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# Hyalite Foothills Newsletter

Spring 2015

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## “Most Improved Yard” Contest

Help transform our neighborhood!

For the summer of 2015, the HOA will be holding a “Most Improved Yard” contest.

***It’s really simple to enter and win!***

***Please provide before and after pictures along with a brief summary of the work done and send to***

***[info@hyalitefoothills.org](mailto:info@hyalitefoothills.org) with your contact information (Name, address, phone, email).***

You will have until the Annual Meeting in October to complete the work and enter into the contest.

At the Annual Meeting, we’ll provide a summary of the entries and we’ll vote on the winners!

Winners will be given gift certificates to local landscaping/gardening centers.

Please remember to submit an architectural review form before starting a new project. If you have questions, please contact [info@hyalitefoothills.org](mailto:info@hyalitefoothills.org) or the Richard Wolff who is on the architectural review committee ([rwolff@montana.edu](mailto:rwolff@montana.edu)).



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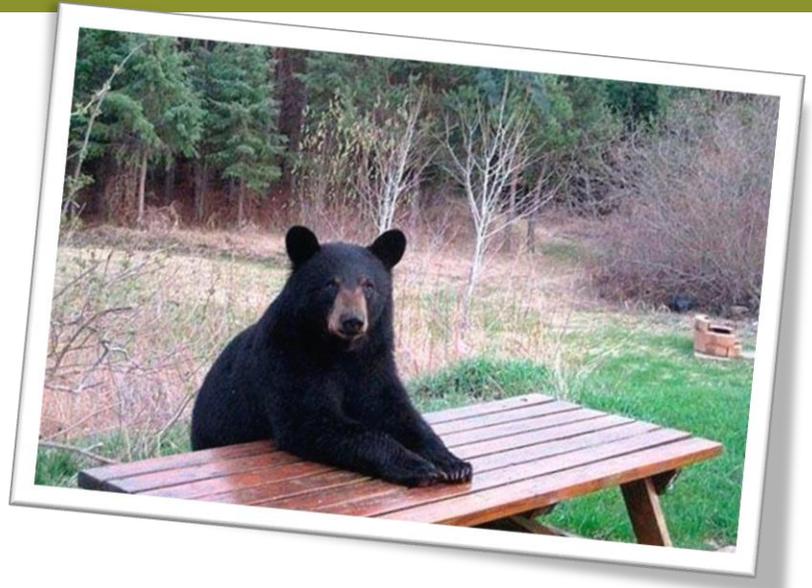
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# BE ANIMAL AWARE!!

By Sallee Nelson

Having had several moose and bear in my yard, plus the more common skunk, deer, and raccoon, always reminds me that living in Hyalite Foothills allows us the wonderful opportunity to see many kinds of wildlife not often found in town.

Although it has been a few years ago, cougar have been seen here, and studies have shown that even grizzly bears have passed through the Hyalite area as they expand their range. All wildlife has the potential to be dangerous, and therefore, we should not approach, interact with, or feed them. Sometimes we feed them without realizing it, and that can result in conflict between wildlife and homeowners, as these animals will often abandon natural food sources for human foods and garbage. We need to minimize odors and the availability of food rewards throughout our yard and community. Securing attractants is the single most important way to keep people safe, prevent property damage, and avoid the unnecessary relocation or destruction of wild bears.



1. Put garbage out on the day of pick up, not the night before, and don't overfill so lids don't close. This is especially important in the fall when bear seek extra food sources before winter. It will also minimize trash being spread around the neighborhood by magpies, raccoons and loose dogs.
2. Feed pets inside and store all animal food (dog, cat, horse, bird) either indoors or in Bear Safe Containers.
3. Bird Feeders should only be out from April 1<sup>st</sup> until mid-November.
4. Do not compost foods in the yard or else provide electric fencing
5. Keep barbeques clean (or store indoors)
6. Outdoor gardens and chicken coops should have electric fencing

Do your part, and please help keep our wildlife wild!



## Road Repaving 2015

As many of you know, a few years ago, the first half of the subdivision repaving was completed. This upcoming summer, hopefully the remaining roads will be repaved.

## Roads repaving and weed control

We have been in communications with Morrison-Maierle who manage the county RID that funds the repaving project for this subdivision. Currently, they are planning to use the same pulverization technique that Jack Shunke described in detail at last year's HOA meeting for most of the roads and may resurface a few of the cul-du-sacs.

If you'd like to be kept up to date on this project, please let us know at [info@hyalitefoothills.org](mailto:info@hyalitefoothills.org).

### Weeds Control

This summer we are going to be controlling the weeds in the park and along the ditches with both mechanical mowing and chemical spraying.

If you would like your ditches to not be sprayed or mowed, please let us know at [info@hyalitefoothills.org](mailto:info@hyalitefoothills.org).

# Activities

by Joe Valletta

## Garage Sale

Based on feedback from neighbors, our garage sale that took place last June was a success.

**This year it is scheduled for June 6th (D-DAY, raise your flag). Advertisement will be placed in the Bozeman Chronicle and online.**

## Social Activities

A horseshoe tournament is tentatively planned for late September 26th-27th for Foothills residents. (No outside ringers).

We will need at least eight teams of two, gender doesn't matter.

Any other ideas for social events, call me at 582-5171 or email me at [joevalletta44@gmail.com](mailto:joevalletta44@gmail.com)



# Reminders

## Pet / Dog Owners

All neighbors are reminded that Gallatin County dog control ordinances are in effect. These ordinances apply to our neighborhood, as well as all surrounding properties and include the following:

- Dog at Large
- Vicious and Dangerous Dogs
- Barking Dog
- Cruelty to Animals
- Rabies Vaccination and Control

Infractions of these ordinances are enforced by Gallatin County Animal Control and punishable by fines. For more information, visit the Gallatin County website at: <http://www.gallatin.mt.gov> or contact Animal Control at 582-2100.



Scoop that poop! Did you know pet feces are a carrier of bacteria, germs and bugs that can be transmitted to humans in the form of illness or infection? For the beauty of our neighborhood and the safety of its residents, please pick up after your dogs and dispose of doggy do-do bags accordingly.



Speed limits are 25 MPH on all Hyalite Foothills subdivision roads. Please keep your speed in check!



Park areas and access points are for the benefit of all neighborhood residents. Please help keep access points clear of personal vehicles. Report park maintenance needs to the Board at [info@hyalitefoothills.org](mailto:info@hyalitefoothills.org).

Making changes to the outside of your home? Exterior changes must be approved by the Architecture Review Committee. Download forms and standards from <http://www.hyalitefoothills.org/resource-center>.

# Board Members

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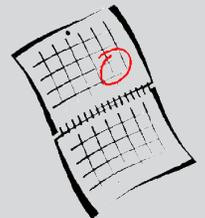
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**Mark your calendar:**

**Annual Meeting  
Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Anderson School**



**Election of HOA Directors:** Per bylaws, we have begun following defined term lengths of elected directors. As a result, some positions on the Board are up for election this year. If you are interested in contributing to the HOA, please consider a nomination for board election, or simply volunteering throughout the year on various projects.