

Glastonbury Landowners Association Newsletter



Spring 2009



Glastonbury Roads

Road Grading Schedule

The Road Committee is planning to have the common roads in Glastonbury graded within the next 2-3 weeks. As a reminder, we can maintain our roads and help to prevent the wash boarding effect by observing posted speed limits and driving at slow and steady speeds on roads with steeper grades.

Update: N. Glastonbury Chip Sealing Project

The Road Committee is waiting to hear back from two contractors, who are preparing their bids for the chip sealing project. Unfortunately, the prices of asphalt/oil have not lowered significantly. Therefore, the estimates for the chip sealing will be based on current prices. When the bids are evaluated, the Road Committee will write to Landowners concerning the project and the need for a special assessment to help cover the expense. Landowners interested in working with the Committee on this project are most welcome to attend Committee meetings. The next meeting is tentatively planned for April 16. Call William Smith at 333-9040 for details.

Controlling Noxious Weeds

GLA Spraying Schedule - June 1, 2009

This is a great time for Landowners to take actions that will prevent the spread of noxious weeds on their properties. The GLA will be spraying "common lands" (i.e., land owned by the Association for the Landowners' common use) approximately on June 1, 2009. Landowners who do not wish to have weed spraying done near their easements, should pull the existing weeds prior to June 1st and post a "No Weed Spraying" sign on their property. As a reminder, per Section 4.05, Weed and Vermin Control, of the Covenants of Glastonbury: "Glastonbury Landowners are responsible to make reasonable efforts to control and prevent the spread of noxious weeds and vermin from their property."

Over the years, Park County has stressed the importance of keeping noxious weeds under control. In addition, the Park County Weed Control (PCWC) has sent letters of notification to all Park County landowners that knapweed infection and other forms of noxious weeds have been steadily on the rise. It has further explained that the Montana Noxious Weed Control Act requires all landowners to control noxious weeds on their property. The county has also provided a "Weed Management Plan" form and a Cooperative Agreement between Park County Weed Control District and Landowners" form to

submit to the Park County Weed Board.

If you require assistance in preventing the growth or spread of weeds on your property, the GLA recommends that you contact Clay Williams, the Weed Coordinator for Park County, at 406-222-4158, and ask how he can assist you in regard to your specific situation. *Note:* To learn more about the serious impacts of these weeds on the ecology and economy of Montana, you can go to:

<http://www.weedawareness.org/impacts.html>

Cheat Grass

Have you heard about the highly invasive "cheat grass"? This is a weed, which is rapidly spreading throughout Montana. Chances are it is growing on or near your property. It has the potential to cause a lot of problems. Enclosed, for your review, is the Montana University Extension's guide for identifying and managing this new invader.

Fundraising for the Paradise Valley Recreation Center (PVRC)

Summer will be here before we know it! Many potential projects could be developed and implemented on our recreational land providing we have sufficient Landowner interest, assistance and donations. As an example, tennis court equipment was donated to the GLA, which the Board agreed would be designated for recreational land use. If there is an adequate response to erecting a tennis court, the PVRC, with Landowner support, could possibly fundraise for that project. So ... if you are interested in coordinating and/or planning a PVRC fundraiser or a block party this summer for a tennis court or any other interesting project, please contact Janet Naclerio at 333-4406. Your participation and input would be greatly appreciated.

2009 Recreational Youth Soccer Season

If your children are interested in signing up for youth Soccer, please call Debbie at 222-8880.

Keeping Glastonbury Safe

For your review, updated policies/guidelines regarding keeping our community safe are included with this newsletter. We are all instrumental in keeping our community safe when we uphold these policies. Please review them with your families, renters and guests as appropriate. Have a safe and happy spring!

Policy
Re: Driving Safety Requirements in Glastonbury
UPDATED APRIL 2009

To Glastonbury Landowners:

From time to time, the Glastonbury Landowners Association (GLA) has received complaints regarding unsafe or disturbing driving practices by individuals on Glastonbury platted and private roads. These complaints have included driving too fast and above the posted speed limits, trespassing on private property, disturbance from loud noises produced by ATVs and, in some cases, damage to private roads and newly surfaced platted roads.

Driving Safety Requirements on Platted Roads in Glastonbury - Policy

Please carefully review the following policy and be sure to pass these requirements on to your family, renters and guests.

All individuals who drive vehicles (including snow mobiles, motorcycles and ATVs) on Glastonbury common roads are required to uphold the following:

- Retain a current driver's license
- Possess current vehicle insurance in compliance with Montana law
- Possess current legal vehicle registration
- Follow safe driving methods, including caution when approaching children and pedestrians
- Observe stop signs and posted speed limits
- Use common sense regarding safety when weather and safety conditions (such as snow or ice) necessitate slowing down
- Avoid disturbing neighbors with excessive vehicle noise
- Avoid driving your vehicle in ways that will damage the roads
(Driving above the posted speed disperses gravel from the road surface and causes rutting thereby wasting your assessment dollars)
- Respectfully observe private property; Do not trespass upon private roads or land

Some of our children love to ride their bicycles on Glastonbury roads as well, so it's important to keep an eye out for them, especially when leaving our driveways and approaching blind corners. Parents, also please remember to review basic common sense bicycle safety practices with you children.

Thank you for upholding these driving standards and for remembering to pass this information on to your family, renters and guests as appropriate. We hope that all who live in Glastonbury will be able to enjoy a sense of peace and security in a community that respects safe and courteous driving practices.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS