

SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Double Arrow Golf Course gets ready for the season. A hopeful sign for all of us.
Photo by Erik Gullikson

GRANTS FOR TRAILS

County and State grants are available to construct or improve non-motorized and multi-purpose recreational travel ways and the deadline is approaching.

One project under consideration is to complete the multipurpose

"It's 'thinking season' about what improvements are needed for the 'Connecting the Community' trails and pathways."

pathway connection from the airport to the high school (and consequently town). The project was started a couple years

ago but got bogged down by lack of volunteers and a shortage of funding. Volunteerism is critical for successful completion of grant projects because contributed time and efforts are counted into the matching grant.

The Seeley Lake Community Council Recreation and Trails Committee welcomes suggestions (and volunteers) for projects. You can either attend one of the regular meetings, leave a message at 677-2880, or send an email to info@seeleylakecommunity-council.com

Submitted by Ron Cox

AIR QUALITY SEEKS SOLUTIONS TO COMMUNITY ISSUES

The Air Quality Committee met on March 25. Discussed was the pending deadline for the grant from the County Health Department and what steps are needed to get the wood shelters in place.

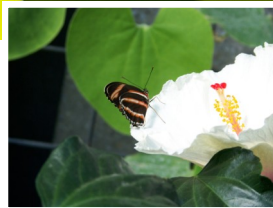
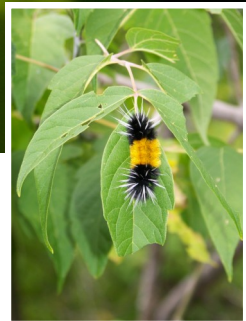
The original idea of a constructed woodshed has proven time consuming and much more expensive than originally expected. Alternatives are being considered and materials will need to be purchased by the end of April before the grant period runs out. Loren Rose, Pyramid Mtn. Lumber, suggested a constructed pallet with a cover. The committee is also considering a wood rack with a cover. The next

step in the process will be the proposed stove change-out program. Again, there are alternatives to consider, such as EPA certified wood stoves vs. pellet stoves or other sources of heat. They are also trying to get the Low Income Energy Assistance Program involved for reimbursement of energy costs to customers. The bottom line is improving air quality in those areas that have seen increased particulate matter in Seeley Lake. The participants are trying to fine tune ways to go about hitting the right target. Thanks to all of those supporting our efforts! Submitted by Carol Evans

Seeley Lake Community Council Agenda

April 4, 2011
6 pm at the Barn

Call to Order
Corrections/Approval of Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Secretary's Report
Communications Project Report
Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (3 min. limit)
New Business:
Sewer Dist. Update
Water Dist. Update
Old Business:
Economic Development Update
Air Quality Update
Recreation/Trails Update



Inspiration for
SPRING!

Photos by Karen Kovatch



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Seeley Lake Community Council 1st Monday; April 4, 6 pm at the Barn (Hwy. 83 south of town)
- Seeley Lake Cemetery District - 1st Thurs., April 7, noon at DARLOA office
- Seeley Swan Hospital District - 2nd Monday; April 11, 5 pm at the Clinic Conference Room
- Seeley Lake Rural Fire District Third Tues., April 19, 6 pm, Seeley Lake Fire Station
- Seeley Swan Search & Rescue Third Tues., April 19, Fire Station #2, 6:30 pm
- Seeley Lake Sewer District - 3rd Thurs., April 21, 5:15 pm at the Barn
- Seeley Lake Refuse District - 4th Monday, April 25, 7 pm at the MC Office Building North of Seeley Lake
- Seeley Lake Water District - 4th Thurs., April 28, 5:30 pm, Water District Office
- Economic Dev. Committee - 2nd Wed., April 13, 7 pm at SL Elementary
- Branding Sub-Committee - April 11, 7 pm, location TBD
- Rural Initiatives Newsletter
LINK: <http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/>

BRANDING COMMITTEE BEGINS THE LONG HAUL

Moving right into setting action steps for the economic development of the Seeley Lake area, leader Lee Boman along with 5 attendees set out 17 areas in which to start. The list will be narrowed and items selected based on 1). ease of completion (such as internet based) and 2). lowest cost (volunteer based). Though branding is still a goal, other items moved to the forefront and Boman predicted the branding will reveal itself in the process. The SLCC requested a plan of action by May. Gullikson shared reports on the Governor's Conf. on Tourism and how the community can leverage the state branding campaign. Many volunteers are needed to accomplish the work of bringing our area into the competitive Geotourism arena. Next meeting: April 11.

2011 GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON TOURISM

Kris Gullikson, Communications Project Coordinator, attended this year's conference in Helena (March 27-29) along with 379 other Montanans and gave a recap at the Branding Meeting Wednesday. Gullikson shared the presenters content and other ideas on how the state's smaller communities can benefit from using the MONTANA brand.

Below is a sample of the creative ads the Montanan Office of Tourism showed from 2010 (and the coming spring / summer season in a few weeks once it launches). View them here: http://travelmontana.mt.gov/consumermarketing/current_campaigns.asp.



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