



**Hyalite
Foothills
Newsletter**

Summer 2014

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by Warren Bauder

Roads

The second phase of road re-paving is on track to occur during the summer of 2015!

A long-standing concern still exists regarding potentially faulty base material below certain sections of our roads. This base material can lead to premature road deterioration and higher maintenance costs. Members of the Board are in communication with Morrison-Maierle, the administrator and engineering oversight of our Rural Improvement District (RID), about cost-effective techniques that can be implemented during Phase 2 paving to compensate for this issue.

RID Maintenance Assessments are collected through our county taxes, and those funds are designated specifically for Hyalite Foothills road repair, maintenance and snow removal. In an effort to preserve RID funds for major road re-paving, the Board decided in 2012-13 to pay for all snow removal from Homeowner Association Dues. In spite of the significant snowfall we experienced in 2013-2014, the Board has continued to pay snowplowing costs through HOA dues to help keep our Phase 2 re-paving project on track.

Utility Work

It would have been impossible to miss the frenzy of activity around the neighborhood this spring. Northwestern Energy undertook a major infrastructure upgrade of our utilities.

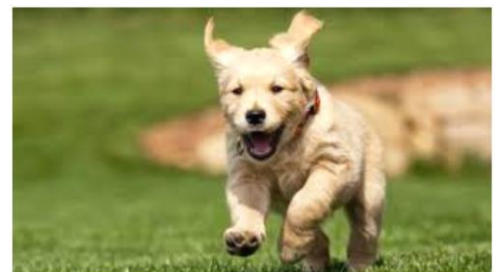
As a result of this project, we can all look forward to increased reliability of our electrical service. If you have any concerns regarding this work, please contact Northwestern Energy directly.

Areas disturbed by Northwestern Energy are a hotbed for weeds! Homeowners are encouraged to plant grass seed and water regularly this fall to get some ground cover going. Landscaping repairs are the responsibility of NWE and homeowners should contact NWE if they have repair concerns.



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WEEDS!!!

by Weed Committee Chairman Kathryn Hiestand

You can poison 'em, pull 'em or mow 'em, but get to work today!

If noxious weeds are left uncontrolled, the Montana that we enjoy today will look much different for future generations.

Do your part; become educated and help stop the spread of noxious weeds!

As written in Montana State Law:

"It is unlawful for any person to permit any noxious weed to propagate or produce seeds on his or her land..."

"Noxious weeds are any exotic plant species established or that may be introduced in the state that may render land unfit for agriculture, forestry, livestock, wildlife, or other beneficial uses or that may harm native plant communities."

Montana has 32 state listed noxious weed species.



If you aren't sure if a plant is a noxious weed, perhaps you can ask your neighbors.

If you are still uncertain, contact Gallatin County Weed Department.

You can find a link to their website at www.hyalitefoothills.org--our neighborhood website.

If you want to communicate with a person, you can call the Gallatin Weed Office at 406-582-3265.

If you want to visit Gallatin weed people in person, find them at 901 North Black Avenue.

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
SCHUTTER DIAGNOSTIC LAB**

For plant identification, plant disease diagnosis, and insect identification, please visit:

<http://diagnostics.montana.edu/>



USE Herbicide? The county weed department has a rental program for spray equipment if you want to attack your weeds with herbicides.

The county weed people can suggest herbicides that are best for the kind of noxious weeds you are targeting.

Weed Control

NO Chemical? If you are feeling particularly industrious, you can use a de-weeding tool and dig up the weeds; roots and—hopefully--all.

If you don't get the entire root, well at least you knocked it back for quite some time. You should wear gloves when pulling weeds. Knapweed--especially--can be irritating to the skin.

GOT Mower? You can control the spread of weeds by making sure they don't flower. The easiest way to do that is to mow them down or whack them down.

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Homeowner's Association has contracted with Melissa Bradford of PPyC Spraying to perform weed spraying of the roadside right-of-ways and park areas this year. Signs are posted throughout the neighborhood during the time period when Melissa has sprayed. If you have questions or concerns regarding weed spraying, contact Melissa at ppycspraying@yahoo.com.

Mowing of the park area was done in early July. At that time, the Board decided to forego mowing of the roadsides due to what was considered high cost / minimal effectiveness in previous years. Look for additional roadside mowing to occur in September due to several overgrown areas.

Please consider mowing your own lot up to the roadway to help save on expenses.

Activities

by Joe Valletta

Garage Sale

Based on feedback regarding prior neighborhood garage sales, this year's event was moved up to June. We were fortunate to have great weather for the sale, and capitalized on one of the most popular weekends of the year for garage sales throughout the valley. With close to 10% of Foothills households participating, it was reported to be a success. Advertisements in the Bozeman Chronicle and online via Craigslist drove considerable interest from outside the neighborhood. Mark your calendar for next year, tentatively planned for June 6, 2015.

Social Activities

Board member Joe Valletta is interested in getting a few neighborhood social events organized throughout the year. Some possible ideas include:

- Horseshoe League
- 5K Run/Walk
- Children's Bike-athon
- Field Day with Cookout
- Book Club
- Knitting/Sewing Club
- Bridge Group

If you are interested in participating or willing to help organize, please contact Joe via email at joe@hyalitefoothills.org or phone at 582-5171.



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.

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>.

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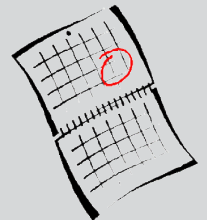
Contact all board members in one email at:
info@hyalitefoothills.org

Hyalite Foothills
Homeowners Association

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Mark your calendar:

**Annual Meeting
Tuesday October 14th, 2014
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.