



# Grand Junction Grapevine

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## Due to Renew

Renewals are due to this office 45 days prior

Johnny Carino's Country Italian	4/02
Super Mart Stores	4/07
Pantuso's Ristorante	4/16
Teller Arms Liquor	4/17
Orchard Mesa Liquors	4/19
Country Inn of Grand Junction	4/20
Loco Food Store #11	4/22
BB Gladstones	4/24
Horizon Liquors	4/24
Colorado Catfish & Bar BQ	4/25
Andy's Food Store	4/27
Hilltop Liquors	5/09
Stop N Save #11	5/17
Loyal Order of the Moose	5/18
Mama Longos	5/20
Grand Junction Athletic Club	5/24
Gay Johnsons	5/26
Crown Liquors of Western Colorado	5/27
Western Colorado Center for the Arts	6/01
Earl's House of Spirits	6/02
Horizon Drive Texaco	6/02
Marko's Restaurant	6/05
Cruisers Southwestern Grill	6/05
The Winery	6/06
Rite Aid #6258	6/09
Brass Rail Lounge	6/11
Sam's Club #6360	6/15
Blue Moon Bar and Grill	6/22
Chupiro's Place	6/27

## Wine Tasting

### Law Report from the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division

January 2003

The Division is frequently asked by **retail liquor stores** if they can hold wine tastings and, if so, the proper procedures to follow.

The first and most important rule is that tasting of alcohol beverages can not take place in an off-premises licensed establishment, such as liquor stores or liquor licensed drug stores. If the tasting occurs in a **private location that is not a liquor licensed premises** the following guidelines must be adhered to:

1. The sampling must be by invitation only.
2. No direct or indirect charge can be made for the products tasted.
3. No orders for the products can be taken at the time of the tasting. Persons attending the tasting may only be told where they might purchase the products.
4. The products tasted may be supplied by the liquor store or by a licensed wholesaler.
5. All normal liquor code age and intoxication restrictions apply.

If the tasting is held on a licensed premises (on-premises licenses only) the following guidelines must be adhered to:

1. The tasting may be either by invitation or open to the public.
2. A charge, if any, for participation may only be made and collected by the on-premises retail licensee at whose establishment the tasting is being held.
3. No orders for the products tasted can be taken at the time of the tasting. Persons attending may only be told where they might purchase the products.
4. The products tasted may be supplied by either a licensed wholesaler or by a retail liquor store (within the \$500 annual retail store purchase exemption). Products supplied by a licensed wholesaler must be sold, at no less than cost, and invoiced to the on-premises licensee.
5. Personnel of either the on-premises licensee or other persons may purchase products during the tasting.
6. All normal liquor code age and intoxication restrictions apply.
7. The on-premises licensee must pay all applicable sales taxes for any products consumed during the tasting.



## City of Grand Junction

### 2003 I.D. Checking Guide

Security is a major concern this year, for government and business alike. The new edition for I.D. Checking Guide is now available. This new Edition covers a dozen new state and provincial licenses and ID cards, and reflects the invalid status of 9 license formats that are now illegal to use. Both new and deleted licenses are important information when checking ID's. For more information or to order call 1-800-227 8827.

**Bills** so far **introduced** related to the liquor industry  
HB-1184—Lowering the legal limit for driving under the influence of alcohol from .10% blood alcohol content to .08%  
HB- 1157—Would create credit limitations from wholesalers to retailers to 30 days.  
SB-071—Would allow on premise liquor licenses on college campuses and change some requirements for other licenses.



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## United in Service to our Community

### Upcoming Holidays and Events

April 6	Daylight Savings Time Begins
April 8	General Municipal Election
April 28	Spring Clean-up Starts
April 20	Easter
April 23	Administrative Professionals Day
May 8	Colorado's Hidden Treasures Travel Expo
May 11	Mother's Day
May 24	JUCO Begins
May 26	Memorial Day
June 14	Flag Day
June 15	Father's Day

### **Things to Remember...**

- ◆ Liquor Licensing is administered by the City Clerk's Office. Liquor licensing involves everything from accepting liquor license applications to processing those applications and scheduling hearings.
- ◆ The liquor laws of the State of Colorado restrict the sale and dispensing of alcohol beverages. Any person intending to manufacture, sell, or deal in spirituous liquor in the State of Colorado must apply for a liquor license.
- ◆ New License Applications Only - There is a 30 days, state-mandated, waiting period between the date of the application and the date of hearing before the local Hearing Officer. Notice of hearing will be posted on the address and published in the local news paper at least 10 days prior to hearing.
- ◆ Changes—Any changes in operating manager, corporate or tradename, corporate partner, partnership, location, change or transfer of ownership, limited liability director, stockholder company member or modification of a licensed premises must be reported to the City Clerk's Office for consideration by both the local and state authorities.
- ◆ The licensee must also maintain possession of the premises for the entire licensed period by virtue of a lease, assignment of lease, or deed to the licensed premises.
- ◆ Special Events Liquor Licenses are also available. These licenses allow a qualified organization to sell or dispense alcohol beverages in conjunction with fund raising and other activities while insuring full compliance with all applicable state and local laws and ordinances.

