



The Road That We've Traveled

By Keith Lammey, President

It helps if at least once a year we stop and look back down that long road that we've traveled. Throughout the year we're mostly focused on where we're going and trying to figure out how we're going to make it to the top of the next hill in the road ahead. I've noticed that when you look back down the road that you've just traveled, it usually looks less difficult than it did on the outbound side. Maybe, you agree. I think that could be said for the road that the BMSA traveled this past year.

In many ways, BMSA's 2011 journey was challenging. In early 2011 the BMSA Board of Directors held a workshop and established our 2011 goals. In 2010, we only set 12 goals but our 2011 list doubled to 24 goals. I guess that we were really optimistic on the day that we met. After a few days, reality set in and we began to realize how difficult our 2011 journey was going to be. Despite the expanded list of goals, I think that it is fair to say that 2011 was a "good year" for the BMSA. True, we didn't achieve all of our 24 goals, but we achieved many goals and made progress on most of the others. Here is a recap of some of our successes.

- We acquired ownership of two large tracts of park land and open space (including Saddleback Park) from Saddleback Village, LLC.
- We adopted a new amendment (the 8th) to the Amended and Restated Declarations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Battlement Mesa. This change allows owners the option to increase their off-street parking if certain requirements are met.
- We accepted a bike/pedestrian easement from John M. and Jody J. Lyons and the Lyons Family Partnership, LLP which was essential in order to proceed with the Library Trail.
- We completed the construction of the long awaited Library Trail which connects our trail system to Parachute.
- We reached an understanding with Garfield County to assure that we are notified of GarCo's planning department reviews/approval activities within a 3 mile radius of Battlement Mesa.
- We coordinated with Garfield County to chip and seal several of Battlement Mesa's streets.
- We worked with Garfield County to complete a drainage improvement project on Thunderburg Trail that corrected a significant drainage problem.
- We completed a comprehensive mapping of the noxious weeds that have infested the 3200 acre PUD and began a spraying program to help control noxious weeds.
- The BMSA adopted new, less restrictive, language regarding the installation of playground equipment within the Battlement Mesa PUD.
- We adopted language in our standards which regulate vegetation which overgrows onto Battlement Mesa's streets and roadways.
- We completed and implemented a redesigned city website: www.BattlementMesaColorado.com.
- We started a new online, monthly Battlement Mesa newsletter.
- We created and are maintaining a Battlement Mesa facebook page.
- In conjunction with five Northwestern Colorado counties, we developed a Battlement Mesa promotional "rack card" that is being printed and will soon be displayed with similar cards in our community as well as in the cities and counties in the five county area.
- We commissioned the community's first 3rd party reserve study to better understand the timing and magnitude of future expenses related to maintaining and replacing Battlement Mesa's infrastructure. Prior studies were done internally.
- We repainted most Village and directional signs, including the large Battlement Mesa sign at the waterfall.
- We repainted all of the bollards along Stone Quarry Road that protect the telecommunication boxes.
- We installed several trash/pet waste containers along sections of our trail system.
- The BMSA helped fund the cost of the three summer "Movie Nights."
- We developed and adopted an updated BMSA logo and installed new signage at the new BMMD/BMSA business office.

Yes, it seems like it was a busy year!

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