



GET YOUR FREE COPY OF STEAM RAILS TO SKI TRAILS, AN ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR!

The City of Steamboat Springs has just published "Steam Rails to Ski Trails", an architectural and historic walking tour and guidebook of downtown Steamboat Springs. Pick up your FREE copy of the guidebook at Epilogue, Off the Beaten Path, Tread of Pioneers Museum, the Chamber Resort Association, City Hall or The Depot.

The guidebook was funded in part by a grant from Preserve America, and features photos, stories and architectural details of 27 significant buildings in downtown Steamboat Springs. For more information call 871-8202.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL

At the Tuesday, December 16, 2008 City Council meeting some discussions items are:

- Second reading of the "Social Host" ordinance
- Pre-applications for The Bridges and 360 Village annexations.

This meeting begins at 5pm, please either call City Hall at 879-2060, or check out our website to get a time estimate for your item of interest. A complete agenda can be found at www.steamboatsprings.net

SAFETY FIRST IN STEAMBOAT

Tip of the Week: When decorating your tree, check electrical cords and lights for signs of damage. Damaged electrical cords and lights can cause an electrical short and lead to a fire.

INTERESTED VOLUNTEERING?

The citizens of Steamboat Springs are invited to apply to serve on the **Summer Marketing Task Force / Committee**

**There are four positions open:
Two positions with marketing background
Two business owner positions**

This new Task Force will be working with representatives of the Chamber and the City Council to determine the best strategy and appropriate amount of funding for summer marketing of the community.

Questions? Contact Wendy DuBord at 879-2060.

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2009.

Applications are available at:

www.steamboatsprings.net

Or contact: Julie Franklin, at (970) 871-8248 or

via e-mail at jfranklin@steamboatsprings.net

COLD WEATHER ADVICE FROM THE UTILITIES DIVISION

Steamboat Springs' winter weather can cause pipes to burst in your household or business plumbing. Here are some tips for avoiding costly damage.

Don't fall into a winter cold snap unprepared. Prevent the property damage, repair bills and inconvenience of bursting household pipes.

- **Know the location of your water shut-off and test it regularly.** If a pipe breaks, you won't want to have to find it then or worse, wait for someone to arrive at your place to find it for you. In most single-family homes, the shut-off valve is in the basement or the crawlspace where your water pipe enters the house.
- **Winterize unheated or vacant buildings.** Significant property damage and water loss can occur before burst pipes are discovered in vacant buildings. If your vacant building has a fire protection system, make sure there is no danger that the water servicing this system might freeze.
- **Insulate water pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold or have caused problems before.** Pipes close to exterior walls or in unheated basements can be wrapped with pieces of insulation. Don't overlook pipes near windows, which can quickly freeze. For particularly difficult pipes, consult a professional on how to select and apply heat tape. Caution: Improper use of heat tape can cause fires.

During a Deep Freeze (-5 Degrees and Below)

Keep open cabinet doors leading to exposed pipes (such as access doors for sinks), so that household air can warm them. The natural flow of warmer air will help combat many problems.

- **If you have an attached garage, keep its doors shut.** Occasionally, plumbing is routed through this unheated space, leaving it vulnerable to winter's worst.
- **Keep your thermostat set above 65 degrees when leaving your house or business for several days.**

If You Think a Pipe Has Already Frozen

- Don't wait for nature to take its course: **Thaw the pipe as soon as possible** or call a plumber for help.
- If you do it yourself, **shut off the water or test the shut-off valve.** You don't want water suddenly gushing from the pipe when it thaws.
- Remember: When thawing things, slower is better. A hair dryer trained at the frozen area of the pipe is appropriate. A blowtorch is not. **Pipes warmed too fast may break or rupture.**

PROTECT WATER METERS FROM COLD TEMPS!

City water customers are responsible for maintaining their water meter and keeping it in working order. Please prevent your water meter from freezing by checking heat tape, etc. Residents of trailer homes especially need to protect their meters this winter.

Thanks for your help. Any questions? Please contact the Steamboat Springs Utilities Division at 871-6303.

The City welcomes your comments, requests and suggestions.

Call 871-7079, or email us at pal@steamboatsprings.net

City Meetings Calendar

December

- 15 City Council Special Meeting, Crawford Room, 3:00pm
- 16 City Manager Search Committee, Rooms 113/114, 2:00pm
- 16 City Council Meeting, 5:00pm
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:00pm
- 18 Board of Adjustment Meeting, Room 113/114, 6:00pm
- 22 Historic Preservation Advisory Commission, 5:00pm
- 25 City Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

All meetings are held in Centennial Hall, Citizens' Meeting Room, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call the Office of the City Clerk, 879-2060.

You may listen to City Council and Planning Commission meetings on your phone by calling 871-7070. This service is provided to the first 50 callers.

Looking for a City Council or Planning Commission agenda? They are available on the City's website: www.steamboatsprings.net

PLANNERS' PLAT

Department of Planning and Community Development

New Historic Preservation Ordinance

The City is proposing a new Historic Preservation ordinance, which significantly changes the procedures associated with historic preservation. The new ordinance will be reviewed during the following public hearings:

- County Commissioners - December 23, 2008 10:30 AM Commissioners Hearing Rm.
- City Planning Commission - January 8, 2009 6:00 PM Centennial Hall
- City Council - January 20, 2009 5:00 PM Centennial Hall (First Reading)
- City Council - February 3, 2009 5:00 PM Centennial Hall (Second Reading)

Copies of the ordinance can be accessed on the City's website, http://steamboatsprings.net/departments/planning_department, or at the Planning & Community Development office located at 124 10th Street.

For questions or comments, please contact Tom Leeson, Planning & Community Development Director at 871-8244

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Planning Commission Agenda:

http://steamboatsprings.net/city_council/boards_commissions/planning_commission/

AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS: "GOOD HOUSEKEEPING" WEB BROADCAST

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| Why/What/Who | <p>>We are an MS4 phase II municipality and one of our State Permit requirements is Good Housekeeping.</p> <p>>This will be an informative, educational seminar examining Good Housekeeping practices relating to day to day operations associated with City maintenance procedures.</p> <p>>Front line City Employees including, but not limited to: Public Works, Parks, Utilities, Streets, and Public Safety.</p> |
| Where | Citizen's Hall in Centennial Hall |
| When | Thursday, December 18th, from 9am 'till 11:15am |
| | This event is open to the public! |

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Parking problems are compounded by winter snow, which accumulates fast with each storm. In order to expedite snow removal efforts, parking is prohibited on City streets and shoulders during the following hours from NOVEMBER 1 through APRIL 30.

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| Location | Restricted Hours |
| Lincoln Avenue: | 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. |
| Ski Time Square: | 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. |
| Anglers Drive area | |
| And south to city limits: | Midnight to 8 a.m. |
| All Other Areas: | 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. |

Your vehicle may be ticketed if left on City streets within the restricted hours or towed during snowplow operations within the restricted hours.