

Mammoth Creek News

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Message From the President

TO ALL MAMMOTH CREEK HOMEOWNERS

Larry Hughes

Homeowners Association President

Hello from Larry

Our annual meeting was held 5/24/2014 at the fire station. We started with Pete Goetzinger from the USDA Forest Service, talking about fire prevention in and around our cabins and the national forest that surrounds us. The forest service has a major fuel reduction plan for our area in progress because we have been identified as a high value of resources and assets with about a total of 360 homes. Actions to mitigate threat include thinning, burning, and grazing 61,000 acres with responsibility on state, county, USFS, and private landowners. Costs for all programs is

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Fire Department Update

John Miller

Fire Chief, Mammoth Creek Volunteer Fire Department

Welcome back! Our summer season has officially begun. It has been quiet and uneventful. The day time temps are about 75 degrees and nights about 45 degrees. Every day does come with a HIGH FIRE WEATHER WATCH, so we are still asking everyone to clean their lots.

We have the flat bed dump truck available on the mountain now. Please call John Miller 435-682-2712 or the Fire Station 435-682-2700 or Don Carle 435-682-2805 for availability and pricing. Don't forget to fill out your time so the dept can get credit for the in kind money for our grants. Forms are available at the Fire Dept.

Our 5 Ton water truck is almost ready. We have the pump (thank you Mammoth Creek Home Owner Association) and it is currently being installed. It should be ready for use in about 1 ½ weeks.

Reminder: ice is available at the Fire Station with a donation of \$1.00 per bag; we greatly appreciate it as these funds allow us to purchase some of the equipment that the station needs.

As we wrote about before, there will be 2 CPR classes in August, dates still unknown. One class is for the fire fighters only and one class is for the public. These classes are limited to 18 people. Without a date, I know it is hard to commit; but, if you are interested, please let us know because space is limited.

The Mountain Man who terrorized and burglarized numerous cabins and eluded capture for months

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\$30 million which would include newer equipment for our fire station, training, and public education and outreach. The state of Utah also has a catastrophic wildfire reduction strategy plan in force from the Governor, Gary Herbert. Our community is named in the plan with acres to be treated as 41,000 and with a cost of action \$29.7 million. Same money as above.

The next speaker was Mike Hadley from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources who talked about our creek and native fish to Mammoth Creek and its tributaries. The native trout for our stream is the Bonneville Cutthroat Trout. To prevent them from being listed under the endangered species act, they are proposing to restore them to the Mammoth drainage. To do so, they have to remove Brook Trout from the upper tributaries with a chemical upstream and another chemical downstream to deactivate it so the trout below the springs would not be affected.

With our guest speakers done, we started our meeting with Julia Hodson reading the minutes from the last meeting. Bill Luthy gave our treasurers report, and a report from Fire Chief John Miller on our fire and the burn dump. The burn dump has new signs on the gate and 200 foot of new fence put up by John Miller, Larry Hughes, Brian Lundberg, and Dick West. The signs states who is allowed to dump and how to pay if not a member of MCHOA, who has an agreement with the forest service to maintain the dump. The fence is to stop four wheeler traffic per the forest service.

It was brought up that when we had our fire, people on the mountain needed keys to the fire station to access the equipment inside. If you want access to emergency equipment and fire trucks, become a volunteer fireman and get the training. It was also brought up that people need access to the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for heart attack victims. Once again, get the training and

Treasurer's Notes**Bill Luthy, Treasurer**

We had a good MCHOA meeting over the Memorial Day weekend.

I am excited about all of the things we've got going on the mountain. Peg and I were glad to get back in touch with our friends and neighbors.

I was able to pick up some more dues payments and a few are still coming in. We are getting great support from everyone. This allows us to do things that benefit everyone.

Last year, we were able to put up all of the street signs. This is extremely important, especially when there is an emergency. This year we have been able to purchase the pump for the other tanker truck used by the fire department. The support of the Mammoth Creek Fire Department and the firefighters has always been a major focus of the MCHOA. I'm glad they are there and hope they are not needed!

We are hoping to get up to the cabin in the middle of June and then be up there for a week over the Fourth of July. I looking forward to getting a few things done at our place. I hauled 6 loads of pine needles and branches to the burn area over Memorial Day weekend; so, I hope this next time I can spent more time relaxing.

See ya' on the mountain!

Bill, Treasurer –MCHOA

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Missing Dog - Shiloh

Tri-color female/spayed Beagle, age 4 - answers to Shiloh from the dry meadow area near the Mammoth Creek Road and the road to Panguitch/Brian Head turn off Monday June 9th – dog was headed west

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has now been officially caught, convicted and sentenced. He will be in a federal prison for 10 ½ years.

Just another reminder about our high fire watch: Aspen Mirror Lake at Duck Creek did have a fire, burning about 1/10th of an acre. Cause has not been determined but they are leaning towards human caused.

I have heard the fishing is great at Panquitch Lake and it should be good at Dead Lake about mid June.

Don Carle and I hosted a Safety Class for a Girls Youth Group who happened to be staying on the mountain. It was great to see their interest and willingness to participate and learn about fire safety.

The Pancake Breakfast is going to be August 30th. Labor Day is early this year so please mark your calendars. It starts at 9 until 11, with the Raffle starting at 11:00.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE TRASH AREA, MAMMOTH CREEK

TIME JULY 3-7, 2014

Trash Dumpster For Large Items

Once again the MCHOA will provide a large dumpster for Mammoth Creek Residents to use to get rid of large items too big to go in the regular dumpsters. Please limit this to our area residents' use and place items inside the dumpsters, not on the ground. Additional dates are being considered.

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE MAMMOTH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

TIME AUG 30, 2014 9-11 AM MDT (UTAH TIME)
11 AM RAFFLE

MCHOA/Fire Department Pancake Feed and Raffle

There will be rides available on the fire trucks for the younger set!

Your association provides the food for this event.

If you would like to donate items to the raffle, please get them to the Fire Station by Saturday morning, Aug 30, early to make sure we give you a proper thank you for your support.

become certified! It was stated at the fire station in Duck Creek, an AED is outside for residents to use. We checked. The units are put up under lock and key. The only people with keys are trained and certified to use the equipment. Please check your facts.

As I am on the fire board also, I see the tax money from the county. The money we get from all the taxes we pay to run our fire department is \$40,000 per year. That's why as home owners and MCHOA, we do as much as we can to help, such as buying the food for the fire department fund raiser and pumps and tanks for our trucks. Some people think their tax dollars allow them access to all the fire equipment. This just isn't true.

We are going to have a CPR class this summer at the fire station for residents. John will comment in his article.

The members voted to have 2 construction dumpsters on the 4th of July weekend for everyone to get rid of extra things around your cabin. MCHOA will pay the cost for these dumpsters.

The question was asked if we had a trailer to rent for lot clean up consisting of burnable fuels. We have better than that. The John Miller and Don Carl have a dump truck. For \$100 a day, they will bring you the truck, you load it, you call when it's full, they will come get it, dump it, and bring it back. This is as many times a day as you can load it. Great value.

At the meeting after my last column about some lots and cabins that were not being kept in a fire safe condition, it was voted on for me to go to the county about possibly writing an ordinance. Well guess what? There is already a law on the books. You can contact the fire chief. He will look at the problem, contact the county attorney and he will address the issue. Or you can contact the county attorney yourself. His name is Barry. His number is (435) 676-1107.

When we bought our street signs last year for \$12000, we voted to have our fire department put them up and in turn spent \$4000 on a water tank for our new truck as payment. The truck is ready with a new 2000 gallon tank, but no way to spray water, so our MCHOA members voted to spend \$5000 to put a pumping system on the back of the truck. Good job guys!

Once again you hear "Why belong to MCHOA?" In the last 6 years your board has spent your money on: lot signs for members \$10,500; culverts for all of our roads \$9,000; equipment for the chief's truck \$3,200; canopy for the fire station so fire trucks can come out in winter \$3,800; street signs so emergency responders can find us \$12,000; stop sign and speed limit sign \$1,400; water tank for new truck \$4,000; dumpsters for major holidays \$2,000; new pump and hoses for new truck \$5,000; new 4'x10' map for fire station with all streets and lots \$1,000; and, new signs and fences \$500 for the burn area. You should all be proud of what your \$50 per year in VOLUNTARY MCHOA dues has accomplished!!

More later

Larry

Thank You For Your Support Of MCHOA

Last month, I published a very long list of the names of Mammoth Creek lot owners who paid dues to MCHOA for 2014. These dues are not mandatory. You chose to pay the dues because you know they will be used to support projects that benefit everyone in Upper Mammoth Creek Valley or a specific project that helps you the MCHOA member such as lot signs. We have twenty five more owners to thank for dues received since that issue and one name to publish that I missed. My apologies, Erma Poirier. I am also repeating four other names that my tired fingers miss-typed last month. My apologies to the Buettners, Kowalczyks, Holts, and Allen Jenson.

Aspen Highlands	Tommy Creek (continued)
Glen Barker	Donald & Kay Rand
Hollis & Maureen Berry	Robert & Rebecca Sanders
Tony Espinosa	Vince & Katie Scocozzo
Winkley One LLC	John & Barbara Watkins
	Lawrence & Dawn Wengert
Mammoth Creek Subdivisions 1, 2 & 3	
Hunter & Jacqueline Buettner	Western Ranges
Don & Kathy Carle	Roy & Kristina Holt
Robert M Elliott	Allen & Leslie Jenson
Erma Poirier	
	Yellow Pine & Yellow Pine B
Tommy Creek	Gwynne Cobb
Renee DiBona	Ronald Hendrix
Bill & Mona Ditrapani	Mabriste LLC
Stephen & Mimi Hall	Susan Swearingen & Brian Lundberg
Robert & Kimberly Kowalczyk	Gary & Maureen Syverson
Frank Kronberg	James & Jane Tenney
	Marsten & Lorene Vohwinkel

Forest Service Comments on Fish Kill

At the MCHOA meeting, Mike Golden of the Forest Service talked about the fish kill needed to prepare for restoring native cutthroat trout to Mammoth Creek. Here is how they will neutralize the poison used before it will reach our area:

Potassium permanganate will break down the rotenone mixture to the point where it is not effective within approximately 0.25 miles downstream from where the potassium permanganate is applied. There are two potential areas where potassium permanganate would be applied under the current tentative plan:

- 1) At a fish barrier that has not been constructed, nor has the location been determined, other than somewhere upstream from Mammoth Springs.
- 2) Near the confluence of the Reed Valley and/or Dead Lake tributaries with Mammoth Creek.

Mammoth Springs is about 0.4 miles upstream from our community and the tributaries are 0.8 miles to over a mile upstream from your community, so Mike would not expect there to be any impact to the fish population through our community under the current tentative plan for chemical application and neutralization. UDWR uses sentinel fish to make sure the chemical is being deactivated downstream from the target area (which would be those tributaries listed above and the area above the fish barrier under the tentative plan) and usually has a backup station to deploy additional neutralizer if necessary.

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