



GLEN HAVEN ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Board Notes

The board has been working on many issues that have come to our attention this year. These include but are not limited to:

Grants and Fire Mitigation: All of Michael Tavel's hard work regarding grants and fire mitigation has proven extremely beneficial. He's identified appropriate grants and gotten several awarded to GHA. Much appreciation is due Michael for taking on this time-consuming work that he's been so successful with. Michael will keep us informed of available monies and actions residents may want to accomplish.

Roads: Road conditions have come to the board's attention on a regular basis. This often is in the form of requests for improvements to the roads adjacent to homes.



The Inn of Glen Haven

December

**Holiday Dinners - Friday, Saturday
and Sunday evenings**

Reservations starting at 4:30 pm

New Year's Eve

Reservations starting at 4:30 pm

As most of you are aware, there are many rules and policies regarding how the board will respond. We have chosen to launch the new road committee to create a discernible presentation and action plan to be considered. Please sit tight as we work on this presentation.

Emergency Evacuation Routes: The board has begun looking at evacuation routes in case of emergencies. These are mostly existing trails and paths that not all owners are aware of. While these potential paths that may be identified are not ideal for these purposes, in an emergency they may be our only option. All should be aware of where they are and where they lead to. Eventually, maps will be drawn up and distributed, with the understanding that they are for residents only (so hikers don't try to use the paths).

Trespassing and potential poaching: The board is considering adding or replacing some of the signage to "post" the private ownership of all points in Glen Haven including the roads, while always considering the "mountain feel" of our community in any signage effort. Many owners have exterior video surveillance systems, and the board is looking at ways we might either pool our exterior footage or at least know where cameras are located so we can request footage documenting trespassing and perhaps find the culprit.

Winter in the Glen *by Rich Weaver*

It's a wonderful time in the Glen, as winter descends and brings with it a distinct quiet to the place. The "weekenders" have closed their cabins, and the summer boys' and girls' camps have been winterized as well. Locals are warming themselves around their wood stoves and the local flora and fauna are changing with the season.

Throughout the summer choke cherries, rosehip, raspberries, wildflowers, trees and grasses have fed the wildlife with their berries, blooms, seeds and cones. Birds, snakes, bears, racoons, weasel, fox, deer, elk, chipmunks, squirrel, rabbit, bobcats, mountain lions, marmots, mice and gophers all have played their integral parts in the local ecosystem.

To survive the long winter black bears and yellow-bellied marmots fatten up and hibernate in a deep torpor state for five to seven months. Chipmunks and red squirrels lower their body temperature and survive the winter on food caches that they have gathered. Abert squirrels' fur thickens in the winter, and they survive on the inner bark of ponderosa pine trees. Local birds such as pine siskins, nuthatches, chickadees, Townsend's Solitaires, stellar jays, juncos and woodpeckers winter here as well.

So, get outside and enjoy the wonderful winter solitude of our unique Glen Haven! But be aware of mountain lions confronting dogs and a jogger in the area.

Note: If you have any questions, or see any kingfishers, dippers or weasels, please email me at 511northforkrd@gmail.com

Mountain Lion Alert!

There have been reports of perhaps several Mountain Lions roaming the area. Be aware!

Consider keeping pets close!

As one longtime resident was quoted

"The problem is the surveillance video. Shut the cameras and there won't be a lion issue. There are and always have been many lions in the Glen".

"Protecting the Gateway to the Rockies"

Community Wildlife Defense Fund

By Michael Tavel

The Glen Haven, Estes Park, and Big Thompson region is the recipient of a \$10 Million federal Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) called "Protecting the Gateway to the Rockies."

The application was led by Larimer County Office of Emergency Management with participation of the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition (BTWC), Colorado State Forest Service, and numerous other local partners from Loveland to Estes Park, including our fire department and the Glen Haven Association. Thank you to Larimer County and everyone involved in procuring this grant.

The work will unfold slowly over five years from 2026 through 2031. It includes wildfire mitigation and safety in the form of forest thinning on larger properties, defensible space, fuel reductions along roadways, education on disaster preparedness, evacuation plans, and improvements in ways of getting rid of woody materials once forests are thinned. Work that affects the Glen Haven area will be coordinated-

with the Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department and the Glen Haven Association and will be informed by the Glen Haven Retreat Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

These larger, regional, grant-funded efforts, combined with your ongoing work to mitigate wildfire risk on your own properties, will better protect our community from wildfires. They also will make Glen Haven safer for firefighters and may help control the recent escalation in our property insurance rates.

<https://www.larimer.gov/spotlights/2025/11/25/larimer-county-awarded-98m-grant-protecting-gateway-rockies-wildfire-defense>



Sorry, but you'll have to wait till spring to enjoy our world-famous cinnamon rolls.

***Glen Haven
General Store***

Closed for the Season



GLEN HAVEN AREA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

FALL 2025 UPDATE By Chief Kevin Ingram

GHAVFD currently has 17 active members, 4 support members, and one junior trainee.

GHAVFD has responded to 43 calls in 2025 as of 11/1/25.

2025 has been a great year for the department. We have two more members that attended fire academy and are now interior qualified structure firefighters and one member that just completed their initial EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) training. We continue to train and have cumulatively as a department trained over 1,000 hours in 2025. We were able to purchase 4 new gas monitors, a wildland skid for the UTV, and some other miscellaneous hoses and appliances that will make our responses even better.

The Glen Haven area is once again a FireWise community. Thank you to all who have taken the initiative to perform fire mitigation around their homes and properties.

The department looks forward to continuing working with the residents and Big Thompson Watershed Coalition with fire mitigation projects/defensible space around homes. We plan to conduct more pile burns this winter on the GH association land.

The Glen Haven CWPP (Community Wildfire Prevention Plan) will be getting its update this fall/winter with input from surrounding agencies/stakeholders. Once a draft has been made the associations will be notified and public comment can be made at that time.

Road Committee

In August a road committee was launched. While we can't thank Doug Grice enough for doing a fantastic job of grading the roads and reporting on their (often) challenging conditions, it was clear further action was required. To that end Rich Weaver, Michael Hirsch, Mickey Leyba and Denali Lawson have graciously given their time to help analyze and document the current road conditions and determine what is required moving forward alongside Doug.

We will plat the road system and determine the differing levels of current condition and what repairs might be required. We will also be looking at signage and evacuation routes. Please do not read this as a warrant that any work is planned or will be executed.

This is just a preliminary study to help us get a better understanding and a more precise method of presenting the entire issue to Glen Haven landowners.

The Farmer's Almanac

General Outlook: A colder and longer winter season.

The Old Farmer's Almanac

General Outlook: Mostly mild, but with some wild, stormy weather.

After 208 years The Farmer's Almanac will cease publication.

The Old Farmer's Almanac (est. 1792) will continue publication.

George Washington was president when first published.

It is wrong 50% of the time which is the same odds as flipping a coin!



Childsplay Band

A shout out to the community from your local band - the ChildsPlay Band. Started 7 years ago by Steve & Becky Childs and Jake Shimon, the band has played locally in Glen Haven, Estes Park, Greeley, Drake and Cheyenne. Band members are Steve Childs (guitars, vocals), Jake Shimon (percussion & vocals), Danny Wison (lead guitar & vocals), Chris Norton (Bass), Dylan Childs (sound) and Becky Childs (vocals).

Appearances are usually posted on the bulletin board at the post office, on social media and on our website ChildsPlayBand.com

Our next gig will be in Longmont at Oscar Blues on January 22 at 6:00 pm



Glen Haven Potluck*

Saturday, December 20, 5:30 pm

Come enjoy Christmas with good neighbors
great food and holiday cheer!

Bring a dish to share, your own table service
and beverage

It's rumored that Santa Claus may drop by...
Parents please RSVP re: number of children
and ages

glenhavensanta@gmail.com



Glen Haven Historical Society

When Duke Sumonia founded the Glen Haven Historical Society in 2004, he couldn't have asked for a better person to carry on his work than Sandy Grice.

Tour the repository of Glen Haven history in the Town Hall with Sandy and you will be surprised what she has accumulated

Sandy will point out the original homestead paper signed by Theodore Roosevelt, the antique Sanbourne postcards of the area, maps detailing the original plots of land, many of which are now owned by descendants of those owners. The small room that's home to the historical society is crammed with photos of the Glen through the ages, long before the switchbacks brought travelers down to Knappville, as it was originally called when Ira Knapp and Reverend Schureman chose the location. Sandy's own photographs, taken fortuitously right before the 2013 flood, remind visitors what the town used to look like. She and husband Doug have rescued and preserved other bits of Glen Haven history: a metal sign from the Horseshoe café, which burned in 1991, horseshoes from Buckskin Bo's stables. Did you know that there were once two stables in town? And that there used to be church services in the old Town Hall, complete with a sign-in book you can now peruse? A cabinet holds dozens of binders with every bit of information you could possibly want to know about our town.

Outside town hall, several beautiful light shades are a gift from Sheila Knapp. To see it all for yourself, contact Sandy (her info is on the door). She'll give you a tour, sell you one of the three books on our history, and she might even enlist your help with a project or two that still needs to be done. Until then, the room holding all these precious memories remains locked!



White Elk's Visions in Glass

- Hand blown Christmas Ornaments
- One-of-a-kind gifts

Drop-in if we are open or

By Appointment

Contact Marty Holmes for an appointment (970) 577-1546

Glen Haven Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Thanks to all the wonderful support this past year for the pancake breakfast event, we had a banner year. We served over eight hundred breakfasts and had a 14% growth in revenue from 2024. The generosity of local businesses and individuals resulted in 119 donors to the silent auction and 242 items. This truly reflects that we are "Glen Haven Strong" and we have the support of our friends in The Estes Valley.

The auxiliary is looking to make some changes in 2026 – watch for a website and Facebook page for all the latest information. We hope to have a link on the the fire department website.

We are also looking for new members to join the auxiliary. We meet March – August with the pancake breakfast being a major part of our effort. We also support the fire department with the organization of food in the case of a fire incident and help with an appreciation dinner for the department. All are welcome, with full-time, or part-time residents encouraged to reach out.

Barb Eversoll 303-638-6213 or email ghfire.auxiliary@gmail.com

The Glen Haven Newsletter

The purpose of this quarterly Newsletter is to provide Owners important information, fire and safety suggestions and Board matters and above all, continue to foster a sense of community and comradery.

If you would like to contribute an article or request more information, please contact -

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2025-26 GHA Board

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