

Granite Falls News

Where Community Comes First | Summer 2025



? Join the Fun on the **Fourth** of July!

Calling all neighbors: Grab your bikes, wagons, flags, and festive spirit! Come celebrate Independence Day with us at our annual neighborhood parade. Whether you're marching, rolling, or cheering from the sidelines, there's a place for everyone in this red, white, and blue tradition. Let's make it a morning to remember!

Meet at the entrance a few minutes before 10:00 a.m.!

4th of July
2ND ANNUAL
NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE/WALK
PARADE!

JULY 4TH • 10:00 AM

Meet at the entrance to Granite Falls in the grassy lawn, bring your decorated bike, wagon or stroller and we will loop through the neighborhood. Route will be down Mescalero- right to Granite Falls Ave, loop back down Knowles Canyon Ave.
All are welcome to participate, spectators also highly encouraged!

The map shows a rectangular route starting at the entrance to Granite Falls, going down Mescalero Ave, right to Granite Falls Ave, loop back down Knowles Canyon Ave, and back to the entrance.

Grand Valley Fourth of July Festivities

Independence Monument View Activities

Colorado National Monument, 9:00 a.m.-noon

Due to nesting peregrine falcons, the **Independence Monument Climb is cancelled** this year. Instead, Park Rangers will be at Independence Monument View from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm with activities for kids and adults!

Grand Junction Parade

Main Street, 10:00 a.m.

Granite Falls Parade

Neighborhood entrance, 10:00 a.m.

Fireworks at Lincoln Park

Suplizio Field, Jackalopes vs. Northern Colorado Owlz at 5:35 p.m.; Fireworks at sundown.

July 3 Fruita Fireworks Display

Sundown.

Visible from Fruita, but also check out Rotary Park and the Visitor Center. Fireworks are launched at the James M. Robb State Park. Parking will be limited at the James M. Robb State Park and Snooks Bottom Open Space will be closed.

Irrigation Update

As you can imagine, the last few weeks have been frustrating trying to keep the irrigation system running. We apologize for the frustration and inconvenience this is causing. It all started with a power outage, which coincided with damage to the Homeowners pump. We have a 2-3 week lead time on parts for the pump. Meanwhile, we tried keeping the system running with just the Common Area pump, but it hasn't been able to keep up with the demand. We installed the backup pump and it has been marginal. It appears the preventive maintenance performed last year was not adequate, so we will be updating our procedures in the future.

Meanwhile, here is what we are doing.

1. Ordered parts for the homeowners pump and the backup pump.
2. Will purchase additional spare parts for the Common pump.
3. Consider the purchase of another backup pump and possibly sunsetting the current backup as it is not a good fit for our needs.
4. Will review maintenance procedure with Munro to determine additional options.
5. Try to determine if the power outage caused damage to the pump.

Again, we apologize for this inconvenience. Please know that we are doing everything we can to resolve these issues.

Need garden and lawn tips? Check out past newsletters on the [Granite Falls HOA website](#) and information on the [Mesa County Extension website](#), where you'll also find local Master Gardeners offering their expertise!



Spring Cleaning and Block Party a Big Success

May 10 was a gorgeous day to have fun AND clean up the neighborhood. A large crowd of worker bees quickly knocked it out, collecting several bags of trash and making a run to the dump. Thank you everyone!

Later that day we gathered for the semi-annual block party and mingled with our neighbors. Lots of good things to eat (some of us are still dreaming about those wings) and great conversations. The City of Grand Junction Neighborhood Party Trailer makes it easy on all of us, providing tables and chairs, signs, games, and even the trash cans.



Neighborhood Entrance Shines

We're pleased to share some recent updates that have significantly enhanced the look and feel of our community's front entrance area. These improvements are part of our ongoing efforts to maintain the beauty, safety, and value of our neighborhood.

Thanks to the incredible effort during our recent Neighborhood Clean-Up Day, we made major strides in revitalizing the front entrance. Many volunteers trimmed overgrown bushes, removed struggling plants, and prepared holes for new plantings. This hands-on effort not only helped beautify the area but also brought neighbors together in a fun and productive way.

Following the clean-up, the Beautification Committee planted a variety of new bushes and low water plants, installed a beautiful new tree, and added solar illumination to light up the Granite Falls sign. These thoughtful additions have made the entrance more welcoming, better lit at night, and aligned with our commitment to sustainability.

We're proud of the progress and look forward to continuing these efforts to keep our community looking its best. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated and supported the project—your time and care truly make a difference.

If you're interested in joining the Beautification Committee or helping with future projects, we'd love to hear from you!

Turkey Chicks Highlight of Wildlife Sightings

Thank you, pet owners, for keeping your furry friends on a leash during the spring wildlife season and picking up after them on HOA common areas. If you've visited the HOA Open Space lately, you might have seen quail, ducks and geese, deer, and 10 turkey chicks with their momma!

SAVE THE DATE

Something special is on the horizon. Plan to join us **September 20** for the fall cleanup and block party!

Granite Falls Activities & Groups

Grand Junction Gardening Club - Jenni Dixon: jennidixon222@gmail.com

Quarterly Enews Co-editor - Sam Marutzky: smartz1953@gmail.com

Poker Club - Aaron Meckler: 303.324-4510 (text) or aaron.meckler@gmail.com

Game Afternoon Club - Jennifer Bradfield: Jennifer.bradfield@gmail.com

Foosball Club - Alan Dixon: allendixon46@gmail.com

Families w/ Kids Club - Elizabeth Brookmeyer: ebrookmeyer@gmail.com

Monthly Book Club - Jana Smith: jlcrain858@gmail.com

Meets second Wednesday of the month; Afternoon and evening groups

Thank you to the **Nieslanik's** for caring for the Granite Falls Little Library!

Thank you, **Terra Rafael**, for keeping us connected with the Granite Falls newsletter!

Thank you, **Sam Marutzky**, for keeping the irrigation system running and coordinating the newsletter!

Thank you to **Jenni Dixon**, **Kathy Langfitt**, and **Sandy Rhoades** for leading the charge to beautify the entrance to our lovely neighborhood!



HOA Basics

New Homeowner Packet (PDF)

Granite Falls HOA website

Past newsletters

Email the Board of Directors: granitefallshoa8@gmail.com

Design Review Committee: drcgranitefalls@gmail.com

Board of Directors

- **President - Brian Langfitt**
- **Secretary - Amy Mohler**
- **Treasurer - Rita Felde**
- **Assistant Treasurer - Sandy Rhoades**
- **Member-at-Large - Todd Sanders**

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Suggestions? Let us know!

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