

Hi Country Haus

Newsletter January 2026

The Board met on January 7th. Here is a summary of what was discussed:

Action Items Completed:

The stop sign at the 4-way intersection was replaced with a new sign as the old one was faded badly.

Dumpsters were inspected for nails that had popped through to the back side. Nail ends were pounded down.

The swimsuit dryer in the men's locker room was replaced as the old one broke. This is the second time in 10 years that this has been replaced. If it fails again, we will look for a more robust model.

Solar lights on the maps at the entrances have been repaired. The controllers were expired and no longer functioning properly. Batteries were good, just not charging due to the failed controllers.

There was a leak in the roof in the men's locker room. This has been repaired/sealed.

Action Items:

Winter Park inspected our bridges. No problems were found. We do need two weight limit signs on the south bridge. These were ordered but were damaged upon receipt. We are working with the sign company to get replacements.

The swim spa has been repaired temporarily. The leaking has been drastically reduced to a drip. It is being watched daily. We are going to try to keep this spa in service until we shut down in the spring. If it starts to leak and cannot be controlled it will need to be taken out of service.

We are working with several companies to get a replacement shell for the swim spa. We hope to get this by the time we close for spring cleaning.

There is an ice sheet on the area below the outside hot tub. We are checking for leaks however this may just be the melting of snow due to the warm conditions. We are going to put up a sign that says, caution, icy conditions.

The sign on Building 22s dumpster is badly faded, and we have noticed that cars have parked in front of the dumpster. We are getting a new sign.

We had winds of over 100 miles per hour a couple weeks ago. Some trees were knocked down. The town removed some of the trees that had fallen over the river but there is still one evergreen that is still down between building 21 and 26. We will check with the town to get this removed also.

Fallen trees that damage other buildings are the other buildings responsibility. Insurance companies should be contacted if there are questions/issues. This was considered an act of God so normal insurance responsibilities are different.

A community member noticed a car coming into Hi Country Haus and depositing trash in our dumpsters. In one case we have the name of a person from Tabernash that we are going to turn over to the police department. It was left on the trash that was in the dumpster. We are also going to look at other options to deter unwanted dumping. Cameras, signs, etc.

The Town is still working on getting the gondola from the Town to Winter Park Resort. There are still some hurdles that need to be jumped. Funding is a major issue now, but options are being explored. There are no impacts to personal expenses, i.e. sales tax or property tax.

The yellow building on the outside of Winter Park next to the Foundry is being worked on. There is a tower that has been erected next to it. This is causing some discussion. This project is in the town of Fraser and the town of Winter Park has no say in this project. The building is in compliance with local zoning regulations.

This Saturday marks the 50th anniversary of Mary Jane. There will be celebrations on the hill and in town.

Mary Jane opens for the season on January 9!

Terrain opening on January 9 at 9am.

Lifts: Super Gauge Express, Iron Horse, Pony Express, Galloping Goose

Trails: Shoefly, Whistlestop, Mary Jane Trail, Arrowhead Loop

In Town Events

- **70s Après Ski Party**- Starting at 5pm, stop by Cooper Creek Square for a 70s Après Ski Party and art unveiling at Uptripping.
- **Late-Night Après**- At 9pm, celebrations continue at Devil's Craft featuring Coral Creek, Uptown Toodaloo, and Easy Tiger.

These events serve as a kickoff leading into Saturday's on-mountain celebration!

Concert and Fireworks in town with Big Gigantic

The concert is hosted at the Rendezvous Event Center in downtown Winter Park—not at Winter Park Resort.

Venue location

- Rendezvous Event Center 78821 US HWY 40 Winter Park, Co. (Downtown Winter Park).
- This is an outdoor venue. Please wear appropriate winter apparel and footwear.
- Access is General Admission – no seating provided – standing room only.
- This is an open venue, feel free to enter and exit as you please.
- It will be very crowded with loud noises and Fireworks; we urge you to leave your furry friends at home.
- [Rendezvous Event Center Free Event Rules](#)

Food and beverage

- No food or beverages will be sold at the venue. Please visit one of our local businesses. You are welcome to bring provisions into the venue.
- Water will be available, bring your own drinking vessel.
- [Local businesses Directory](#)

Parking

- Limited parking available near venue.
- Winter Park Parking garage.
- Plan to take free public transit ([The Lift](#)) to event center.

- Rendezvous Way will be closed on January 10.

Information Tent at Venue

- There will be an information tent at the venue for additional questions as well as Lost & Found.
- Lost & Found will be located at the Winter Park Information Center on Sunday, January 11 from 10 am – 4 pm.

The Board will meet again on February 11th at 6 p.m. via ZOOM.

We wish you a happy, prosperous and healthy new year.

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