

# 2020 Grand Elk Summer Newsletter

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## Message from the Board

### *HOA Board*

During the past few months, we have seen many of our interactions -- personal, work and events move to virtual experiences in order to protect the health and safety of our community and attendees to the events we are used to participating in. Like many other events and summer traditions Grand Elk is adapting to social distancing rules and the ever-changing guidelines.

As the safer-at-home order continues, many of Grand Elk's planned events will unfortunately

either be rescheduled or cancelled. With that, the Board as well as the Golf Club and Grille are reprioritizing work and budget expenditures for the remaining 2020 season. The new budget and work items will be communicated via Newsletter as items are approved and work is scheduled.

The Golf Club and Grille is fully staffed and is open for dining and shopping amidst our new restrictions. Additionally, the pool and spa will open as soon as repairs and approvals are received and permitted to do so.

These are new and different times and call for new and different strategies.

**Thank you for your commitment to building our great community!**

# Community Investment Fee

The Grand Elk community voted to approve the Community Investment Fee (CIF) of 1.5% of the purchase price of the home or cost of goods and services. The community approved Amendments to Master Declaration of Protective Covenants for Grand Elk Ranch & Club. The proposed amendments added a definition of Community Investment Fee to Article 2 and added section 4.09, Community Investment Fee, which were previously circulated to community members.

As noted in previous meetings and community communications, the drivers for the CIF were the projected current and future replacement reserve needs of the HOA including the Golf Club. The HOA is responsible for road maintenance throughout the subdivision, the golf course and all its related items such as irrigation, cart paths, bunkers, the Clubhouse building, restaurant, pool, hot tub, and parking lot among other infrastructure items.

The Assessment of the CIF will commence for real estate purchases and transfers occurring on or after April 1, 2020. Real estate purchases and transfers occurring on or after April 1, 2020, pursuant to a contract fully executed prior to February 13, 2020 will be exempt from the CIF, February 13, 2020, being the date the election to approve the Community Investment Fee was initiated.

Grand County realtors have been notified of the CIF and should be informing their clients of the new fees associated with their sales or transfers.



## GE Golf Club

*Larry Burks, General Manager*

**The Grille is open for dining with limitations.** Seating has been added outside and tables within the restaurant are spaced to comply with relevant guidelines. Please call the Grille to check on hours of operations and for reservations.

The Golf Club has been open since March with restriction for play. The Driving Range is also open. Golfers must check in with the golf shop before starting golf. Golf is staggered and single carts are allowed. Safety measures for course play include:

- the entire clubhouse and grille have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized including all floors.
- locker rooms have been cleaned and sanitized.
- disinfecting golf carts after every use and only having people from the same household ride together.
- availability of golf carts may be limited on certain days due to having single riders, so members are encouraged to make early times.
- encouraging walking and patrolling the golf course and driving range for social distancing several times per day.
- the Golf Shop is open and limiting the amount of people in the golf shop at one time. Masks are required in the Golf Shop; but come by and see the great new

merchandise for 2020 and more merchandise is arriving daily.

- driving range practice space has been increased for more distancing and balls are washed multiple times during the day.
- curbside pickup is available for both golf shop items and food.

Work prioritized for the Golf Club include:

- pool tile is being repaired and the leak in the pool will be located and fixed in addition to minor repairs to the spa.
- pool and spa will open when government regulations allow.
- eradication of the ground squirrel population in the coming weeks on the golf course which means please keep pets away from the golf course area.
- upgrading the kitchen with new and used equipment to improve efficiencies and also bring the kitchen up to code.
- purchased new bistro tables for the small Grille deck to allow for outside seating in that area.
- outdoor seating has been added if front of the clubhouse and on the back-deck area.
- sodding the target greens and maintaining at a lower height of cut which should give the range more curb appeal. The body of the range will be seeded and growing turf. soliciting bids for the covered bridge roof replaced.
- repairing the irrigation system.
- adding sand to many of the bunkers, cart path repair, fence repair and other activities.
- replacing bridge planks as needed.
- investigating new systems for pool shade that would be both economical and functional for the high winds.
- plans to add some seating to the pool deck area to accommodate more distancing.

## Golf Club Events

The following events are still scheduled. Events are posted on the GE Owners Association website at [www.grandelkliving.com](http://www.grandelkliving.com) website or the Golf Club site at [www.grandelk.com](http://www.grandelk.com).

- Women's League – Friday, 5 pm weekly, starts June 5
- Senior Elk Cup (Men's) League - Thursday, 8:30 AM weekly, starts June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Nine & Dine – Saturday, 4 pm Shotgun Start; June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>
- Independence Day Pool Party and BBQ - Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Grand Elk Member & Guest - Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>
- Grand Elk Club Championship - Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Possible rescheduling of the Grand Classic – August 28<sup>th</sup>
- Aloha Golf Tournament – Friday, September 18
- HOA Annual Meeting and Nine and Dine – September, about 4 PM
- Chilly Open - Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 am Shotgun

Free Introductory Clinics for Homeowners begin Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. Please call the Golf Shop to sign up. These lessons are primarily geared towards beginning golfers, or as a refresher for those who have been away from the game.

Daniel Bost is doing most of the teaching at \$40 per half hour. He is particularly good at working with new golfers. He also is doing a special rate of \$20 for kids lessons and he can work with several kids in the same family at the same time for that \$20 rate.

Mike Ritter is available for private lessons as well, at \$50 per half hour as his schedule permits.



## Friendly Reminders

- The golf course is now open for play therefore, any activities whether walking, jogging, biking are strictly prohibited on the golf course and you must check in at the golf shop to be on the course.
- The pool and spa areas are for Members and their accompanied guests only. You are required to please check in at the Golf Shop or the Grille prior to using the pool or spa just as you would for golf. A maximum number of six guests are permitted without prior approval from senior staff in the Golf Shop (Larry, Mike, and Leah). All persons using the pool or spa, please shower before use.
- All Short-Term Rentals should have registered their property with GE using the revised form on the [grandelkliving.com](http://grandelkliving.com) website or contacting RMG. Forms should be returned to RMG. The City of Granby also requires licensing and registration. Information can be found at the Town of Granby website.
- Summer season is here, we'd like to remind owners about the Grand Elk "Standards of Maintenance". Please see the attached document with important information on the Grand Elk HOA requirements for maintenance of a Homesite, including weed control.

## This Month's Events

**May 22, 2020**

**Granby**

**Short Term Rentals**

Short term rentals can resume, **SUBJECT TO COUNTY GUIDELINES.**

**May 27, 2020**

**Grand Lake, CO**

**Rocky Mountain National Park**

RMNP will have a phased reopening. Contact RMNP for further information.

**June 5, 4:45 p.m.**

**GE Golf Club**

**Ladies League**

For more information email

[grandelksocial@gmail.com](mailto:grandelksocial@gmail.com)

**June 11, 8:30 a.m.**

**GE Golf Club**

**Senior (Men) League**

For more information call the Golf Shop

**June 13, 4:30 p.m.**

**Grand Elk Golf Club**

**9 & Dine**

9-hole scramble tournament with dinner to follow. Members and their guests are welcome.

**June 14, 4:00 p.m.**

**Grand Elk Golf Grille, Lower Level**

**GE Book Club New Book**

The Club will discuss the book Oregon Trail: A New American Journey by Rinker Buck.

For more information email

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## ***Community Reports***

Our volunteer committees have brought enhancements to the neighborhood. More importantly, the committee work has allowed us to meet our neighbors and develop friendships. Our social distancing will require us to make changes to how we do things. However, even if what and how you do things changes, the value you bring to it does not. The Grand Elk community is very lucky to have such passionate and dedicated volunteers. Thanks for all that you do and will continue to do!

### **Golf Committee**

Committee Members: Stan Opperman, Chair; Cliff Larsen, Pam Press, Mike Giarratano, Austin Anderson, Larry Burke, and Mike Ritter. The Committee prioritized improvements for the range, target greens, over seeding the body of the range. Priorities will be reviewed again once the Golf Committee gets together in June. The Golf Committee members are: Mike Ritter, Pam Press, Mike Giarratano, Cliff Larson, Stan Opperman (Chair).

### **Social Committee**

Committee Members: Pam Jones, Chair; Sallie Tippie, Nancy Young, Patti Morrow, Erica Trokey-Skinner, Barbara Janitor, and Pam Press.

Social Committee events may be rescheduled or if needed, cancelled depending on health guidelines and time left in our summer season. Unfortunately, the June Plant Event has been cancelled.

The Book Club will meet in the lower level of the Grill June 14 at 4 p.m. and discuss the book Oregon Trail: A New American Journey by Rinker Buck. The Granby library has a limited number of books so Book Club members may have to look for the book from alternative libraries, purchase or online. The July 12 book is The House of Spirits by Isabelle Allende. Members are asked to be flexible in meeting dates and times due to government restrictions or special events. Members will be notified of books, dates, or changes via the Grand Elk Facebook page and at the GE website [grandelkliving.com](http://grandelkliving.com) Events. RSVP to [youngnl@earthlink.net](mailto:youngnl@earthlink.net)

### **Design Review Board**

Committee Members: Maris Blair, Chair, David Janitor, Brian Tiedge, Dean Hall, and Kelly Mordini. The Design Review Board has been busy every month during the winter reviewing applications for design reviews. The trend continues for the June review, applications have been received for new construction, painting, and miscellaneous home improvements such as fencing, patios, etc.

### **Safety Committee**

Committee Members: Fred Milanovich, Chair and Mike Claney. The Police Department and the Granby City Council approved flashing speed limit signs and speed bumps at the end of the 2019 summer. The Committee was also able to negotiate with the City to participate in the purchase of these items. Since winter was fast approaching a decision was made to install them in the summer of 2020.

The flashing Speed Limit signs have been installed along Ten Mile road. The speed signs were vandalized recently and had to be repaired. If you notice something (take pictures), say something to Resort Management (970-887-4912) or law enforcement.

The speed bumps will be installed shortly. The speed bump signs have been installed already.

### **Landscape Committee**

Committee Members: Mike Jones, co-Chair; Fred Milanovich, co-Chair; David Janitor, Phil Kluge, and Brian Larson. Other participants include Barbara Janitor, Tom Mallinger, Sharon Ryan, Rich Young, Nancy Young, Korinne Datema and Olive as well as many others. The Committee meets every Wednesday at the Grille from 8 am to 10 am and performs some of the landscaping items around the community. Currently, on their work list are completing the hole filling, weeding the bunkers, and replacing the old mulch. The Committee is working to finalize the list of work items for the summer in the next few days. The Landscape Committee will begin on June 10. All GE members are encouraged to participate. Come when you like, you don't have to come every Wednesday. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and get great exercise. See you at the Grille!

The new bike rack has been installed at the Grille entrance and will hold six bikes. The rack allows the ability to lock your bikes to the rack.



*As you take your neighborhood walk bring a trash bag and fill it up!*

## ***Member Profiles***

### **Mike and Missy Giarratano**

Mike is a new member of the 2020 Golf Committee. Mike and his wife Missy moved in to the Grand Elk area in March 2019. They own the property here with one of their sons and his young family. They have 3 grown children and 7 grandchildren. Mike has been in the golf business for 36 years and Missy is retired. Mike originally owned an off-course retail store in Aurora, CO for a few years and continued in the business as an Assistant Golf Professional at Lone Tree Country Club in Colorado for a couple of years and then became the Head Professional there for 3 years. He moved on to Pinehurst CC in southwest Denver to become the Head Teaching Professional for 2 years. He then moved into the wholesale side of the business becoming a manufacturers rep for numerous companies. He has now been a rep for the last 26 years currently representing ECCO Golf footwear and Bag Boy/Datrek bags and push carts/ Devant towels. Mike and Missy were members at Castle Pines CC for 20 years before leaving the Castle Pines area for a new home in Littleton. While at Castle Pines he was a member of

the Golf committee and the Long-Range planning committee. They reside there as a permanent home and enjoy the Grand Elk area as a temporary home. Enjoying the golf course and area fly fishing while at Grand Elk. His background in golf is extensive and hopes to provide experience garnered from running a golf course and being a member of a private club to help move Grand Elk forward with new ideas regarding golf course projects/tournament expansion/retail improvements.

### **Amy and Jason Nagel**

Amy and Jason Nagel live in Grand Elk with their two sons. Jason works in IT for John Deere working from home. Jason has been an assistant football coach at Middle Park High School the past 2 seasons and we are very excited that he was just hired as the new head football coach...go Panthers! Our son Grant just finished his junior year at University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and Quinn just completed his sophomore year at the high school. They both work for Austin on the turf team maintaining the Grand Elk golf course during the summer. I work at Middle Park Health here in Granby as a physical therapist. And of course, we can't forget Ruth, our black Boxer puppy. You may see my husband running with her a few days a week or us walking with her throughout the neighborhood!

We moved to Grand County from northern Illinois about 2.5 years ago. Jason's aunt and uncle have a place in Grand Lake so we came on several occasions for some weddings and vacations and fell in love with it. We were getting tired of the cold, bitter winters in Illinois and the hustle & bustle of the area we lived in. And another big reason for our move was for my health as I have multiple sclerosis...my body tolerates the dryer & cooler climate much better! Summers are amazing here without the intense heat & humidity!

We have lived in Grand Elk for a little over 2 years. We didn't move here for the golf. We fell in love with our log cabin and the spectacular view it offers as soon as we looked at the house. The paved roads and proximity to the hospital for my work were also very appealing. And we felt Granby was a great central location to access Winter Park & Grand Lake, it's quieter, and it's close to the high school.

Grand County has been a great place to call home in the short time we've lived here. I rarely go to City Market or a restaurant without running into someone I know and the sense of community is amazing. And of course, the outdoors offers so much variety. We enjoy hiking, fishing, camping...and in the winter Jason and the boys ski/snowboard and I'm trying to do more cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. It is truly a wonderful place to live!

### **Paul Komyatte, Kelly Naylor and family**

Paul and Kelly have lived in Golden Colorado for over 25 years and were one of the first buyers at Grand Elk. Paul is a personal injury lawyer and Kelly is a clinical psychologist. They purchased one of the original Riverside cabins when Grand Elk was first formed. They have fond memories of Grand Elk's early years, including getting picked up by Kevin or Ricky at their cabin in the Grand Elk "shuttle" and personally driven to what was then the Grand Elk Alpine Club at the base of Winter Park. They have 3 children, 23-year-old twins Molly and Bridget and 17-year-old Liam. The Komyatte-Naylor family loves to ski, hike and bike and enjoy the mountains. They are "learning" to golf but spend most of their time hitting range balls. They love spending time at Grand Elk whenever they can find time.

## Happenings Around the County

As parks, trails, and beaches begin to reopen, it may be confusing to navigate this “new normal” in terms of how to recreate responsibly, especially after being cooped up.

The new #RecreateResponsibly guidelines from @OutdoorAlliance give advice on how to get outdoors right now.

When you choose to recreate responsibly, you are doing your part to keep yourself and others safe and healthy. No one wants to see our parks, trails, and beaches re-closed, and we can all do our part to take care of each other and these places so we can maintain access. We all have a shared responsibility to care for these places and ensure they remain for future generations to enjoy.



may move to a timed entry if visitor traffic significantly increases.

### Granby

The USDA Forest Service’s Sulphur Ranger District is planning to open the Green Ridge, Stillwater and Sunset Point Boat Ramps in May. The Forest Service is responsible for managing public recreation and access to the waters of Lake Granby and Shadow Mountain Reservoir within the Arapaho National Recreation Area (ANRA). Boaters must pay the ANRA fee prior to launching boats using fee machines. Visitors who buy an annual pass using the fee machines should hang onto the receipt, which they can trade in for a hard-copy annual pass once the Sulphur Ranger District Office in Granby re-opens to the public.

### Arapahoe Basin

Arapahoe Basin opened for spring skiing in May. Skiers and snowboarders alike rejoiced when famed ski area (A-Basin) [announced](#) its opening. As a part of their variance, the remainder of the season will look very different. Many rules and regulations for the ski area have been set. Updates have been made to ensure the safety of skiers and riders. Due to the changes, it is recommended that only **experienced** skiers and boarders ski/ride. You must have a reservation to ski and wear a mask. Also, no congregating or tailgating.

### Colorado

Mid May, the Colorado Tourism Office launched a campaign, “Waiting to CO” urging out of state travelers not to visit the state this summer amid the coronavirus pandemic. We may or may not want travelers this summer and are hoping, there will be in-state travelers this summer season. The **Waiting to CO** campaign encourages people to indulge their favorite Colorado pastimes at home.

### Grand Lake

Rocky Mountain National Park [closed to the public](#) March 20 due to the COVID-19

pandemic, but the park began a phased reopening May 27. However, the Park

