal Board, Weed Control Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Please note that many of the above Board Members whose terms are expiring are eligible for reappointment. ∞ Reprinted with RI permission

UPDATE FROM SSHD- NOVEMBER 2010

PHC requested that the Hospital District solicit letters of support from our community for the **new access site** for the **Partnership Health Center** services in the areas of **dentistry and behavioral health**. It would be extremely helpful to have letters of support from members of the Seeley Lake Community and we request that those letters be turned in by Dec. 13th to the Hospital board. A sample letter is available at: www.seeleylakecommunitycouncil.com/SSHD/letterofsupport

The Seeley Swan Hospital District Board is working with an experienced provider- Partnership Health Center (PHC) to bring a dental and behavioral health services to Seeley Lake Medical Center. Financing will be twofold; partly raised locally and part of the funding will be available via grants.

The Hospital District and the Medical Center Foundation will need to raise the funds to construct the new wing at the Seeley Swan Medical Center. SSHD plans for the additional square footage to become a new access site for the Partnership Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in the areas of dentistry and behavioral health. The Board is optimistic as PHC has opened new access points in the past with similar grants for similar locations. Submitted by Karen Pratt

COUNCIL Summary...

the Community Input forms received by the Council. Personal contact with follow up was deemed important and a motion was passed to reflect that.

Caroline Jenkins was congratulated and thanked for the success of the Woodstove Family Open House held Oct. 30 at the Seeley Lake Fire Hall. Attendance exceeded expectations and the Council and County support was appreciated by all.

Recreation/Trails Committee submitted a long list of projects in progress or for completion. A full report is available on the website. The Seeley Lake Ranch easement is being coordinated at this time. Ron Cox thanked the Forest Service for all the work that has been accomplished this past year.

Ongoing communication is taking place with Rural Initiatives for the plowing of the High School bridge this winter and the animal control concerns brought forward by citizens last month. Motion passed to communicate by letter the importance of solving these issues to



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Seeley Lake Community Council - 1st Monday; Dec. 6, 6 pm at The Barn
- Seeley Lake Cemetery District 1st Thurs., Dec. 2, at 12:00 pm, DARLOA office
- Seeley Swan Hospital District 2nd Monday; Dec. 13, 5 pm at the Clinic Conf. Room; Annual Board Retreat
- Seeley Lake Rural Fire District Third Tues., Nov. 16, 6 pm, SL Fire Station
- Seeley Lake Sewer District- 3rd Thurs., Nov. 18, 5:15 pm at The Barn
- Seeley Lake Refuse District- 4th Monday, Nov. 22, 7 pm at the SL Transfer Station
- Seeley Lake Water District- 4th Th., Nov. 18, 5:30 pm, Water District Office *chg due to holiday
- Economic Development Committee - 2nd Thurs. Nov. 11 at the Barn

the BCC.

Cox presented an idea for consideration as a possible future source for funding the popular "Seeley Lake Communications Project". Current funding expires next year. A Seeley Swan License Plate was proposed as a way to serve as a state-wide advertising avenue and as a way to bring much needed funds for special projects such as this. The project was assigned to the Economic Development Committee and will be put on the Dec. SLCC agenda. ∞

Your Opinions Count!

The second on-line County Parks and Trails questionnaire is now ready and on the MC website! Please take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/missoulacountysurvey2>

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