

Mountain Shadows HOA
Newsletter, Summer 2017

New Members

Our community continues to grow! Welcome to the Bordas who have purchased the home previously owned by the Nichols family on Creek Hollow. They are not moving very far (Weiser), but are excited about the change of scenery.

New lot owners include the Lange family from Washington state who plan to move here in a few years. The family has come this way for years to hunt, fish, etc. and are excited to have a permanent home here. They camped on their lot for a few days this summer but had to leave early as Dean, a firefighter, was called back to be on call for any fires in his home area.

The Hedges have started building their new home on Creek Hollow (across from the Sipples). We know how excited they are to finally start construction after spending many hours preparing their lot.

Shannon Tribble Aitkinson has begun her lot preparation. Her lot is at the corner of Creek Hollow and Blue Shadow.

Nick and Ramona Schoonover have worked throughout this year to prepare their lot on Summerwind. They have been removing over 100 trees, leveling and clearing brush, clearing the stream bed, adding water and electricity, and basically turning their property into a park!

Welcome everyone!

Wildlife Sightings

As you know, our subdivision is always visited by the normal array of deer, elk, turkeys, fox, birds, etc. Our greater community (Garden Valley area) has recently posted sightings of more “interesting” visitors. Bears and Mountain Lions have been seen, so please be cautious while hiking, camping, and walking your family pets.

Eclipse Preparation

Garden Valley is preparing for an onslaught of visitors during the period around August 21st, as we are in the middle of the path of the eclipse. Everyone in the area appears worried that the visitors will be camping and/or parking on private property without permission. The Board has ordered Private Property/Private Road/No Trespassing signs to be placed at the bottom of Blue Shadow in accordance with the recommendations of law enforcement. There will also be cones placed across the road to discourage non-Association members from venturing up the road.

We realize that many owners will be having guests at their homes or lots during this period. It would be helpful to the Association to have a list of “approved” visitors. We don’t want to restrict their access, but need to know who you want to come and others who haven’t any approval from you to use your property. Any such list can be given to any Board member or emailed to k9moms@earthlink.net.

PLEASE, instruct your visitors of the CCR requirements and restrictions on camping and parking. This could be a WILD time around here. We want everyone to be safe.

Fire Safety

This is the time of year that all we are concerned whenever a helicopter flies over! We search the horizon for any sign of smoke. So far, all has been well in the area. However, about a month ago, a lightning strike set a tree on fire in the middle of the night behind us on Garden Mountain. Thankfully, at least two of our residents (Mike and Vicki Sparks) immediately saw the smoke and called 911. Attached you will find Linda Ruppel’s picture of the fire department dropping water on the tree when it began to smoke again a bit later in the day. We live in a beautiful area....we want it to stay that way!

A few reminders. The fire department states that they can address a low-level (grass, weed, etc.) fire MUCH easier than a tree fire. It is important that you look at the trees on your property and eliminate the lower, “stair step” limbs so that a low-level fire does not climb easily into the tops of the trees.

Firewise is a mindset that accepts the responsibility of living in ecosystems where wildfires are not a matter of *if* but rather a question of *when*. To save lives and property from wildfire, Firewise programs teach people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors and communities to work together to take action now to prevent losses. We all have a role to play when living in Idaho's beautiful wildland/urban interface. As a homeowner, we have a primary responsibility for reducing our homes' vulnerability to wildfire. Surround yourself with a strategically designed landscape. Please take time to look at information on Firewise strategies online: www.idahofirewise.org.

2017 Board of Directors

The following members have been elected to serve on the 2017 Board of Directors. Returning members (terms continue until the June, 2018 Annual Meeting) are Jim Sipple and Judy Hardman. Members elected for a two-year term are: Stacy Perryman, Ellen Bush, and Scott Brown. As per the CCRs, the Board met to determine officers. Scott Brown will serve as President, Stacy Perryman will serve as Vice President, and Judy Hardman will continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Stacy Perryman and Ellen Bush will share the ACC Committee oversight.

For those of you who do not know the newly elected members, Scott Brown has lived in Mt. Shadows for about 3 years. He, his wife Adrienne, and daughter Abby moved from Kansas. Scott owns his own company, Adrienne is an illustrator who has taken on the challenge of being one of the art teachers at Garden Valley School.

Stacy Perryman has lived in Mt. Shadows for approximately 4 years. She moved from the Boise area but has lived in numerous states. She is an online trainer with HR Block. She has served as an HOA President while living in Texas.

Ellen Bush was one of the first to build in Mt. Shadows. Currently living in Fresno, she is a frequent flyer! She is the Executive Director of a charitable foundation. Having just purchased a home in Boise, her plan is to be a fulltime Idaho resident in the next couple of years. Ellen served her first term on the Board last year.

Payette River News

With the large snowpack, all the rivers in the area flowed at above normal levels. In fact, for a long period, the Boise River was flowing too quickly for safe floating. The Payette, as a result, was busier than normal, with kayakers, floaters, fishermen, etc. The flow has been slowed, so the river is safe and with the addition of the option of renting tubes from a company opening in town, LOTS of people have been on the river every day.

Water Reminder

Just a reminder that we are ALL responsible for conserving our water! It is a resource that we must appreciate and conserve. The Board continues to gather information about our water usage (well output, number of hours our pumps are working, individual meter readings, etc). We are still using the 274 gallons per day as the acceptable amount of water per water share (1 lot = 1 water share). We are continuing to research water/fee schedules. Please continue to monitor your water usage and we will continue to inform you of your meter readings.

Here is a link to a simple “garden hose water flow” calculator. We believe many of us will be surprised at the amount of water that flows through a garden hose!

<http://irrigation.wsu.edu/Content/Calculators/Residential/Garden-Hose-Flow.php>

Fire Department helicopter attacking the tree hit by lightning! (Thanks to Linda Ruppel who took this photo from her deck!)

