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From the office of Tracy Barnett, Executive Director

Noon Whistle –

MainStreet has raided close to \$5000 to restore the noon whistle.

While it is not enough to purchase an authentic antique steamboat whistle, it is enough to get a whistle that will sound like a steamboat.

What we are finding is that train whistles and steamboat whistles use the same sound technology and the steamboat whistle may be confused with the trains that come through the valley. We are able to program the pitch of the whistle and the sequence of sounds, so that it won't be confused with the regular trains, but there may be some confusion.

In talking with manufacturer of the whistles, he seems to think we can accomplish our goal of having a unique sound that will remind the public of the old noon whistle without the air raid siren sound. The Design Committee is divided on going forward with anything less than the authentic steamboat whistle, but, after raising approximately 1/3 of what would be required for the antique whistle, the committee has been decided to plan for installation on the snow making building at Howelsen Hill sometime in the spring of 2010.

MainStreet Steamboat would like to thank the community for its support on this project, and would like to make sure everyone is aware that there is still time to contribute to the Noon Whistle Project.

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