

President's Message by Dan Robinson

Hello fellow RLA Residents,

Many thanks to Martha Clark for her time and expertise to create this newsletter for us. Please take a few minutes to read the updates and announcements from our committee chairs and GHAVFD that provide the latest and important information on what is occurring in our wonderful community.

As you'll read in Jim Boyd's Road report, the road team continues to work hard and thoughtfully to keep our roads open. The last three years of flash flooding continue to strain our resources and our road team is continually working creatively to keep them in good shape.

While we are grateful that Larimer County Road and Bridge Department has spent more than \$4 million to repair our roads from the frequent high-water events, we acknowledge that our association needs to take action to prepare for more permanent repairs, particularly the Miller Fork Culvert, the Black Creek low water crossings, and Fisherman's Lane. Our board agreed to engage an engineering firm to study and develop recommendations for an improvement plan. We look forward to the results of their engagement, and will provide an important update at our annual RLA meeting on Sunday, July 21st.

Also, our Treasurer Harry Love is working to update our Reserve Fund requirements so that we will be prepared to financially maintain and improve the assets owned by the RLA. An update on this plan will also be presented at our July 21st meeting. (continued on page 3 "President's Message")

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THE RETREAT RUNDOWN



RETREAT LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting – April 10, 2024 6:00 pm via Google Meet

Attending: Dan Robinson, Brian Berg, Steve Clark, Joe Lavaux, Harry Love, Katie Phillips, Peter Sinnott. Also Attending: Martha Clark, Ron Spurlin, Matthew Thompson, Joan Van Horn

Minutes of the board meeting held November 11, 2023 were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROADS & BRIDGES — A written report was submitted by Jim Boyd dated April 5, 2024. Black Creek Drive crossings still need considerable repair and Jim recommended that six culverts be installed. Larimer County made repairs which are not holding up nor mitigating the situation. The Board agreed that the President submit a letter (to be drafted by Peter Sinnot) to the County Commissioners requesting that they come inspect the conditions of the road and provide further repairs this month. The RLA cannot at this point do extensive repairs because of the obligations/responsibilities of it being partially a county road. Ron Spurlin pointed out that a section of Fisherman's Lane is a public road that needs bank stabilization and so this issue will be included in the letter to the County. Several cut logs and slash were left on Fisherman's Lane by Adams Tree Service which Brian Berg agreed to take care of.

Jim Boyd and Bailey Andrew will be looking at a backhoe available in Grand Lake. Further research is needed to determine the type of machine appropriate for RLA road maintenance as well as the costs. The Big Thompson Watershed Coalition is committing \$70,000 for a Post-Fire Sediment Management project aimed to maintain the area and improve water quality downstream but these funds are for all aspects of the project, not just the purchase of a backhoe.

Jim Boyd also suggested in his report that the bulk gasoline tank be sold as it has not been used. Brian Berg stated that it was used by the Federal Agencies during the Cameron Peak fire and may be useful in future situations. He agreed to discuss it further with Jim.

The Board discussed the use of recycled asphalt versus road base material and considered that each may be useful on certain roads in the Retreat. This will be discussed further with Jim Boyd.

Joe Lavaux reported that the CSU Engineering Program students will be deciding in the fall which projects they will take on. He agreed to submit the various RLA road projects for their consideration as a study project.

The Miller Fork crossing is being stressed even with the extensive work conducted last spring. Steve Clark agreed to ask Megan Keith to submit a quote for a water flow analysis and engineering plans for this crossing.





RLA Board Meeting minutes cont.

Peter Sinnott suggested that the Board consider increasing the amount of reserve funds. It was agreed to add this to the July Board meeting agenda and have a study session prior to the meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE — Only two inquiries were received from potential new landowners.

TREASURER - The Balance Sheet and Profit & Does Statements as of March 31, 2024 were submitted. Treasurer Harry Love explained the changes proposed to move the grader sale proceeds and the budgeted addition from General Fund to Equipment Reserve resulting in a total of \$41,000 which was approved by the Board. It was also moved, seconded and carried that liens be filed on the properties whose assessments have not been paid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for expiring positions on the Board are needed. Spring Newsletter is planned for mid-June. Martha Clark said it will include information on Board nominees, committee and GHAVFD reports, trail conditions, etc.

Annual Meeting will be July 21, 2024 with an RLA social function on July 19 th . Meeting adjourned. Joan Van Horn, Meeting Recording Secretary

President's Message, cont.

Many thanks to our Trails Committee who have been able to restore some of our beautiful yet flood-damaged hiking trails, and to our Fire Restoration Committee, led by Chuck Reynolds, who strives to keep debris at a minimum. Both of these committees need many more volunteers and hours to keep our trails and roads passable for ourselves and our guests to enjoy; please consider volunteering when these teams need help.

The board terms of Joe Lavaux and myself expire this July. We have two excellent candidates in Paul Besson and Geoff Elliot (bios included in newsletter) and would welcome others to seek election to serve our residents. You can be nominated or place ourself on the ballot up to the time the ballots are collected during our July meeting.

Please mark your calendars for our annual member social on Friday, July 19th 5:00 p.m., graciously hosted by Susan and Kent Lowry at 957 Dunraven Glade Rd. Our GHAVFD annual Pancake Breakfast is Saturday July 20th, and we look forward to seeing you at our annual RLA member meeting on Sunday July 21st at 1:00 pm.

Have a wonderful summer.





Committee Reports

Fire Restoration Committee:

Fire Restoration Committee Workdays are on-going.

Even though the Cameron Peak fire was more than three years ago, the aftereffects continue. Flash floods caused by runoff from burned slopes in the drainage areas well outside the Retreat started in the spring of 2021. More flooding is very likely this summer. The buildup of burned limbs and branches at the culverts in Black Creek and Miller Fork have made the flooding worse.

Stream debris removal:

Our efforts over the last two years have been to remove the stream debris from the waterways and haul it to our designated debris site below the RLA equipment barn or move it outside the stream channel so that it cannot build up a dam again. The goal now is to continue with community-wide workdays on the 3rd Saturday of each month, usually from 9am-12pm.

We also had planned to start burning the stream debris using the newly acquired Air Curtain Burner which is controlled by the Loveland Fire Department. Currently, there is county regulation against burning above 6000 feet from May 1 to Oct 1. We hope to get an exemption for use of the ACB at the debris site below the RLA equipment barn.

Re-seeding burned slopes:

We had planned to move on to the next step of planting grass seed this fall on burned slopes to reduce runoffs. However, we have not found significant burned slopes in the RLA HOA. All the burned slopes are farther up the Miller Fork and Black Creek watersheds which are outside our jurisdiction.

Planting tree seedlings:

The final step later this fall or next spring was to plant tree seedlings where possible to start the reforestation of burned slopes. Again, these slopes are outside our jurisdiction and will have to be addressed by Larimer County agencies.

Next steps:

We will send out notices of monthly debris collection workdays and we encourage many of you to help us with these efforts to restore the natural beauty of the Retreat.

Hopefully, at the end of this season, we can transition the Fire Restoration Committee back to the Environmental Committee.

Fire Restoration Committee:

Chuck Reynolds — Chairman Gene McLean Bruce Brown Harry Love





Committee Reports, Cont.

2024 Retreat Roads Annual Report

Recycled Asphalt: In April we spread 47 dump truck loads of recycled asphalt (RAP) on various sections of Retreat roads, and we hope to spread another 20-26 loads in late May or early June. Some have asked why we use recycled asphalt instead of regular road base, like what the county uses on Dunraven Glade Road. Cost and availability are two of the biggest reasons. Right now, IF WE COULD GET class 5 road base (it's not easy for smaller, non-governmental contractors to get), it currently costs about \$29.00 per ton whereas recycled asphalt currently costs about \$21.00 per ton. Also, RAP generally compacts much better and is much less dusty than road base, unless it's treated with an expensive dust suppressant.

Landowner Slash: We encourage landowners to be FIREWISE and to maintain safe and healthy forestry on their property. To help facilitate this, we have again hired a contractor to chip landowner slash three times this year. Slash is limited to clean tree limbs that are SEVEN INCHES IN DIAMETER OR LESS, that have recently been trimmed from trees. Slash can be stacked neatly along the edge of your property and the adjoining Retreat road, but not in the drainage ditches. Our contractor will chip the slash along the road and broadcast the chips onto your property. If you do not want chips broadcast on your property, then you must haul the slash to our slash pile, located next to the Retreat Equipment Barn, at 140 Elkridge Road. The gate lock code is listed on the Retreat Website and should not be shared with contractors or anyone who is not a Retreat Landowner. PLEASE, stack limbs neatly with the larger diameter ends towards the road. NO LOGS, STUMPS, LUMBER, NEEDLES, OR OTHER DEBRIS.

Slash Chipping Dates: Our contractor will be chipping slash along Retreat roads on JUNE 19, AUGUST 7, AND OCTOBER 2. They will chip the slash pile beside the equipment barn on June 20, August 8, and October 3. Again, please stack slash neatly with all larger diameter ends pointing toward the road and do not stack slash in drainage ditches.

Stream Debris: If you have woody debris from flood events that is seven inches in diameter or less, it can be hauled to the burn pile lot below the Retreat Equipment Barn. Please do not stack debris next to the Retreat roads. Follow the access road past the slash piles to the lower burn lot. Please do not mix debris with the clean slash next to the barn. Debris must go to the lower burn lot. NO logs or stumps permitted and nothing greater than seven inches in diameter.

Black Creek, Corner Court, Miller Fork Stream Crossings and Fisherman's Lane: We spent approximately \$4,500 on crushed rock last winter to improve the water crossings on Black Creek Drive and Corner Court. Spring runoff and elevated stream levels have, again, eroded the crossings so that most are impassable even in high profile 4WD vehicles. Our Board of Directors does not want to continue adding crushed rock to the crossings only to see it washed away during the next high-water event. Retreat Board members are working to secure long-term, engineered solutions and funding for the Black Creek Stream crossings as well as the Miller Fork Stream at Miller Fork Road crossing and a section of Fisherman's Lane. We regret the inconvenience and appreciate your patience. If you have suggestions or comments about any of these Retreat roads, please contact the Retreat Board of Directors. (continued)





2024 Retreat Roads Annual Report, cont.

Driveway Culverts and Retreat Road Right of Way Obstructions: Please maintain your driveway and the culvert under your driveway to prevent runoff from eroding Retreat Roads. Also, be aware that the Retreat Road right of way is 25 feet from the center of the road. Please avoid putting signs, reflectors, boulders, gardens, statuary, etc. in the road right of way. Doing so can result in damage to Retreat Road Equipment and to your property. Also, tree branches that extend into the road right of way can damage equipment and service vehicles. Please understand the need to keep tree limbs trimmed back from the road.

Contact Jim: If you have questions or concerns about sections of Retreat roads, please feel free to contact Jim by email, text, or, if urgent, a phone call. Email: Jim1371@Outlook.com. Cell Phone: 970-481-4279.

Help Glen Haven Remain a Firewise Community

The Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department (GHAVFD) is once again asking for your help to keep our community safe, protect your home, and help prevent the spread of wildfires. The GHAVFD is extremely appreciative and proud of the work residents have done over the years.

Glen Haven is a Fire Wise Community and our certification is good until December 2024. The GHAVFD needs your help to continue our certification into 2025. How can you help? Every time you do work on your property; removing ladder fuels, trees and brush near buildings and other things that make your property less likely to be consumed by the next fire, please send what you did in an email to glenhavenfirewise@gmail.com that includes your name, address, what you did and how many hours spent doing this. This will allow the GHAVFD to tabulate the hours and reach our goal to remain a Fire Wise community.

Studies show that measures taken at the home and in the area within 100 feet of it, known as the Home Ignition Zone (HIZ), have a significant impact on minimizing damage and loss. Something as simple as clearing the immediate 5-foot zone around the home can assist in making a huge difference in avoiding a catastrophe.





GHAVFD Spring 2024 Update

2024 marks the 60th anniversary of the Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department!

Our annual pancake breakfast will be July 20, 2024 from 7:00am-11:00am. The event will once again include a bake sale, vendors, and a silent auction. This year we will have representatives from the US Forest Service, Smokey Bear, and a table with wildfire information/resources.

We took delivery of our new type 1 engine in September 2023. This Pierce Responder series engine replaced our old E11. The new E11 (same call sign as the old) will serve the community well into the future and is equipped with many state-of-the-art features that allow us to better serve the community. Our previous E11was donated to Big Elk Meadows Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Kevin Zagorda retired in December 2023 after nearly 10 years of service with GHAVFD. We wish him the best in his retirement!

GHAVFD now has PulsePoint as an added resource for the community. This allows the public to see incidents in our response area and will also show prescribed burns in the area. The PulsePoint Respond app is available free in the Apple app store and Google play store.

Kevin Ingram GHAVFD Fire Chief





Upcoming Events



Saturday, July 20th
GHAVFD Pancake Breakfast
Silent Auction, Bake Sale
7:00 am - 11:00 am
Glen Haven Firehouse
\$10/Adults
\$6/Children 5-10
Children under 5 FREE

Saturday, July
7:00 Craft Sale
Glen Haven Town
Hall

Smokey the Bear will be joining us to celebrate his 80th birthday, along with guests from the National Forest Service.

There will also be a table with information on fire mitigation and prevention.

ATV shuttles will be running during the event.

Sunday, July 21st, 1:00 pm RLA Annual Meeting

(doors open at 12:00pm) Glen Haven Town Hall

Wine and Cheese Social

Friday, July 19th, 5-7pm Susan & Kent Lowry's Barn 957 Dunraven Glade Rd. Finger foods provided. BYOBevs.

Bakers and Crafters:

Bakers: Please bring your baked goods (pies, cakes, breads, etc.) by Town Hall 7/20 beginning at 6am.

Silent Auction--Town Hall:

Birdhouses/birdfeeders welcomed. Contact Becky Childs at latchstrng@msn.com for details. **Craft show:** Seven vendors selling local crafts, ball caps and T-shirts.





Retreat Trails Report

Our beautiful, serene streamside trails are one of the best parts of living in the Retreat. Unfortunately many of them have been rendered unusable since the 2020 Cameron Peak Fire due to repeated flashfloods. Fire restoration crews have worked very hard to clear debris from the Miller Fork and Black Creek streambeds so it doesn't precipitate future flood events.

One outcome of the flooding was that all our footbridges were completely wiped out and many washed downstream. In the last few months, several of our residents have collaborated to restore our bridges and do the necessary trail maintenance to remove downed timber from the trails that remain. Here is an overview of our nearby trails as of June 2024:

Fisherman's Lane Trail—This trail was closed completely after a massive flood event last August. We lost all five of our footbridges in this flood and the trails were littered with debris. In addition, the trail out onto Miller Fork Road was completely gutted by floodwaters, leaving a basin with no access to the road. During the fall of 2023 several of our residents pulled together and restored all five bridges on the trail and tethered them to sturdy trees, as well as built stairs from the trail basin up to Miller Fork Road. Thanks to the efforts of Steve Clark, Ron Spurlin, Gene Mclean and Pete Sinnott, this trail is now completely accessible from both Miller Fork Road and the Fisherman's Lane cul-de-sac.







Miller Fork Trail—The August 2023 flood also completely wiped out the access to this trail at the Miller Fork Road crossing, which historically ran along the north side of the stream. The stream's course was dramatically changed and now flows around a small island in the middle. Access can be gained by bushwhacking through a shallow, wet gulley and a rock field on the south side of the stream, but you still have to cross back over to pick up the existing trail on the north side. To remedy this, a footbridge was installed in the spring of 2024 about thirty yards upstream. Two of the bridges up the Miller Fork trail were dug out of the debris and restored in the fall of 2023. In May of this year the old "L" bridge at the waterfall at the top of Miller Fork trail was restored, so there is now full access from the Miller Fork Road to the Indian Trail and Donner Pass junctions. Also, Jim Boyd recently installed a ladder to circumvent a particularly precarious stretch of trail that had been wiped out, about halfway up the Miller Fork trail. In addition to the bridges being restored, much of this trail and the Fisherman's Lane trail were blocked by downed timber due to flooding and various windstorms this winter, and several of our residents have worked very hard to clear them for us.

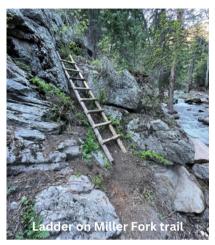




Retreat Trails Report, cont.







Many thanks to Gene McLean, Jim Boyd, Rich Gilmore, Brian Martens, Pete Sinnott and Steve Clark (and anyone else I am not aware of!) for this effort!

Indian Trail—Being it's primarily within USDA and Cheley Camp property, there has been little effort to restore this trail since the Cameron Peak fire. According to the report of one resident who hiked it last winter, all the footbridges that existed are gone and some sections of trail have been completely wiped out. On a positive note, reforestation has begun to occur on this trail, as evidenced by foot-high pine seedlings at various places on the trail. The National Forest Service has expressed plans to restore these trails, but likely won't pursue that until the threat of flash flooding has subsided, perhaps not for a few more years.

Donner Pass Trail—As of this writing the signpost to this trail has been broken by a fallen tree, but the trail itself is fairly navigable, though there are no footbridges left at the stream crossings. Trees have been piled in the stream channel in various places to slow runoff during heavy rains. Regrowth is occurring on this trail, as evidenced by foot-high pine seedlings, aspen saplings, grasses and flowers.

Please use caution when navigating these trails. Use trekking poles if you need to, know your limits and always let someone know where you plan to hike if alone, and stick to the plan. The stream channels in our area continue to be dangerously flashflood prone, so please **STAY OFF** the trails when thunderstorms or heavy rains are present. Lastly, some of the land our trails cross is privately owned, so please respect this and stay on the trail.

Martha Clark Editor--The Retreat Rundown







EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a reprint of a letter all RLA members should have received by email from Larimer County by now. We are sharing it as a courtesy for those who may not have received it. It deals with the ongoing data collection and flood risk analysis in the Miller Fork and Black Creek watersheds during the spring-fall 2024.

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May 2, 2024

RE: Miller Fork and Black Creek Flood Risk Data Collection & Flood Risk Analysis

Dear Property Owner(s)/Resident(s):

The Larimer County Engineering Department would like to share with The Retreat Community that the County is commencing a detailed data collection and flood risk analysis of portions of Miller Fork and Black Creek (see study area shown on the attached map). The Cameron Peak Fire severely impacted the Miller Fork and Black Creek watersheds. Post-fire storms and flooding events have caused substantial road damage, erosion and sediment deposition along the stream channels, and increased the threat to life and property.

Considering the severity of the damage and risks to public safety, the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) has provided Larimer County with grant funding to assist with these efforts. The initial field data collection and analysis will provide updated topography, hydrology, and flood risk mapping for both creek corridors. Results of the analyses will provide needed information to better equip Larimer County, The Retreat Community, the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition and drinking water providers, in making informed decisions about additional floodplain regulations, appropriate locations for new residential structures, improved roadway and culvert designs, and sediment and water quality management approaches.

Starting in May 2024, the County's consultant, Ayres Associates, is scheduled to begin surveying the area using aerial drone technology; an efficient and accurate method for capturing detailed topography along the stream channels. As part of this effort, some property owners may be individually contacted by the Larimer County Engineering Department, requesting right of access to allow the surveyors to temporarily set up the needed equipment for collecting the survey data. Ayres Associates anticipates that the entire data collection effort will be completed within 30 days. Following the survey, the consultant is scheduled to complete the hydrologic and hydraulic flood risk analyses in fall 2024.

Updating topographic and flood hazard analyses for this area will allow Larimer County to evaluate the need for additional, County-adopted, floodplain management regulations along these corridors to facilitate a safer, more resilient community. Adoption of additional floodplain regulations would involve direction from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and would include public outreach meetings with Larimer County. The Larimer County Engineering Department has information about County floodplain regulations at www.larimer.org/engineering/floodplain.

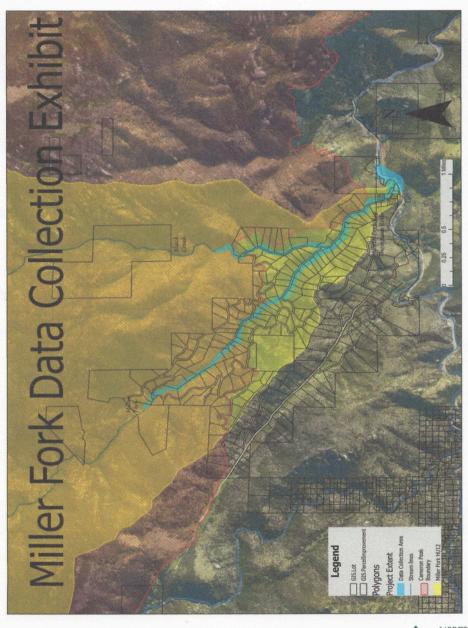
For questions regarding the Miller Fork and Black Creek data collection and flood risk analysis, you can send an email to: Eng-Floodplain@co.larimer.co.us or call Caryn Nezat with the Larimer County Engineering Department at 970-498-5734.





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Get to Know Your RLA Board Candidates:

Paul Besson



Paul Besson has lived fulltime in the Retreat since March 2019, and has been a regular visitor since his parents, Tony and Charlotte Besson, moved there in 1980.

He has degrees in engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy, management from Webster University, and was a Defense Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He served as a communications officer in the Air Force for 25 years, including squadrons and group commands. He then spent 16 years working for General Dynamics Information Technology and retired in 2021.

He is a lieutenant in the Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department, serves as a lector and parish council member of his church in Estes Park, and is an avid golfer, hiker and skier.

Paul and Marguerite have been married 43 years, and their son and his wife recently welcomed their first child.

Geoff Elliot

Geoff Elliot moved to The Retreat in 2017 with his wife Rachel and stepson Leo. They are proud to call Glen Haven home.

Geoff has lived in the Estes Valley since 2013 and been involved in the community since moving to the area. He joined the Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department in 2018 and continues to serve today. From 2020-2023. Geoff served as a Lieutenant (2020-2022) and Captain (2022-2023) in the department helping with the Cameron Peak Fire response, flash flooding events, and strengthening the department's resources. He was a member of the Town of Estes Park's Parks Advisory Board. supporting the Parks Division with planning, from 2017-2022, serving as Chair in 2021-2022. He has previously served on the board of other local nonprofits, including the Alpine Anglers chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Estes Valley Land Trust. In his professional capacity, Geoff serves as a Corps Director for Conservation Legacy, leading a national through internship program agreement management, partnership development, and budget oversight in collaboration with federal land management agencies.







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