

News & Success Stories from Around the Region

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New coworking space opens in Winter Park

[Green Spaces](#) is now open next door to The Perk Coffee Shop at Hideaway Station. Jayson Harris, who owns Perk Coffee as well as Green Spaces, bought the Denver-based coworking company last year with big plans to expand the spaces into mountain communities, starting with Winter Park. Members have the option to work in Denver and Winter Park with one joint membership.



At Hideaway Station, Green Spaces has 3,000 square feet which provides room for shared workstations, a lounge area and amenities for members who pay a monthly fee. "It's more for start-up companies, remote workers, freelancers," Harris said. "We really believe productivity is really important." Harris also said once the coworking space gets off the ground, they may begin offering events for members at the space. As the name would suggest, the space is also focused on sustainability, using recycled and sustainable office materials, offering recycling and using beetle-kill wood and a variety of plants to decorate the interior.

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Grand County requests input from all creatives in the region for Space to Create

Grand Lake is conducting a survey that will be used to design workforce housing for creatives known as Space To Create. Do you wonder whether you are creative? Do you take pictures? Do you work with your hands? Do you prepare food? Do you write? Are you an architect? Are you in construction? Are you a mentor? Do you teach classes? Do you design websites? Are you a musician? Are you an actor? ALL OF US ARE CREATIVE!

Let your voice be heard! Take The Survey (www.glcreativemarketsurvey.org.) if:

- You live & work in Grand County or want to live & work in Grand County
- You need housing in Grand County
- You need space-to-create
- You are an emerging artist
- You support the arts
- You would like to see more year-round creative businesses in Grand County

We need your help to design the best workforce housing possible and also to attract creative workforce to join our community!

About Space to Create:

Space to Create Colorado is a workforce housing initiative led by the state's office of economic



development in cooperation with multiple partners. The program looks to develop workforce housing and workspace, including commercial space, for creative industries and artisans in rural communities in Colorado. Grand Lake is one of several communities across the state that has been selected for the program since its inception in 2015.

Trail donation "parking" meters in Steamboat Springs are raking it in

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We've covered the idea of hikers and backpackers kicking in a little more money for trail maintenance and wilderness conservation before, but usually the ideas floated have been something like an excise tax on hiking gear or mandatory fees at the trailhead. Lots of hikers feel like, hey, I pay taxes already that fund public lands, that's good enough. Or, I do pay fees at state and federal parks. But trail maintenance is a real need with funding shortfalls all the time. So Steamboat Springs, Colorado, had a simple and unique idea that seems to be working.

Earlier this month, the city uprooted ten old parking meters from their "urban" homes and repurposed them as voluntary trail donation meters. Painted bright orange, the meters stand at the foot of trailheads. Should hikers, bikers, equestrians, trail runners, or any other form of trail user feel compelled to donate, they can swipe a credit card and contribute much-needed funds to trail maintenance. The minimum donation is five bucks.

Within the first couple of weeks of being erected, the meters have collected nearly \$1,000. The goal of the program is to raise \$1.5 million by 2026, with all the money going to the Trail Maintenance Endowment Fund. That is, admittedly, a long way to go.

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