



SKYLINE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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President's Message to the SPOA Membership

This winter has been dreadful to say the least. Personally, this is the first winter season that I never spent a single night at the cabin. Many factors led to this fact, but the lack of snow was obviously the main reason. Unfortunately, the lack of snow this past winter will most likely result in several difficulties for us on the mountain this summer. What a contrast to last year; just look at the photos of the SPOA website from last year to those of today. It is amazing what a difference a year makes.

As we prepare for another summer season on the mountain, I would like to remind the SPOA membership, in general, to follow these basic respectful practices whenever you are up there:

- Drive slowly; whether in a car, truck, SUV, ATV, motorcycle or even a bicycle going downhill. Dust on the roads is always a problem & concern, but will most likely be worse this year due to the lack of snow & the obvious early spring season that will occur.
- Stay on designated roads only; do not travel off road on property that is owned by others.
- Do not waste water; it is always a precious resource on the mountain, but will likely be scarce as the summer wears on.
- Be cautious with open fires; keep them contained in appropriate fire pit locations only. Always put out a fire completely with water &/or dirt, stir it afterwards & douse it again before the fire pit is left unattended. This year's fire season will be of major concern to all; we need only to reflect upon the devastating wildfires that have already occurred in areas of Colorado in recent days which were caused by a "controlled burn" that got out of control.
- Be polite to others at all times; cooperation between all members & their guests will result in everyone enjoying their time spent on the mountain.
- Get involved with the SPOA; participate in all designated work days & help make the SPOA property better for everyone.

The SPOA **Spring Banquet will be held at the usual location at the UVU Student Center building on May 11 beginning at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm.** At this meeting, the SPOA Board will present an update to the membership on various SPOA activities and events that have occurred recently & will occur this year. Remember that this meeting is one of two general membership meetings held each year where your opinions can be manifest through your involvement & by your vote on various issues that pertain to the SPOA. The following Board Members' terms will end at the time of the Spring Banquet and nominations / elections to fill their positions on the Board will be held at this meeting:

Gerald Argyle

Gary Manville

Bill Wimmer

SPOA members who wish to be considered for nomination for the election process to serve on the Board are hereby invited to send such notice to Carol along with a resume that would be presented at the SPOA spring banquet meeting before nominations are made and elections are held. Please note that Board Members must be actual "owners" of property and cannot be family members or friends of owners.

The Board has determined that the SPOA Fall Picnic can no longer be held on the SPOA property that is owned by the LDS Church. Therefore, the Fall Picnic will again be held at the Fairview Social Hall this year on Aug 18. If this is not agreeable to the SPOA membership, the Board would like other options presented for discussion at the Spring Banquet meeting.

After much discussion & research, you should be aware that the SPOA Board has determined that it has become necessary to increase the annual amount for dues/assessments in order to operate the SPOA at the level of performance that is now expected by the membership. This annual increase was initially presented to the SPOA membership as a necessity during the Summer Picnic that was held in Fairview last year. The general consensus expressed by SPOA membership vote at that meeting was to increase the dues/assessments amount. This was conveyed to the SPOA membership last October in the Board's Report which posted to the SPOA website. Therefore, **the SPOA Board has decided to raise the annual amount to \$200 per each 5 acres of property or lot that is currently less than 5 acres.** This increase is effective immediately for 2012.

The SPOA actually lost money in 2011 & has been operating at a "break-even" basis for several prior years without spending any funds on mag-chloride for the entrance roads over the past several years due to ongoing logging efforts. The Board concluded that the SPOA can no longer operate properly on the minimal funds collected by the past annual dues/assessment amount that has not increased for several years. We have moved into a new era within the SPOA. There are considerably more people on the mountain each year now and that fact, along with the seemingly ever increasing cost of fuel, results in much higher costs than ever before to maintain the roads. Additionally, we now have much less donated manpower & less donated monetary resources than ever before. This means that the burden of higher maintenance costs must now be distributed among the entire SPOA membership. The SPOA Board trusts that all members will understand the reasons for this annual increase amount and accept it accordingly.

Sincerely,
Jeff Thomsen
SPOA President