

ASPEN HILLS OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Presidents Message

By Kent Player

The summer season seems to go by so fast, especially if you are involved in a project on your mountain property. Some changes are happening.

Remember, this January we will change the locks on the gates. All the gates will have the locks changed. This means new keys will be required to access Aspen Hills. Many of you have already bought new keys in anticipation of this change. Good planning!! If you need keys, contact Blake Llewellyn. The key change is necessary because it seems most people in Sanpete County have keys! Keep track of your keys and remember, the keys run with the property. If you sell your property, the keys go to the new owner.

Dave Johnson has resigned from the Aspen Hills Board of Trustees. We appreciate the good work Dave did for AHOA on the roads and Environmental Committee. Keith Bawden has accepted our request to fill the vacancy on the Board. The Board assignments are still being worked out. Keep an eye on the web page for any changes.

Darren Falslev is publishing the newsletter. He is replacing Cecil Harrison who did not run for reelection last spring. We appreciate Darren for his willingness to pitch in and help out.

Steve Riley was elected by the Board to be the Vice President of AHOA. We enjoy his enthusiasm and willingness to serve.

Water continues to be a difficult issue. We have tried several approaches that were unsuccessful. Wells for a community such as ours are a lot more complicated and expensive than for a single property owner. Blake is doing a good job in following up on other ways to have water available for our property owners. Meanwhile, plan on bringing water from home or contracting with someone to fill your cistern.

Have a peaceful and happy Winter Season!!

Kent Player

Gate Signs, Newsletter, etc

By Darren Falslev

Another season on the mountain is quickly coming to a close. I hope that everyone was able to enjoy many great experiences this year. I appreciate your support and trust while I serve on the board. I believe we are here to serve the other owners within AHOA and I would be interested in hearing from you. utharley@gmail.com. I welcome the new members on the board, they have already been a great asset.

We implemented a new policy this year on the signs that are placed on the entrance gates. This should allow us to gain some consistency in the appearance at the gates and allow us to maintain an appearance consistent with an outdoor mountain community. The vast majority of the comments have been positive. If you are interested in sign space please contact me.

If you are a member of Aspen Hills and have a lot for sale please send me the information and I will place it in the next newsletter. If you are selling lots as a business we can help you with that as well.

Fire and Annual Cleanup

By Danny Nelson

Our annual cleanup for Aspen Hills had about 38 people attend and we sprayed the road sides with herbicide. Most people took care of the areas around their property first then moved to other areas around the subdivision. The lower part of the subdivision was the last to get any attention. In the past we have been spraying invasive thistle. Next year we want to spray the edges of the road to help keep down the brush and improve our fire breaks. To do this we need to start spraying sooner so the herbicide spray will be available as soon as we can get on the mountain next spring. The thistle problem has been reduced but not eliminated. We will continue to spray them to keep them in check. In some areas that we have done road work we have planted dry land pasture to try and stop the thistle from growing in the bare areas. Some of these grasses are growing good and should help choke out the thistle. After the cleanup we had a pot luck lunch with a lot of great food like, copper penny's, baked beans, deviled eggs, homemade cinnamon rolls, potato salad, and clam dip to mention a few of the treats. We also had time to visit with all the great people who helped out this year and I look forward to next year.

Roads

By Steve Riley

Folks, first off, as a new member of the Board, I would like to thank Dave Johnson for all the time, effort, and hard work he put into the roads up on the mountain. As I drive through the Association, I look at what a great job he did. I can't imagine all the hours it took him. Dave, you will be missed! As it is with change, I can promise I will need to work twice as hard to even get close to what Dave has done on the roads. Great job Dave!

With that said, I have been assigned to take over roads. Please be patient with me, there will be a learning curve here, and I would ask for your eyes and input as I get my feet on the ground with this assignment. Please keep in mind that there is a difference between communicating and complaining. If you communicate with me, I do really well at getting projects done. I'm not good at the other. The best way to notify me of a problem is by email: sriley@huntsman.utah.edu Please submit pictures if you choose, that always helps. Don't forget to give me the location.

I drove the mountain on Friday, and for the most part, the roads are in pretty good shape going into the winter months. I noticed Park Drive is in a little trouble up on the northeast side. We have exhausted our budget for roads (and then some), so repairs will be minimal until next spring.

Thanks for your time,
Steve Riley

Environmental Committee

By Troy Westover

Unfortunately summer is over and winter is upon us. I want to thank everyone that came out and sprayed the thistle and cleaned some of the brush from the roads this year. Next year we will continue to spray the thistle and the 2-4-D will be available from some of the board members early in the year.

During the winter when you are deciding new things to do at your property, remember to take advantage of the web site. There is a new Important Building Reminders link on the environmental page that should be viewed before you decide to do something on your lot.

Remember before you start excavation work on your lot, for a driveway, septic tank, etc. you must first create and submit a site plan and proper documentation to receive permission. Everything you need to know is on the Aspen Hills website under AHOA Board and then under Environmental.

Ignoring any of the Aspen Hills requirements and County Ordinances, or trying to short cut any of the requirements outlined in these documents, can create a lot of unnecessary grief, as well as a waste of time and money, for you and for Aspen Hills.

I would also like to thank Dave Johnson for all of the great work he has done over the years while he was on our board.

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Website

By Debbie McCoy

Colors have changed on the website from summer to fall and will soon change to winter... then you will start to see the weather page changing again. I will start posting road pictures to show when truck/4x4s can no longer access the mountain and hopefully help the snowmobilers know when it is good for them. I welcome any photos of roads as it is hard for me to get to all roads in the subdivision every weekend so any help, especially with the North end, is most helpful. Also, I have had some hackers get though the RSS feed and post some irrelevant information - so I have removed the RSS subscription feed and removed all posts from that time... sorry for any inconvenience. And last please remember to send to me (debbiem@ahoa.org) any pictures you want submitted for the Photo contest and I will post them to the Photo page as I receive them so you have plenty of time to look them over for voting next year

Security

By Jay McCoy

It has been a quiet summer as far as security, we have had no reports of vandalism or theft. The cameras have helped, however we continue to have people leave "hidden" keys for contractors and others so that they don't have to be there when work is done. Please remember, when you let someone inside our gates unattended you are responsible for them - can you guarantee that they are not going to go anywhere else once inside the gate? Will you get your key back? The reason we are changing the locks in January this year is because too many previous owners and construction workers, etc have keys to our gates. Please help us secure our properties from theft and vandalism by keeping track of your keys and not letting people come up unattended.

Introducing our newest member

By Keith Bawden

As the newest member of the Board of Directors, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Keith Bawden, my wife is Shauna and I live in West Valley City. We have 2 married daughters and 5 grandchildren. We have 3 lots with trailer pads where we have our trailers parked during the summer. We take every opportunity that we can to spend as much time as we can in Aspen Hills because we truly love and enjoy it. I am glad to have the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Water and Keys

Just a reminder. We will be changing the locks at all of the entrance gates in January 2014. There locks have not been changed for several years and many people who are not current members of AHOA have keys. This compromises security for the entire development. It is important to remember that the keys belong to the lot. If the lot is sold the keys should go to the new owner. Contact Blake if you need new keys.

We are continuing to work on a long-term solution for the water in AHOA. We have several good options that we are working towards. The process is very slow by its nature, but we hope to have a good foundation put in place by next year.

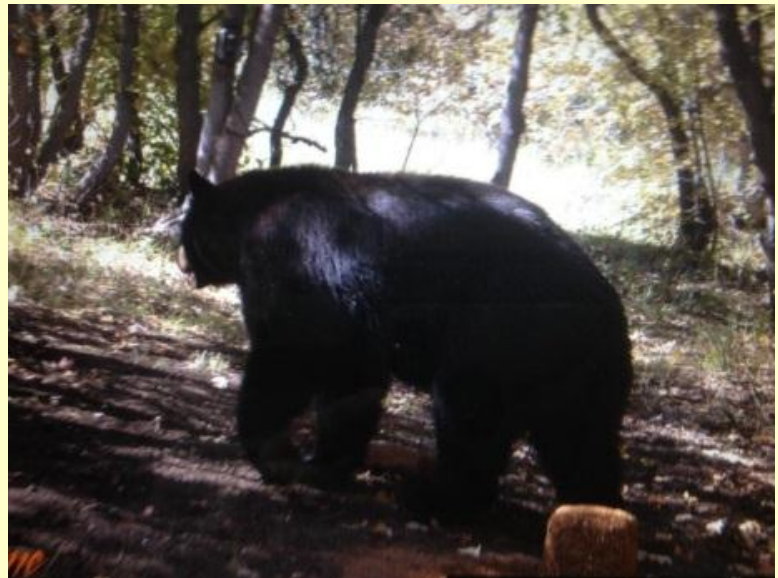
Thank you for your years of service

We would like to offer a special thank you to Cecil Harrison and Dave Johnson for their years of service and their contributions to the members of AHOA. We wish you the best on your future adventures.

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