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PLEASE BE ADVISED, DUE TO THE TRANSITION AND CHANGES OCCURRING IN THE HOMEOWNERS' BOARD, SOME OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NEWSLETTER MAY BE A BIT OUTDATED, BUT STILL INFORMATIVE. ALSO, FOR THE SAKE OF EXPEDIENCY THIS NEWSLETTER IS PRINTED AND SENT IN AN ABBREVIATED FORMAT.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our annual meeting on May 28th was well attended with about 70 people. Our first item was about plowing our roads. Brian Bremner, the county engineer talked about the pros and cons of plowing, after which we took a vote " to plow or not to plow". The vote was 63 not to plow, 3 to plow. The residents in upper Mammoth Creek don't want plowing because the roads will turn to ice or mud and they won't be able to get home. The year round residents in Aspen Highlands don't have that problem. So my next move is to go to the county commission with a request to not allow any plowing from the fire department road west and the upper road from Aspen Highland west and allow plowing in Aspen Highlands.

On the sad note, we lost 2 of our members and great friends to Mammoth Creek. Daryll Ensor passed away May 1st and Julia Hodson, the HOA Secretary who did everything for me and the HOA on April 30th. Both were great friends and will truly be missed.

Our new secretary is Judy Tzanetopoulos from Mammoth Creek.

Our construction dumpster arrived on Friday, May 27th and was full Saturday morning. I used my backhoe and smashed it down, only to be full again on Sunday. I guess we need 2 each holiday.

The burn dump is full to over full. Because of the winds, Josh and John can't burn it yet.

The forest service finally gave the Mammoth Creek paved road to Garfield County along with a check for \$479,000.00 to fix pot holes and chip seal it. Construction is to start in August.

The county is giving us a culvert for the entry way of Yellow Pine. We will have it installed.

Now that the county has the paved road, we are going to try to clean the trash the whole 10 miles over the course of the summer, led by Michele Murphy of "The Trashy Bunch". Volunteers can call Michele on her cell 702 498-6809 or our cabin 682-2761 to find out when.

Our regular highway cleanup will be Friday of Labor Day weekend, September 2nd. Meet at 8am, Utah time at the fire station. We will also be cleaning up around the dumpsters.

Our benches were a great hit. In order to get more, we have to order at least 4. The cost was \$500 each and the HOA paid for the plaques. If enough people will order them, I will ready the sites and if I have to, I will go to Salt Lake and pick them up. Call me at 702 592-5277 or Judy at 702 477-9725.

We tried to elect a new board, but no one was nominated. Judy will help for a while as secretary. Bill Luthy, our treasurer, wants to be replaced next year and I know you all have to be tired of me. So think about next year and have a good friend nominate you.

Bernie Curd gave a little history of the early days on the creek when there were only 40 cabins. Thanks Bernie!!

Enough said,

Larry

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

John Miller

Fire Chief, Mammoth Creek Volunteer Fire Department

Welcome Back! The summer season is in full swing. We've been busy at the station, working on trucks and getting the station ready for the season.

The Mammoth Creek Home Owner's Association meeting and hot dog feed was a huge success. We had a special guest Brian Brenner. He spoke extensively regarding the winter snow plowing issue. After a long discussion, it was put to a vote with only a handful of homeowners voting in favor of plowing. This means dirt roads will not be maintained during the winter. This means our roads will not be accessible for any vehicles except snow mobiles. All vehicles besides this will probably get stuck and need to be towed. Tearing up the roads will subject offenders to be ticketed.

Speaking of our roads the county has been plowing and on June 20th, they applied the mag chloride. As you know, it is for great dust control, but it can be nothing short of a nightmare if it gets on your car. I recommend that you wash it as soon as possible.

One of our firefighters, Don Palmer, a veteran, is monitoring our flag. It will now be flown half-mast for all appropriate days.

The weather has finally warmed up. We are not under a fire advisory yet but it is coming. Please be vigilant in fire prevention. Clean and maintain your property and areas around your buildings. Do not leave wood, pine needles or any fuel that can lead to fueling a fire within 10 foot of cabin or outside buildings.

At this time there are 3 fires in Southern Utah, with one being 13 miles southwest of Cedar City.

John Miller,

Fire Chief

Treasurer's Notes

Bill Luthy, Treasurer

At this time of year, I am always excited about writing my newsletter article. It means all of the dues statements are out, funds are coming in and, most of all, we will be spending more time at the cabin.

With the passing of Julia Hodson, MCHOA secretary, it is hard to carry on. Julia and I worked very closely on the database maintaining correct addresses, getting the wording right for dues statements and collecting the mail. Julia was more than the secretary; she was a great friend. I would stop by her house in Las Vegas, enter through the garage and we would discuss all of the goings on in the mountains. We could ask each other for favors here and on the mountain. She will be missed very much!

Peg and I printed 633 dues statements. She folded, put them in envelopes, sealed and stamped them. There were 382 envelopes we mailed. It appears there are more multiple lot owners. We got them all out by the end of March.

I have received \$7,150 in dues payments so far. This represents 143 lots, or 50% of the improved lots. This is pretty good for this early. I'm going up to the cabin next weekend, so I hope to get a lot more deposited before our meeting at the end of this month.

**Bill Luthy
Treasurer -MCHOA
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HOW TO DISPLAY OUR FLAG

When we view the flag, we think of liberty, freedom, and pride, The American flag has accompanied mankind on its greatest achievements. It flies at both poles, on the moon, and sits atop Mount Everest. The flag is how America signs her name.

Most flags on Mammoth Creek cabins are suspended from a staff mounted horizontally or at a slight angle. The union (stars) should be at the peak of the staff, except when the flag is at half-staff. If the flag cannot be lowered, then the flag should be taken down for the duration of half-staff. As an alternative a black Mourning Ribbon or streamer may be mounted at the top of the flag. It shall be the same width of the stripe and length of the flag.

Black Mourning streamers can be procured from internet flag suppliers.

Those who fly the flag on a flagpole with a halyard (rope to raise/lower) should remember that the flag flies above all other flags (state etc.). Upside flag is a sign of Soiled, torn, faded flags

are not to be displayed unless repaired. Warn flags can be disposed of by burning or given to VFW or American Legion for disposal.

Things to remember is that flag etiquette is taken seriously under United States Code

Title 4 chapter 1.

There are many occasions that the President or the Utah governor will proclaim flags to be flown at half-staff. Normally flag will be flown half-staff from dawn to noon then raised to full staff. Depending on the proclamation half-staff may be a day or longer.

Another overlooked observation is not illuminating the flag during the hours of darkness. There are many inexpensive solar flag lights that are available from internet sources. There many sites that you can sign up for Half-Staff alerts. One example is: usflagsupply@gmail.com.

This is a very brief article concerning flag etiquette. For complete knowledge of flag etiquette there are many internet sites that are excellent sources of information.

Submitted by,

Don Palmer USN (ret.)

FROM DAYS GONE BY

Hurray!!! June 20th will soon be here. That will be the day our main roads will be sprayed with the Magnesium Chloride. This is a great help in keeping the dust in check. Something we almost take for granted.

40+ years ago, when turning off highway 14, you entered a narrow 2 lane dirt road. Not graveled, just dirt. The condition ranged from dusty, rough, washboardy, well rutted or maybe even mud boggy. The 12-mile trip from 14 to Mammoth Creek could be an adventure in itself.

The roads within the Mammoth Creek area were usually in the same condition. A 4X4 pickup was the usual mode of transportation, not the family sedan. Jackie Jensen, our then Fire Chief, tried to keep the roads maintained as well as possible with the equipment at hand. Over the years' improvements have been made with the help of the county and the MCHOA. Many of your neighbors were instrumental in these improvements. You could say the roads are almost in an uptown condition. A big thank you is in order for all the unnamed individuals who have helped this community move forward. The paving of Mammoth Creek road was started in 1987 and completed 1993.

Progress is wonderful.

FROM BERNIE CURD

Mammoth Creek Neighbors Remembered

Leta Clark wife of Skip Clark, Mammoth Creek Historian, passed, away -----, in Las Vegas.

My beloved wife and best friend of 48 years, Julia Hodson, passed away on April 30, 2016. Twenty-two of our years together were spent on this mountain at Tommy Creek.

We loved this place and it is a very special place to appreciate. How many folks get to have this experience?

Julia's work with the MCHOA was a work of love. Starting with many scraps of paper and old records, in many boxes, it became documented, computerized and organized. She, along with Larry Hughes, Bill Luthy and Christy Radomski put together a meaningful association with many accomplishments. Liason with County officials, other associations and fire districts evolved with John Miller's guidance with other fire districts and the Forest Service. Much has been accomplished as a result.

I am so appreciative of many of your thoughts and prayers since Julia's passing. Larry Hughes, John and Glenda Miller have been especially helpful with lots of help and support.

Julia and I had discussed that when we left the mountain, we would to continue to support the MCVFD and the MCHOA financially. I'll ask Larry if I can be an honorary member of the MCHOA, so I can continue to get the newsletters.

I'll be around to visit friends. I would ask all of you to step up your support of this wonderful community.

- Tom

Sadly, I must relay the news that Daryll Ensor passed on May 1st of this year. Daryll was a devoted husband, father, and friend. Over our nearly 30 years together he remained the eternal optimist, always finding the best of any situation. He had a wonderful sense of humor which he shared freely with his friends. I wish to thank my family, fellow firefighters, community, and my neighbors in the Yellow Pine subdivision for their love and support. I want to especially thank Chief John Miller for his tremendous outpouring of support that I so leaned on those rough first few days.

God bless you all..... Mary-Jane Ensor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE TRASH AREA, MAMMOTH CREEK

TIME SEP 3-7, 2015 LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Trash Dumpster for Large Items

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

SPECIAL EVENT: ROAD CLEANUP

PLACE:

MAMMOTH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

TIME SEP 2, 2016 8-10 AM MDT (UTAH TIME)

Help clean up our sponsored mile of road.

We need volunteers to meet at the Fire Station on Friday, September 2, 2016, at 8:00 AM MDT to get a ride up to HWY 143 and help.

Some cleanup will also take place around the dumpsters as time permits.

SPECIAL EVENT

Mammoth Creek /Fire Department Pancake Breakfast and Raffle

PLACE: MAMMOTH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

TIME: SEP 3, 2016, 9-11 AM MDT (UTAH TIME)

11 AM 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.

FIRE DEPT. SALE ITEMS

Long sleeve T-shirts, various colors \$20.00

Aprons \$15.00

Tote bags \$10.00

Short sleeve T-shirts \$20.00

Kids t-shirts and hoodies are available

Ice is available for \$1.00 a bag cheaper than any store and much more convenient.

Please come over check it out and support us

