

On Friday, August 21, 2015 Breckenridge Recreation Center got a phone call in the early morning with a concern about a Carter Park rental scheduled for that evening. Vince Hutton, a Guest Service Lead, for the Town of Breckenridge Recreation Department handled the phone call.

The woman on the phone was the mother of a bride who was hosting their rehearsal dinner that evening at Carter Park. The woman was aware that an international bike race was going on that day, but was told at the hotel that there would be no way to drive from their accommodation at Main Street Station to Carter Park to set up for the evening's festivities. This particular Friday was the Stage 5 time trial of the US Pro Cycling Challenge. Every road including French and High street access points to the park were going to be closed until the late afternoon.

The rehearsal dinner was not scheduled to start until 6:00pm so the mother of the bride did not have concerns about the guests making it to the rehearsal dinner. The biggest obstacle was the mass of food and beverage catering that needed to be set up prior to the start of the party.

Vince told the woman he would work on a solution and give her a call back shortly. Vince brought this information to his supervisor, Jon. Together, they brainstormed about different ways to get all of the party supplies into the venue. Jon reached out to race officials and police and realized that there was no opportunity to get a car on those streets because of the format of the time trial.

After a quick deliberation and some map examination of the south side of town it was realized that the closest they could get a car was directly behind La Cima Mall. Jon phoned the women back and stated that he would be outside her hotel room in 5 minutes with a plan.

Jon and Vince road bikes from the Breckenridge Recreation Center to Main Street Station to meet the wedding party. Jon explained his idea of driving the supplies across the street behind La Cima mall and walking them through the neighborhood across French Street, behind the ball diamond and into Carter Park.

The bridal party was extremely pleased that the recreation department had a solution and brought labor to help carry the supplies. They called on a few additional employees to help with the lifting and began to load the back of the father of the groom's truck. They took a number of trips up the stairs with numerous heavy boxes while the wedding party drove back and forth to load up their truck.

The Town of Breckenridge staff created a walking assembly line and carried everything for the wedding up to the venue. They came up with a solution that with everyone's help only took a few hours to get the venue set up for the rehearsal dinner. The mother of the bride was appreciative and thankful that the day had been saved.