

## Caretakers Corner

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Greetings to all!

As the season changes and we kiss summer goodbye (It was here for a glance) I suggest you all start to prepare for that winter in the Idaho Mountains such as winterizing, propane servicing and all those outside odds and ends that need tending to. With a new board comes new ideas so welcome to the new and thank you to the ones who have served our community. We will have three board members serving us that will be making residence here through the winter. Ron, Jeff and Ken will be managing the park and mitigating duties throughout the winter here. We have installed and are waiting for Idaho power to finish the hookup on our new streetlight at the entrance.

A short time ago we applied and paid for the permit to bring in the grass carp to help us maintain our ponds. We have also been working with State of Idaho Dept. of Water Resources to bring the parks water permits current.

As many of you may know already The City of Cascade is restructuring the water bills because they have been operating in the red for many years..... Yes this means we are going to be charged more for our water as a park. In the prior month we used almost 1.2 million gallons of city water cumulatively in one month. The board has some serious considerations in front of them about irrigation and city water waste. Some things I ask you to consider since the extra is going to cost all of you and that's a surprise that I don't think anybody wants to see.....Please check your lot and hydrants for leaks, a dripping hydrant adds up to a lot of wasted water. The park is maturing in age and those hydrants leak underground sometimes also. Put your ear close to the hydrant after it has been shut off for a minute, If you hear what sounds like water running you may have a leaking hydrant below and it may be coming out the drain hole below ground without a sign up above. If you must irrigate with city water please put irrigation on a timer and set the appropriate time. We have 379 lots and hopefully we can reduce the water usage as a community. I ask you to talk to your neighbors about this and share ideas about ways to conserve. Please send in your suggestions for these challenges ahead with our water.

As you may have observed we have tree challenges. We have made contact with James at Country Wide Tree Care who has done work for some of the owners in the park already. James will be coming out soon to diagnose and help LTRVP mitigate as many tree issues as possible. We look forward to his well respected opinion for the future of the trees in the park and we will be asking to help us build and maintain a program to improve the growth and longevity of our vegetation. We will also be seeking suggestions from him for replacements of species and a healthy variety for future replacement plans. These are growing and aging pains, Once again this is your park and we would appreciate your constructive criticism.

Thank you all once again for your time and support.

Bill