

# NEWSLETTER

## President's Update 6-20-19

Over the past year the board, through the Legal Committee, has focused its efforts on collecting past-due assessments. We developed and refined our collection policy. It is extremely important to utilize a consistent approach when dealing with a situation that may end up in court.

We then selected a collections attorney. Some landowners elected to pay their past-due assessments before we utilized our attorney. Others waited until legal action was imminent.

The bottom line so far is in 2019 we have collected over \$70,000. We will continue to keep focused on this task.

Dennis Riley

## Special Meeting of the Members

The Election Committee would like to inform landowners that we had a petition signed by 34 landowners representing 40 lots that are against recasting of votes at the GLA Annual election. The GLA will now hold a special meeting on the subject for all landowner to attend. It will be held on July 22 at 6 p.m. at Emigrant Hall. The Election Committee requests your attendance in person or by phone.



## Survey Summary

In April and May, the GLA sent a two-question survey to all landowners, asking their views on two proposed election procedures: whether the GLA should (1) permit landowners who already sent in an absentee ballot to revoke their outdated ballot if there are changes to the candidate line-up on the final ballot; and/or (2) allow landowners to email their absentee ballots to the GLA.

Landowners were overwhelmingly in favor of both proposals: by almost 3 to 1 on the first question and by more than 2.5 to 1 on the second question. A more detailed report is available.

## Sign Up for Email Mailings

In the spring, we sent a postcard asking all landowners to sign up for email mailings. Hard copy mailings cost quite a bit so switching to email will save money to put toward the roads. Even though quite a number of people responded, this mailing is still being sent by hard copy to over 250 landowners. Won't you consider signing up for email mailings?

We've simplified the process to make it easier:

- Email [info@glamontana.org](mailto:info@glamontana.org) from the address you'd like us to use.
- Tell us if you'd like to receive official mailings, assessment statements or both.
- We'll confirm that you have been put on the list.
- To receive unofficial communications such as board and committee meeting agendas and minutes, please request that in your email to us.
- Add [info@glamontana.org](mailto:info@glamontana.org) to your contacts to ensure that GLA messages are not screened out.
- If you don't have email, do nothing. You will continue to receive hard copies.



**That's it. You're done.**

## Donate Gravel

We have over 22 miles of roads in North and South Glastonbury and keeping them in good condition is a never-ending challenge, especially considering our level of funding. Fortunately, we have a number of neighbors who, over the years, have donated loads of gravel to supplement our road maintenance efforts.



A load of gravel costs \$400 and will cover approximately 150-200 linear feet of roadway. If you would like to donate a load of gravel, please contact Ken Hurley ([hurleygla@yahoo.com](mailto:hurleygla@yahoo.com)) or Dennis Riley ([drileygla@gmail.com](mailto:drileygla@gmail.com)). You may specify that your donation be used wherever needed or in a particular location.

## Wildfire Evacuation Checklist

Summer often brings with it the threat of wildfires. Although we choose to think positively and focus on a safe, fireless summer, in case fire becomes an issue, it's good to be prepared. Here are some suggestions:

Create a barrier around your house. The forest service recommends a green, damp zone of 30 feet; the next zone is knee-high vegetation, such as prairie grass; and the taller foliage - trees and shrubs - beyond that.

Tips to evacuate should a wildfire approach:

1. Wear cotton or wool, long sleeves, hat and boots.
2. Keep a flashlight handy; have one or more evacuation routes; evacuate all family members and pets not essential to prepping the house for wildfire; designate a safe meeting place for later.

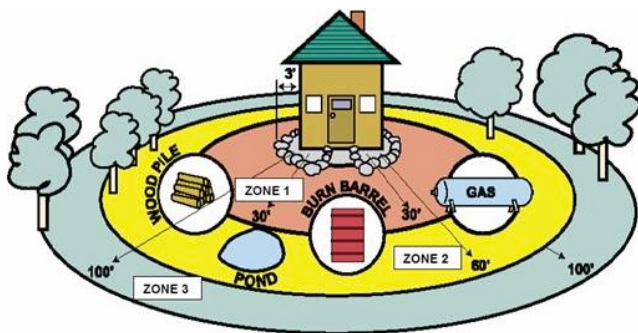


3. Evacuate animals/stock and never turn them loose.
4. Keep your car ready in the garage with the keys in it and pointing out and with a full tank of gas. Place essential items such as insurance cards, birth certificates, medicines, prescription glasses, computer backup files, cell phone and charger, family albums or heirlooms (if not too large), clothing for

three to five days, and some drinking water.

5. Prepare your house by closing all interior doors, remove curtains and other combustibles from windows and window areas, leave a light on in each room, turn off all pilot lights and gas or propane at the tank, connect all garden hoses with nozzles set to spray, leave exterior doors unlocked, fill trash cans and buckets with water and leave where firefighters can find them.

For more information, see [www.livingwithfire.info](http://www.livingwithfire.info).



## Bear Awareness

In April, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) sent the GLA a letter requesting help in securing garbage and other attractants to minimize bear and other wildlife conflicts. State law prohibits supplemental feeding of wildlife by attracting animals with human food and garbage.

FWP requests that all residents secure garbage cans and other attractants (bird seed, pet food, barbecue grills, coolers, etc.) away from bears. Food and garbage may not be thrown into "construction site" dumpsters, which are becoming a serious problem. All garbage must be secured in bear-resistant containers or in a building/enclosure. This action is necessary to correct current and chronic problems of bears becoming habituated to garbage.

At most residences this can be accomplished by simply storing the garbage cans in a garage, taking them only when going to the dump.

For residences and contractors that do not have a garage or storage facility, one of several things may be done:

1. Construct a building or fenced compound (with roof) that is animal (bear) resistant.
2. Use a metal storage box - such as a large toolbox used in construction for food garbage.
3. Consolidate with neighbors to install a metal bear-resistant dumpster.
4. Obtain a bear-resistant plastic garbage container.



FWP requests our help in eliminating the need to relocate or destroy more bears by securing our garbage and other attractants. Also, habituated black and grizzly bears can be a threat to human safety and cause property damage.

**The GLA's Official website is: [www.glamontana.org](http://www.glamontana.org)**

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