

# Hyalite Foothills Homeowners Association

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Fall 2012

## Dates to Remember

- Dec 30, 2012 Due date for yearly dues; your invoice is included in this mailing
- May 2013 Tentative date for Neighborhood Fencing Rehab Project (date depends on weather and interest)
- Aug 24, 2013 Annual Garage Sale followed by a neighborhood BBQ and potluck

## Your Neighborhood Website

Thanks to a donation of “techie time” by new board member **Warren Bauder**, Hyalite Foothills Homeowners Association has a new website that boasts a wealth of useful content. While it is still a work in progress, the Resource Page already features copies of neighborhood documents such as our Architectural Review Form, Bylaws and Covenants. There are also links to important community resources.

Visit [www.hyalitefoothills.org](http://www.hyalitefoothills.org)! Navigate through the existing pages and links, and tell us what other helpful information might be added. Even better – send us neighborhood photos that we can share! This is *your* website – please share your ideas about how to make it a source for information (and fun stuff) of interest to our neighborhood residents.



More information on the content of our new website can be found on Page 4



# Good Deeds, Great Neighbors

## Transformations and Repairs Don't Go Unnoticed

The photos at the top of this page illustrate the wonderful transformation that took place this summer at the **Valletta Home** on North Pheasant Drive. The photo in the middle was taken last March. The two photos flanking it were taken this summer and clearly show that a little elbow grease applied to home improvement can result in a remarkable difference. The neighbors in the vicinity of this home are delighted with the facelift and thought the Valletta's accomplishments should be spotlighted in the newsletter. Great work, Valletta family!

The photo on the right shows *some* of what our "Neighborhood Sign Guy," **Fred Opperman**, did for us

this summer. He enlisted neighbor **Scot Stambaugh** to assist with re-erecting the sign at 19<sup>th</sup> and Cougar after it was splintered and damaged by an unknown event. They also replaced a missing sign at Cougar and Starling. Please thank Fred and Scot for their service to our neighborhood when you next see them. (Yay sign guys!)

Do you have a neighbor doing good work that should be acknowledged? Send us an email or a note so we share the good news!

Please note: Architectural Review Committee Chairman, **Richard Wolff** encourages us all to remember that we must submit an



architectural review form before we paint, reroof, or build a deck. Please contact Richard or a board member if you have questions about the need for approval on your planned projects.

## 2013 Neighborhood Fencing Rehab Project

Many of the fences in our neighborhood are a little past their prime. Some just need a little TLC, others are so far gone they should be taken down.

This spring we hope to gather a crew of workers (including a refreshment crew to support workers) willing to

spend a day or two helping neighbors to better our community.

Both those who need assistance resetting or removing their fencing (priority will be given to our seniors) and those willing to get dirty lifting logs for the good of the 'hood should contact committee



chair Tracy Paine at 586-8077 or via email at [tracy@hyalitefoothills.org](mailto:tracy@hyalitefoothills.org) to be kept in the loop as plans move forward.



## This and That

### Ongoing Neighborhood Concerns

#### Roads

We are grateful to **Chris Catlett**, **Bob Hayes**, and new board member **John Schwarz** for lending their time and expertise to addressing neighborhood concerns regarding summer 2011's road resurfacing work. The two-year warranty period for the job will end in summer 2013. The board recently hired Erik Garberg with Allied Engineering to provide an independent opinion on whether there are additional repairs and revisions that need to be completed before the warranty period expires.

The remaining subdivision roads are scheduled to be resurfaced in summer 2014, but the exact date will be determined largely by the price of asphalt and the balance in our R.I.D. account.

#### Speed Limit Enforcement

Our new homeowners association President, **Mitch Thompson**, has taken action on the excessive speed of traffic in our subdivision. Mitch contacted both the Sheriff's

Department and the Highway Patrol and shared the concerns neighbors expressed at our annual meeting. Mitch reports that officers have made several stops in the neighborhood and plan to continue speed limit enforcement on our neighborhood streets. Kudos, Mitch!

#### Weeds

There are fewer noxious weeds in our neighborhood thanks to the efforts of our dynamic Weed Committee duo, **Kathryn Hiestand and Neal Miller**. Kathryn and Neal have spent many hours walking and talking in the neighborhood, teaching neighbors about noxious weeds, advising our spraying contractor, and doing battle against our invasive enemies any way they can.

How can you help? Make sure your yard is free of noxious weeds – the law requires it! Visit the county weed district office in person or online (link is on our website) to learn more.

#### Nuisance Pets

At our annual meeting, several homeowners expressed frustration with pet control and clean up in the neighborhood. Please be considerate of your neighbors by maintaining physical control of your pets and by preventing them from creating a nuisance via excessive noise or . . . droppings. If you walk your dog or ride your horse in the neighborhood, it is your responsibility to pick up anything they leave. (Hint, hint.)

#### Reverse 911 and Crime Mapping

The fires in our vicinity this past summer created a lot of buzz about the Reverse 911 system. Please visit [www.readygallatin.com](http://www.readygallatin.com) for more information and to register your cell phone number with the system.

At our annual meeting it was decided that we should publicize information about available crime mapping tools usable in our vicinity. The Bozeman Police Department reports information to [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com) and the Gallatin County Sheriff's Department uses [www.raidsonline.com](http://www.raidsonline.com)

Homeowners can find links to these sites on the **Resource Center** page of our neighborhood website.

#### Skunk Control

Some areas of our subdivision are a bit skunky. Consider deterrents such as covering culverts with wire screen. Fish, Wildlife and Parks can provide live traps to interested homeowners.





## Your Board

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### All Board Members

Reached as a group at:  
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## Information Available on Our Neighborhood Website

Our website is new and growing daily! At print time the information on the website includes:

1. Important subdivision documents such as our Bylaws, Covenants, Architectural Standards and the minutes from our most recent annual meeting.
2. Architectural Review Form that you can print and complete for your upcoming projects.
3. Links to community resources such as the page to register your cell phone into the Reverse 911 System, the County Weed District website, and local crime mapping websites.

Additionally, there is an area for announcements on our home page, a calendar page, a directory that homeowners can choose to participate in (or not), and a gallery that we hope will soon feature some great photos of our neighbors and our neighborhood.

All ideas about additional content and usage are welcome – please share your thoughts!

## A Better Neighborhood Through Volunteerism

The success of this past summer's garage sale has many neighbors talking about other ways we can work together on community projects to improve our neighborhood. Many opportunities exist for those interested in

volunteering their time to Hyalite Foothills. Help will be needed for our Spring Fencing Rehab Project, the August Garage Sale and the neighborhood potluck and barbecue to follow. Also, more hands to fight noxious weeds are always welcome. If you have ideas about projects to improve our neighborhood, or if you have a few hours to spare, please contact a board member to share your ideas or tell us how you might be able to lend a hand.

## President's Corner

My name is Mitch Thompson and along with John Schwarz, Warren Bauder and David Yearous was elected to serve on the board for the Association. Along with remaining board member Tracy Paine, we look forward to serving our community.

I would like to personally thank Kathryn Watson for her service to us as she steps down as the secretary. Thank you Kathryn!

For quite some time our subdivision has not had a complete board. As the only board members, Tracy and Kathryn worked very hard to attend to the needs of the subdivision and kept things running during a difficult time. The new board members come from varied backgrounds but have a common goal, and that is to work together for the benefit of the subdivision.

We are new to these jobs and appreciate your patience while we work through some of the issues facing Hyalite Foothills.

### Mitch Thompson

President, Hyalite Foothills HOA