

HLPOA NEWSLETTER

HIGHLAND LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, speaking for myself, I'm glad to see the year 2021 go away. For sure there were some good things happen but, boy, there were some real pains in the keister that we've had to deal with.

At the top of the list is COVID. Several of our residents contracted the darn thing, or a relative of it, and suffered through it. Some have been affected worse than others but, thankfully, (to my knowledge) we've not lost anyone yet.

Many of the bright spots are a direct result of the efforts of our Activity Chair, Wendy Boals, and her entire team. The most recent Christmas Party was a prime example. A great meal, gifts for the kids, and an excellent "Master of Ceremonies". Who knew Chris has such talent?

In this Newsletter, I've included a new calendar of events scheduled thus far for 2022. You can be sure there will be other events that come up during the year that we'll make sure you are all notified about. Be sure to attend these events and maybe get more involved with the Association's activities -- the more the merrier.

A reminder: be sure to drive carefully. The snow makes our roads even more dangerous. We have already had three vehicles slide off Twin Lakes Drive. No one hurt, thankfully, but it's a constant worry.

Also, remember we are a Covenanted Community. That means that rules and regulations are there for us all. They help maintain our property values and keep our community looking good. They are really common-sense values that promote courtesy with all our neighbors. That's why lights on tall poles are not allowed -- especially when left on all night to shine in neighbors' windows.

Smile time: You know you're getting old when you get that one candle on the cake. It's like, "See if you can blow this out". Jerry Seinfeld

I want to wish you all a Happy New Year! Stay safe and stay warm.

Paul Stecklein
President, HLPOA
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Committee Reports and Information

Activities Committee: It has been a busy couple of months, and it has finally slowed down so we can make plans for 2022. I would like to thank my committee members, Linda Becker, Renee Tate, and Sue Morford for all the help that they gave me for the recent activities - I couldn't have done it without them. Happy New Year everyone - stay safe and keep warm. **Wendy Boals, 719-686-6971, wendyboals@yahoo.com**

Architectural Control Committee: WINTER IN THE ROCKIES

Sam here again. I am still in Amarillo with our 97-year-old Dad. If you don't reach me on the house phone, send an email to sambo49@outlook.com. I will also have my cell phone with me while I am gone and can receive emails on it. So, if you need to send me a project information request, I will respond ASAP.

NOW let's talk about ACC projects – NOW is the time to sit back enjoy the winter and prepare for your home improvement projects. Please be aware of the ACC rules located on the HLPOA.NET website, under rules, construction. The ACC Form (HLPOA ACC Construction Approval Checklist) for projects is posted on the first page under RECENT UPDATES.

These rules are to keep our community at the highest standards. Please remember that our rules require that colors (painting, siding or roofs) should be approved, and they should be of an EARTH tone (browns, greens, grey, or tan -- not white or lime green). Think of the colors in the forest (NOT the flowers -- LOL) -- trees, grasses, tree bark, earth. If you are building, your design should be similar to a MOUNTIAN CABIN design with a roof pitch of 6 to 12.

Please remember that we are living in a Covenanted Homeowners Association Community and the rules we have are for you. By joining the HLPOA and following the rules, you enjoy a NICE -- not trashy looking -- neighborhood. This keeps your property values high. We take pride in ourselves that we have a clean, neat, BEAUTIFUL community that everyone enjoys as we drive through the neighborhood. You benefit from all the extras, fishing, recreation center, slash pile site, voice in the operation of our community -- not to mention ALL the great fellowship from your friends and neighbors in HLPOA.

Take time to enjoy our great scenery and all the winter joys as the aspens sleep and the critters hibernate -- all saying we will see you in May as the aspen begin to awake from their winter sleep. We have all just experienced very trying times with the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope all are well and made it safely thru the last 2 years with little or no illness.

THANK YOU to everyone this last year for contacting your Architectural Control Committee for all your projects. Please forward all your planned projects with designs and plans to me so we can get committee approval as soon as possible to sambo49@outlook.com. Please remember -- all new projects, such as storage sheds, garages, additions that are over 200 square feet, REQUIRE a Teller County building permit. A copy of the building permit needs to be sent to the ACC as soon as possible. If you are repainting or reroofing or getting new siding, please send paint colors to the ACC for approval.

No Quonset hut designs or metal barn siding are allowed. We have over 360 homes in our community. May you enjoy the 2022 winter season. May the NEW YEAR find all happy and healthy. **Sam Baucom, ACC chairman, 719-687-8581 or cell 806-679-2250, Sambo49@outlook.com**

FireWise Committee: The recent Boulder fire reminds us that we must be ready at all times of the year for the unimageable. The pictures and videos and the stories of the homeowners were truly sad to watch. Many of them only had seconds to evacuate. We hope you never have to go through anything like that. If you do, we want you to be ready ahead of time. We encourage you to go to ReadyForWildfire.org. It could save your property and your life.

What is FireWise? The FireWise organization is a multi-agency program that encourages the development of defensible space and the prevention of catastrophic wildfires. It is a community fire prevention partnership. Highland Lakes is a participating member of the organization.

Our goal is to provide you with information on being FireWise and to encourage you to do mitigation projects on your property. Will you help our community to continue to be FireWise and help us in maintaining our FireWise certification? We, along with the Colorado State Forest Service, DFPD, and other agencies can provide you with information and answer your questions.

We hope you will complete fire mitigation work on your property. So that we can meet our requirements for having our FireWise certification renewed in 2022, we are asking that you let us know about your mitigation projects. If you hire it done, let us know who did it, what was done, and how much it cost. If you do it yourself, let us know what you did, number of hours worked, and any money spent.

The slash area behind the Community Building is open. Contact me or call one of the numbers on the gate to get the combination. Please visit HLPOA.net and read the slash rules. While you are there, look at the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Also, visit <https://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/>.

Finally, go to YOUTUBE and check out: "Your Home Can Survive a Wildfire". For more information, contact **Garry Cote, sgcote@aol.com, 687-0338**.

Fishing Committee: Hope you enjoyed great fishing in 2021. We stocked about \$10,000 worth of fish. Remember that Elk Lake is the only lake open to ice fishing. I talked to a fisherman and he told me that the ice is about a foot thick and that the brave souls who have been ice fishing have been catching fish. Ice fishing is at your own risk. Be aware that there are springs in the lake where the ice may not be as thick. No vehicles of any kind are allowed on the ice! Mark your calendars for the permit sale on Saturday, April 2nd, at the Community Building from 8-12. Watch for more communication about preordering your permits in upcoming newsletters and eblasts. The Fishing Derby will be held on July 16th. Hope to see all of you there! A special thanks to Dave Ward and the other wardens for their work in keeping our lakes for the private use of Highland Lakes residents and their guests only. Thank you, **Roger King, Chairman, 687-0104**, and the fishing committee.

Maintenance Committee: Hope everyone had a safe and GREAT holiday season. Now is the boring part of winter. Everything looks good so far. If anything looks like it needs a helping hand, just call 224-234-1755 or contact me via email at hogpop57@gmail.com. Stay safe and warm. Spring is on the way. Thanks! **Mickey Corcoran, Chairman, 453-1246 or cell 224-234-1755**

Neighborhood Watch: Now that winter is here and some snow is on the ground, keep an eye out for tracks at neighbors' houses who are gone for the winter. If you see footprints going to a house that you know is vacant, check it out or give me a call 687-2307 or call the Sheriff's office 687-9652.

Should you need help, contact one the following:

Your Block Captain

Fred Swets (719) 687-2307

Chris Becker (636) 675-7854

or 911 for the Sheriff's Office

Trails Committee: Nothing to report. **Ben Boals, Chairperson, boals.trucking@gmail.com**

Welcome Committee: We are continuing to welcome our newest homeowners to HLPOA with Welcome Bags that contain much-needed information about our area here and the surrounding area. If for some reason you did not receive your bag, please let Wendy Boals know at 719-686-6971 and we will be happy to bring one to you. **Wendy Boals, 719-686-6971, wendyboals@yahoo.com**

COMMUNITY BUILDING CALENDAR – 2022

Weekly:

Monday	Line Dancing	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tuesday and Thursday	Yoga (gazebo in summer)	10:15 am - 11:15 am
Wednesday	Pickleball (resumes in Spring)	9:00 am – 11:00 am

2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & RESERVATIONS

April 2, 2022, Saturday	Fishing Permit Sale	8:00-12:00 Noon
April 9, 2022, Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt	1:00 p.m.
May 7, 2022, Saturday	New Residents Meeting	10:30 a.m.
June 4, 2022, Saturday	HLPOA Annual Meeting	12:00 p.m. Noon
June 18, 2022, Saturday	Annual Work Day	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
July 16, 2022, Saturday	Fishing Derby	8:00 a.m.
October 1, 2022, Saturday	New Residents Meeting	10:30 a.m.
October 6, 2022, Thursday	Neighborhood Watch Meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 29, 2022, Saturday	Halloween/Harvest Party	12:00 Noon
December, 2022	Christmas Party	TBD

The HLPOA Board of Directors Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

The HLPOA Water Board Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

All Property Owners are invited to attend.

ANY CHANGES WILL BE NOTED IN THE NEWSLETTER, SPECIAL EMAILS, OR THE COMMUNICATION BOARDS.

HLPOA Board Members:

Paul Stecklein	President, Director	687-2234
Fred Swets	Vice President	687-2307
Renee Tate	Secretary/Treasurer	687-9465
Roger King	Director	687-0104
Ross Parnow	Director	719-373-0613
Sam Baucom	Director	687-8581
Dan Odell	Director	686-7704

Committee Chairs:

Activities	Wendy Boals	686-6971
Architectural Control	Sam Baucom	687-8581
Budget/Finance	Renee Tate	687-9465
FireWise	Garry Cote	687-0338
Fishing	Roger King	687-0104
Maintenance	Mickey Corcoran	453-1246
Neighborhood Watch	Fred Swets	687-2307
	Chris Becker	636-675-7854
Newsletter	Kathy Campbell	281-744-3349
Trails	Ben Boals	608-558-0038
Water District Liaison	Luke St. Onge	
Web Page	Dan Odell	686-7704
Welcome	Wendy Boals	686-6971

SNOW PLOWERS FOR HIGHLAND LAKES

(Revised 11-6-19)

Don Bartron	687-7561	Maroon Lake Circle	ATV with Chains Light Shoveling
Jay Brown	687-3029	Maroon Lake Circle	ATV with Chains
Rick Cochran	687-0340	3198 Blue Mesa Drive	ATV with Chains
Scott Rudy	687-4484	Lost Lake Drive	ATV & Polaris Ranger Plow
Dave Walker	686-1210	Woodland Park	3/4 Ton Truck with Plow
	510-2623 (cell)		
Steve Annis	687-1981		Pick-up with snow blade

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Highland Lakes Water District:

Business Office 687-7937

Emergencies 247-1191

Teller County Animal Control: 304-5740

Teller County Clerk/Recorder: 689-2951

Teller County Commissioners: 689-2988

**Teller County Public Health and
Environment: 687-6416**

Teller County Sheriff's Office: 687-9652