



THE YELLOWSTONE NEWS

JUNE 10, 2003

NEXT DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2003

Forces of the Northern Range Trail A "Nature Trail" is Revitalized

After the fires of 1988, a self-guiding trail was created in a location eight miles east of Mammoth Hot Springs to provide visitors with a greater understanding of the role of fire in Yellowstone's ecosystem. Children, school groups, and other organizations donated funds for the construction of "The Children's Fire Trail," which included a series of trilside exhibits designed for younger visitors.

A decade after the historic fires of 1988, it became obvious that fire needed to be interpreted in the broader context of the many natural processes, events, and forces that shape Yellowstone National Park. Thanks to a generous grant from The Yellowstone Association, the Division of Interpretation planned and designed 11 new exhibits that were installed last month along the boardwalk. The revitalized trail, renamed "Forces of the Northern Range Self-guiding Trail," interprets plant and animal life on the northern range, glaciation and volcanism, and fire ecology. Two "notebooks" help visitors identify the wildlife and wildflowers of the area. Combined with cast resin wolf tracks, aspen tubers, and pine cones, these features add a new dimension to the typical self-

guiding trail experience. Next time you're between Mammoth and Tower, be sure to stop at this 1/2-mile loop trail and check it out!

The Division of Interpretation would like to thank many people for their involvement in the project: Lynn Chan for her beautiful artwork; Hank Heasler, Jennifer Whipple, Cheryl Jaworowski, Kerry Gunther, Roy Renkin, Doug Smith, Deb Guernsey, Norm Bishop, Nancy Ward, Al Bowers, Paul Anderson, Alvin High, Brenda Muguria, Lori Gruber, Virgil Hall, Kurt Olofson, Brian Helms, Doug Madsen, University of Utah geologist Dr. Robert Smith, USGS geologist Dr. Ken Pierce, former Chief of Interpretation John Good, and countless others who have contributed to the successful revitalization of the trail. Special thanks go to the children, schools, and organizations whose heart-felt donations began the project almost 15 years ago, and to The Yellowstone Association who provided funding for the production of the new exhibit units that have expanded and enhanced the educational value of this unique area of Yellowstone National Park.



Exhibit installation benefitted from the boardwalk crew's outstanding work. Shown here are Paul Anderson and Alvin High.



Exhibits at the "Forces of the Northern Range Self-guiding Trail" interpret geology, fire ecology, plant and animal life.

PERSONNEL NEWS

YELLOWSTONE VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP!

On Wednesday, May 14 the sun came out after being hidden in clouds for days on end. Some suspected that Kurt Olofson had an "in" with the big guy to have picked that very date for the Mammoth Clean-Up Day.

Approximately 30 volunteers, including the North District Maintenance crew, left their regularly scheduled jobs to spend four hours cleaning up along roadsides in the Mammoth area, as well as heading south to Indian Creek and east to Phantom Lake.

Fortunately, as you might suspect, there wasn't much garbage to pick up. Visitors seem to use the bear-proof trash cans in the pull-outs as opposed to tossing their empty cans and used napkins out the window. However, there is always the plastic bag that got away when no one was looking or the empty pop can that fell off the car roof after mom, dad and the kids stopped along the road to watch a bison herd grazing in the meadow.



As one of those "pickers" who policed the road from Blacktail Trailhead to Phantom Lake with my partner, John Parker, it was heartening to see how clean the park really is. As we walked along the road ditches, it was the first time I'd seen the beautiful rockwork around the cross drains on either side of the road.

When morning turned to early afternoon, we met back at the Mammoth softball field for grilled hot dogs and cold beverages. Steve Lobst, our very own "Naked Chef" did an excellent job of feeding the masses. It was a good time and a wonderful day to be out enjoying the park albeit with orange vests and gloved hands. Big thanks go to Kurt for his coordination efforts, his crew for aiding the eager volunteers, and the volunteers themselves for a job well done. Also, thanks to all the supervisors who let their folks join in on this teamwork effort.

We're looking forward to next year!

Jean Nuetzel

Volunteer Coordinator

PEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Heath Robertson – Ranger, Tower

Hank Quintana – Supply Technician, Supply Center

Jane Cunningham – Materials Handler, Supply Center

Holli Traucht – Human Resources Specialist

Sandi LeFevre – Human Resources Specialist

A NEW WAY OF DOING BUSINESS

Yellowstone National Park is leaping into the 21st Century - - a large portion of our income can now be collected electronically. The Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) program has implications that affect people working in Business Management, Fee Management, Visitor Protection, Safety, Public Affairs, Maintenance, as well as Administration.

The Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) program being implemented at the park, through the Department of Treasury Automated Clearing House (ACH), is an electronic collection process that is initiated by the park. Unlike wire transfers, the collector (Yellowstone National Park) initiates the process - not the payer. Yellowstone can use PAD to collect many different types of payments including utilities, franchise fees, rent for quarters, and fees from commercial tour operators. PAD dates can easily be negotiated to the mutual benefit of NPS and payer and PAD can also easily handle both recurring payments of the same amount, as well as individual payments of different amounts.

Through teamwork with park program managers, the hope is to take advantage of the numerous benefits of PAD.

Yellowstone's process can be divided into two portions: 1) all administrative payments, i.e., utilities, franchise fees, rent for quarters; and 2) user fees.

For all administrative fees, the benefits of using PAD are many, including control over when payments are made, fewer bills of collection issued, and fewer checks that must be deposited.

Entrance stations will cut in half the time spent with each bus if the drivers arrive with their passenger certification forms complete, and money is not exchanged (no change to be made, no scrutiny of checks, and no time waiting for the credit card machine). Because of PAD, security will be improved. The drivers do not have to carry as much cash, tour companies do not write as many checks, and/or their drivers are not responsible for credit cards. The entrance staff is responsible for less cash, checks, and credit card numbers.

PAD cannot be required until it is in writing as part of an agreement, but the use of the program is strongly recommended. Many individuals and companies prefer the convenience of all-electronic transactions afforded by PAD. It is possible to have PAD payments written into contracts, agreements and permits as they come up for renewal. Although PAD will save time and effort in the long run, the start-up process can be time-consuming and a bit cumbersome (as with any new program). Some entities may be resistant at first. However, by taking the time to thoroughly explain the process and the security of working through the US Treasury, we hope most users will see the benefits of PAD.

Our plan is to continue expanding the use of the program. For instance, our cooperating associations will be able to use PAD for their donations and/or grants to us.

Lori Freeman of the Treasury staff in Kansas City has been to Yellowstone to provide us with the software and training and will provide technical support - all at their expense.

HOW TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT JOBS



**DO YOU WANT TO WORK IN
BEAUTIFUL PLACES AND HAVE
A REWARDING AND
CHALLENGING JOB?**

NPS Human Resources staff will be hosting brown bag seminars on applying for government jobs. Come and eat your lunch while learning how to improve your application. The seminar will begin at 12 noon and end at 12:30. We will also be available before and after to answer any questions you may have about your application.

The seminars will be offered at:

- Lake Mess Hall, July 29th
- Mammoth Canteen Gym, August 13th

Human Resources Staff:
Carrie Lang
Sandi LeFevre
Holli Traucht

For more information, please contact
Phone: 307-344-2045, -2042, -2044
Fax: 307-344-2046

**No reservations are
required, the
seminars are free,
and EVERYONE is
welcome!**

THRIFT SAVINGS NEWS

Thrift Savings Open Season will continue through June 30, 2003. Employees covered by the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) may now contribute up to 13% of their salaries to the Thrift Savings Plan. Employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) can contribute up to 8%. Enrollment forms are available in the Human Resources Office. TSP Fund Returns for the last 12 months as of May 5, 2003, are:

G Fund (Government Securities)	F Fund (Bond Fund)	C Fund (Stock Fund)	S Fund (Small Caps)	I Fund (International Fund)
4.5%	10.6%	-13.2%	-15%	-16.2%

Catch-Up Contributions allow TSP participants, age 50 or older, to make "catch-up" contributions to their TSP accounts. This year, eligible employees can contribute an additional \$2,000 to their accounts. Participants must be contributing the maximum TSP contributions to their accounts and must be in pay status. Maximum contributions are currently 8% for CSRS employees and 13% for FERS employees. If you are not contributing the maximum amount to your TSP account, you can change your election until June 30, 2003.

The Catch-up Contributions program enrollment period will start in July and will be effective August 10, 2003. After the first open season, participants will be able to elect catch-up contributions at any time. Enrollment form TSP-1-C, Catch-up Contributions Election, will be available July 1, 2003, at www.tsp.gov or from the Human Resources Office.

YELLOWSTONE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Video Library Recent Additions:

In the Bedroom
Signs
We were Soldiers
About a Boy
Sweet Home Alabama
By Big Fat Greek Wedding
The Bourne Identity

Movies and books on tape may be checked out free of charge by any current YFEA member. A list of movies and books on tape can be found on the Intranet (accessible only on a government computer) at <http://www.yell.nps.gov/yfea/videos.asp>

The video library is located by the Central Backcountry Office on the 3rd floor of the Administration Building. The library is self-service and accessible during normal office hours. Interior employees may request movies over the phone or via email and they will be sent via the courier. Contact Ivan Kowski at 344-2160 if you have any questions.

TRAIL CREW & YFEA

COME ONE, COME ALL!!

On Thursday, June 12, 2003, YFEA, and the Yellowstone National Park Service (NPS) trail crew will be sponsoring a work day/learning day/get-out-in-the-sunshine day in the Mammoth area in recognition of National Trails Day. The Yellowstone trail crew will be available to demonstrate and discuss trail maintenance techniques, along with Ben Cunningham and a pack string of horses. Remember this is a WORK day in

addition to being a fun day, so bring water, a lunch, work boots, gloves, and any other safety equipment you might need.

Supervisors, this is a great opportunity to allow your employees to meet and work with other NPS staff and learn new work skills, so don't forget to send your best!

The trail crew will provide hard hats, hand tools, etc, as needed.

The project will be on the first sev-

eral miles of Blacktail Trail beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Blacktail trailhead. If you have any questions, call Mike Hoffman or Devon McReynolds at (307) 344-2319 or (307) 344-2357.

See the adjunct announcement for food and beverages after the work day at the 7th annual trails spring merry-making celebration! Happy Trails!

7TH ANNUAL TRAILS SPRING CELEBRATION

The Yellowstone trail crew is celebrating spring and National Trails Day with a burger and hot-dog BBQ. The merry-making will commence on Thursday, June 12, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. at the Corral Operations at Stevens Creek. Be sure to bring a mug and a buck (\$1.00), as well as a side dish. Burgers, dogs, spirits and merry-

making provided. There are a few musicians in our group, so bring your own noise-maker and join in. We have the place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. the next day so bring appropriate attire, sleeping bag, tent, warm clothing, etc. Ring in this spring with the trail crew!

Commuters: remember to be

smart and appoint a designated driver!

If you have questions, call Cager Messer at (307) 344-2319 or (307) 344- 2357.

This is a YFEA sanctioned event.

Happy Trails!!

Trails Announcement:

The Brink of the Lower Falls trail at Canyon will be closed to the public for repairs from June 16, 2003, until August 22, 2003. Depending on trail and safety conditions, we will try to open the trail to the public on weekends. This is the first phase of a two year project.

Announcements will be made on a week-to-week basis as to the weekend status of the trail.

MORE UPDATES:

The Firehole Canyon Drive opened on June 5, 2003, after being closed for road repair due to a washout. The Ranger Division would like to clarify that the Firehole Canyon swim area remains closed due to high water and swift currents, which make for unsafe conditions. The swim area will remain closed indefinitely until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the area. The area is posted as closed.

The Boiling River, located at the 45th parallel, also remains closed due to high water and swift currents. This area will remain closed indefinitely until conditions allow for safe use of the area. This area is posted as closed.



Position Announcements for the Yellowstone Association

Administrative Assistant for Membership and Executive Director Full time; year round position. Duties include communicating with members, keeping member records current, printing and mailing correspondence. Requires high degree of clerical speed and accuracy, strong organizational skills and solid computer skills. Wage: \$10.25 per hour.

Assistant Director of Development

Full time; year round position. Duties include: event planning, general support of fund development efforts, preparing correspondence and reports and coordinating design and printing. Degree preferred. Must have excellent oral and written communication skills. Salary: \$25,000 to \$30,000/yr. DOE.

Both positions are located at Mammoth Hot Springs. Benefits: Company funded pension plan; contribution toward medical and other qualified expenses; paid vacation, sick leave and holidays.

Send resume/letter describing qualifications, plus list of three work-related references including telephone numbers. For a complete job description call (307)-344-2296 or go to www.yellowstoneassociation.org. Submit resume to: powens@YellowstoneAssociation.org or Yellowstone Association, P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 or fax to: (307)344-2486.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rubber Stamping Extravaganza

Tuesday, July 1, 2003

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mammoth School

Come for an evening of fun. Learn to make greeting cards from card maker/instructor, Monica Hemingway, former resident of Grant Village. The class will include instruction and hands-on card making. Each participant should be able to take home several hand stamped cards.

To reserve your space in the class, call Katie Mahony or Janet Lewis at 344-7712.

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LITTLE PEOPLE'S LEARNING CENTER

The parents, children and staff of Little People's Learning Center would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who bought tickets during our recent fundraising raffle. Special thanks to the following for their generous contributions of prizes for the raffle: Xanterra Parks and Resorts, Inc., Larry and Debbie Demaree of the North Entrance Food Farm, Phil Currie of the Park Street Grill and Chuck and Carrie Ludwig of the Tire Iron.

Congratulations to the following prize winners: Bill Kisthart - \$1000; Jo Suderman - \$250; Greg McGinnis - Yellowstone Lake fishing package getaway; Marti Tobias - \$50 North Entrance Food Farm gift certificate; Beth Kaeding - \$30 Park Street Grill gift certificate; Lu Harlow and Judy Jensen - \$25 Café Elderweiss gift certificates; Laura Clem - Tire Iron oil change. Thank you for supporting our school!

Little People's Learning Center has immediate openings for childcare providers. Competitive wages, benefit package, and possible housing available. Please call Barb at (307) 344-7785.

ELECTRIC PEAK ARTS COUNCIL

Electric Peak Arts Council is presenting Windham Hill recording artist George Winston, in a solo piano concert on July 29, 2003, at the Old Faithful Recreation Hall. General Admission tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Seating is limited, so ordering tickets early is advised. Use the order form below to request tickets by mail or pick up tickets in person from the Silvertip Bookstore or the Yellowstone Gallery in Gardiner, or from an Electric Peak Arts Council board member (Diana McGahan, Janet Lewis, Cheryl Hoppe, Christie Cote, Bob Fuhrmann, Dayna McClure, Julie York, Jenny Golding, Beth Taylor, Ivan Kowski, and Denny Barford).

Concert goers are asked to join us in support of the West Yellowstone Food Bank by bringing a non-perishable food item to the concert. Collection barrels will be provided.

(See the flyer on the next page!)

George Winston

A SOLO PIANO CONCERT



Old Faithful Lodge Rec Hall
Yellowstone National Park

Tuesday, July 29 at 7:30 PM

Sponsored by Electric Peak Arts Council
Tickets \$20 in advance by mail, \$25 at door.

Mail order form with payment by July 5 to:
EPAC, PO Box 22, Gardiner, MT 59030

Order Form

-Please Print-

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Payment method: ☐ check/ money order ☐ cash
Payable to EPAC

_____ tickets @ \$20 each = \$ _____

Shipping & handling: + \$ 2.00

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

All ticket sales final. Orders unable to be filled will be returned. Tickets will be delivered via US Mail. There are no refunds unless performance is cancelled. EPAC is not responsible for lost or stolen orders/tickets. Email questions to electricpeakarts@yahoo.com

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*Tickets available in person at: Silvertip Bookstore
and The Yellowstone Gallery in Gardiner, MT*

*Or by sending check or money order to:
EPAC, PO Box 22, Gardiner, MT 59030*

For mail order, please enclose \$2.00 per order for shipping & handling. Orders should include name, address, phone number, and number of tickets you are requesting.



*Please join us in support of the **West Yellowstone Food Bank** by bringing a donation of non-perishable food to the concert. Collection barrels will be available in the lobby.*



Free Music Workshop with George Winston

George Winston is willing to give a FREE piano or guitar workshop to interested people on the day of his concert (July 29, 2003) at the Old Faithful Recreation Hall. This is a great opportunity to get to meet and learn with a master!!!

Workshop participants should have a good foundation in music theory and the piano or guitar.

If interested contact Christie Cote at 344-7339 no later than June 15th. Please let her know whether you are interested in the piano or guitar. There will be only one workshop and the type (i.e. piano or guitar) will depend on the number of expressed interest.

Date: July 29, 2003

Time: 1:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. (lasts approximately 40-45 minutes)

Where: Old Faithful Recreation Hall

Max # of participants: 10-15 people

The Yellowstone Stage

-Summer 2003 Series of Guest Speakers, Authors, Musicians & Artisans
Sponsored by Xanterra Parks and Resorts, Yellowstone

In the Old Faithful Inn Lobby *"Celebrating 100 Years on a Worldwide Stage"*

Sunday, June 15, 2003	Chuck Box, Author <i>Open Season, Savage Run, WINTERKILL</i>
Monday, June 16, 2003	Chuck Box, Author <i>Open Season, Savage Run, WINTERKILL</i> Jett Hitt, Composer <i>Yellowstone for Violin and Orchestra</i>
Tuesday, June 17, 2003	Dave Peterson, Author <i>Yellowstone, Like No Other Place on Earth</i>

Free Admission

HERITAGE DAYS AT OLD FAITHFUL

SPONSORED BY XANTERRA PARKS AND RESORTS

June 24, 2003

- 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. *-Historic Restoration demonstration* of tools and techniques
Fred Paulsen, Manager Historic Restoration Crew, Xanterra
- 9:00 a.m.– 3:15 p.m. *-Historic Yellow Bus tours*; 30 minutes each departing from front of Old Faithful Inn.
(proceeds to benefit the Yellowstone Park Foundation.)
- 10:00 a.m. *-Montana Mandolin quartet/quintet short performances* (from the Crow's Nest of the Old Faithful
Inn Lobby)
1:00 p.m. (30-45 minute programs)
3:00 p.m.
- Tours of the Inn*-regular schedule
- 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. *Interpretive program*-Old Faithful Snow Lodge Meeting Room
Paul Shea, Yellowstone Historical Center, West Yellowstone, Montana
"Remembering Yellowstone: 3 Women's Reminiscences of Yellowstone"
- 11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. *Interpretive program*-Old Faithful Snow Lodge Meeting Room
Dennis White, Montana Mandolin Society, Bozeman, Montana, and Dr. John Landrigan, Knoxville,
Tennessee.
"Musical History of Yellowstone"
- 1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. *Interpretive program (program name/content still TBD)*.-Old Faithful Snow Lodge Meeting Room
Sarah E. Boehme, PhD; John S. Bugas, Curator, Whitney Gallery of Western Art, Buffalo Bill Historical
Center, Cody, Wyoming
- 2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. *Interpretive program*-Old Faithful Snow Lodge Meeting Room
Dr. John Landrigan, Knoxville, TN and Dennis White, Montana Mandolin Society, Bozeman, MT
"Musical History of Yellowstone"
- 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. *Interpretive program*-Old Faithful Snow Lodge Meeting Room
Paul Shea, Yellowstone Historical Center, West Yellowstone, Montana
"History of the West Entrance"
- 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. *Interpretive program (program name/content still TBD)*.-Old Faithful Snow Lodge Meeting Room
Sarah E. Boehme, PhD; John S. Bugas, Curator, Whitney Gallery of Western Art, Buffalo Bill Historical
Center, Cody, Wyoming
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. **Concert**- Old Faithful Recreation Hall (proceeds to benefit the Yellowstone Foundation.)
Montana Mandolin Society, Bozeman, Montana
A tribute to the music of Yellowstone
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HERITAGE DAYS AT OLD FAITHFUL

June 25, 2003

- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **-Historic Restoration demonstration** of tools and techniques
Fred Paulsen, Manager Historic Restoration Crew, Xanterra
- 9:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m. **-Historic Yellow Bus tours**; 30 minutes each departing from front of Old Faithful Inn.
(Proceeds to benefit the Yellowstone Park Foundation.)
- Tours of the Inn**-9:30 a.m., 11:00.a.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m.
- 10:00 a.m. **-Montana Mandolin quartet/quintet short performances** (from the Crow's Nest of the Old Faithful
1:00 p.m. Inn lobby)
- 11:00 a.m. **-Ric Steinke/Open Range short performances**
2:00 p.m. Old Faithful Inn Lobby
3:00 p.m.
- 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. *Interpretive program*- Old Faithful Snow Lodge Meeting Room
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Dr. John Landrigan, Knoxville, Tennessee and Dennis White, Montana Mandolin Society, Bozeman, Montana
"Musical History of Yellowstone"
- 2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. *Interpretive program*-Old Faithful Snow Lodge Meeting Room
Dr. Lee Whittlesey
"The Waterfalls of Yellowstone"
- 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. *Interpretive program*-Old Faithful Snow Lodge Meeting Room
Paul Shea, Yellowstone Historical Center, West Yellowstone, Montana
"Remembering Yellowstone" 3 Women's Reminiscences of Yellowstone.
- 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. *Interpretive program (program name/content still TBD).*- Old Faithful Snow Lodge Meeting Room
Sarah E. Boehme, PhD; John S. Bugas, Curator, Whitney Gallery of Western Art, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, Wyoming
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. **Musical Performance**- Old Faithful Inn Mezzanine
Open Range, Bozeman, Montana
"A Musical Ride Through the West" Unique insights about Yellowstone, the Rocky Mountain West, cowboy and Native American life and horses through anecdotes, poetry and song.

In response to an earlier petition (circulated March 2003), Qwest has conducted a study to determine the feasibility and pricing for implementing an Extended Area Service (EAS) between Mammoth, Lake, and Old Faithful, Wyoming, and Belgrade, Bozeman, Big Sky, Clyde Park, Cooke City, Gallatin Gateway, Gardiner, Livingston, Manhattan, Three Forks, Wilsall and West Yellowstone, Montana.

Qwest has proposed that the cost to implement this change would be \$2.02 per line per month on all lines within the Lake (242), Mammoth (344) and Old Faithful (545) areas. This amount would be charged as part of your base phone charges. All areas listed above would be reached by dialing a local (7 digit) number at no charge.

In order to move forward with this change, we are circulating a petition to allow members of the community to show support for this change. Please sign the petition if:



You have a phone in the Lake (242), Mammoth (344), or Old Faithful (545) area.



You support Qwest's proposal to charge your lines an additional \$2.02 in order to make local calls both within the park and throughout the Bozeman/Livingston/West Yellowstone area.



You are over 18.

Petitions are circulating throughout the park. Please sign one, or if you cannot locate one, please call Edna Good (344-2270) or Charissa Reid (344-6632).

Please return ALL signed copies of this petition to Charissa Reid, Box 223, Yellowstone National Park, WY, 82190 by JUNE 15, 2003.



MAMMOTH CLINIC OPEN HOUSE

Monday, June 16, 2003 • 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Area residents are cordially invited to an open house hosted by Yellowstone's new medical concessionaire Medcor. This is an opportunity to tour the facility and meet the staff, including the clinic's new full-time physician, Dr. Kurt Frantz. Please drop by so we can introduce ourselves to you!

Employee Co-Op Recreation

June 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ALSO ON JUNE 3rd RL League Sports Meeting: 6pm MHS League Sports Meeting: 8pm	2 Bear Seminar CL Rec Hall 7pm "Epic Yellowstone" CL Rec Hall 8pm	3 Rk Rec Opens Bear Seminar CL Rec Hall 7pm "Epic Yellowstone" CL Rec Hall 8pm	4	5	6	7 National Trails Day
8	9 Bear Seminar RL Rec Hall 7pm "Epic Yellowstone" RL Rec Hall 8pm	10 Bear Seminar LL Loc TBA 7pm Wolf Seminar RL Rec Hall 7pm	11 JUNE 12 GV League Sports Meeting: 8pm	12 RL/MHS Rosters Due OF League Sports Meeting 6pm	13 LL League Sports Meeting 6pm CL League Sports Meeting 8pm	14 Full Moon
15 Father's Day	16 Mammoth / Roosevelt League Sports Begin!	17 Fly Fish. Sem. GV Lobby 6pm Fly Fish. Seminar OF Rec Hall 8pm	18 Fly Fish. Sem. LL RH 6pm Fly Fish. Seminar CL Rec Hall 8pm	19 OF / GV / CL / LL - Rosters Due Loc. 3 on 3 VB	20 Fly Fish. Seminar Gardiner BH 6pm	21 Summer Solstice Cody Pow - Wow
22 Cody Pow - Wow	23 OF / GV / CL / LL League Sports Begin!	24 Bear Seminar GV Lobby 7pm Parkwide 3 on 3 Volleyball - MHS	25	26	27	28
29	30 Location Pool Tournament Playoffs	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB

These are Parkwide Pre Planned events only!! Watch for Location Calendar Postings for much more!



BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CONTRACT UPDATES

Xanterra Parks and Resorts - Contract expires October 31, 2004. Staff is working with PricewaterhouseCoopers to develop a financial feasibility study and prospectus. Condition assessments (including structural fire deficiencies) of government-owned buildings assigned to Xanterra (approximately 2 million square feet in 836 buildings) have been conducted by outside contractors, and a valuation of government-owned personal property and equipment assigned to Xanterra has been conducted by Standard and Poors (value estimate is \$12 million). To date, Business Management has invested \$2.4 million (from franchise fees) toward this project.

Yellowstone General Stores (YGS) - Even though YGS has been operating at Mammoth since January 1, 2003, final negotiations of their contract were not concluded until May 29, 2003. This delay was the result of arbitration between Delaware North and Hamilton Stores, which was a very lengthy process. In the prospectus, Delaware North had the option to "walk away" from the contract if the arbitration was not favorable. We are happy that, at the end of May, they decided to accept the opportunity to be our partner for the next fifteen years. You will begin to see favorable changes to the stores, as they proceed this fall with interior remodels of Mammoth and Old Faithful General Store.

Medcor - The season is underway, staffing is on board, and essential training and communications (particularly regarding emergency medical services) is taking place. As a reminder, this is a 2-year temporary contract, during which we will assess the operations and determine what best meets our long-term needs for the future. A new prospectus for a long-term contract will be published (fall of 2004 is our target).

A new doctor is on board at Mammoth (Dr. Kurt Frantz) to replace Dr. Hermann. See notice of Mammoth Clinic open house in this newsletter. Dr. Frantz, his spouse, and daughter have just moved into Mammoth. WELCOME!!

Yellowstone Park Service Stations, Inc. (YPSS) - Operations are essentially the same, although ownership has changed. (Conoco-Phillips/Bill McSpadden). A prospectus for a new contract is under development with PricewaterhouseCoopers and will probably be published late summer. National Park Service was able to purchase the possessory interest of Hamilton Stores, as well as the personal property and equipment (Hamilton's had 50% ownership of buildings, personal property and equipment). Funds for this purpose were obtained from franchise fees.

Winter Operations - Prospectuses for these contracts will be published within the next two weeks. They will be for a 10-year term, and requirements will implement the Winter Use decisions set forth in the Record of Decision and new regulations.

Horse/Pack Outfitters - Prospectuses are ready to go to the printer and will be published within the next two weeks. These (47) will also be for a 10-year term.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OFFICE AT 307-344-2271.

APPENDIX 2

GUIDELINES FOR FENCING AND EDGING

Planting in park residential areas sometimes requires extra measures to keep plants alive. Fencing and edging planting beds may be necessary to maintain them. Installation and maintenance of fencing and edging for planting beds is the responsibility of residents.

FENCING

Fencing for planting beds should be installed only to protect plants from grazing by wildlife. Fence construction should be done in such a way as to minimize the size and visibility of the structure. All fence materials should be colored gray, black, brown, or dark green. Shiny finishes should be avoided. Fence structures should not be connected to residences.

Approved fence materials include:

- chicken wire
- hardware cloth
- synthetic chicken wire substitute
- 2" x 4" no climb, twisted or welded, wire fence

Approved post/support materials include:

- 1" wide by 1" deep by x' long stake
- 2" wide by 2" deep by x" long stake
- wood fence post
- metal fence post

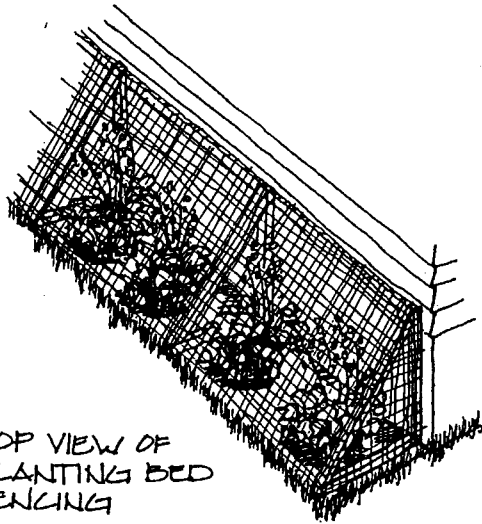
Posts should be appropriately sized for the height of the proposed fence. Posts will be installed at a consistent height. Wood posts can be untreated. Posts can be treated if the preservative is water-based CCA (chromated copper arsenate).

The wood materials should be allowed to weather and not be painted. The white tops of colored metal fence posts should be painted to match the post.

The fence framework should be constructed to protect the residence structure and siding from any damage. Examples of damage include (but aren't limited to) scratching the finish, staining the finish, or holes from nail or screw attachments, etc., where the fence structure touches the house siding.

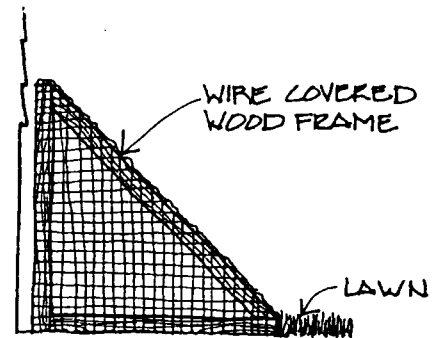
EDGING

Edging for new planting beds, if used, should be 4" metal edging. In the North Entrance housing area, existing or new planting beds may use brick or stone edging similar to that which already exists. Pre-formed plastic edging, rocks and stones, railroad ties, dimensional lumber, logs, and latticework should not be used as edging along new planting areas in historic residential areas such as Fort Yellowstone.

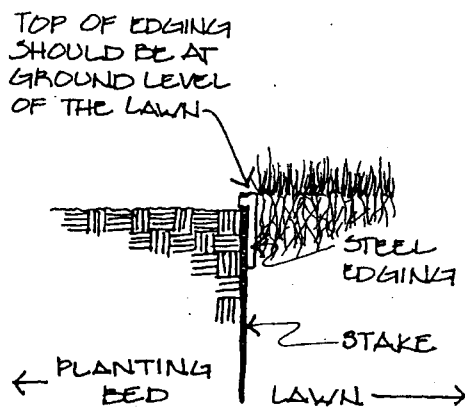


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