

Catappon Highlands



Property Owners' Association

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Winter is almost upon us now and we hope everyone enjoyed their summer and spent some time on the mountain this year. We have quite a bit of news for you and welcome any comments you may have.

BOARD MEMBERS

During our annual meeting in May two new Board Members were elected to replace Gus Gruhn and Eleanor Adylotte. They are Tom Thompson and Shirley DePaolis. Both are eager and dedicated to doing a great job for all of us on the mountain.

During a Board meeting in early September, Steve Biegel, resigned as Chairperson. He is however remaining as a member. Shirley DePaolis was elected by the other Board members to step up as Chairperson and she accepted the position.

Listed below is a current list of all Board Members and their address. Please feel free to contact any one of them should you have any questions, problems, suggestions or just like some information.

Shirley DePaolis - Chairperson
101 Woodside Ave.
Thurmont, Maryland 21788
301-271-4000

Steve Biegel
He is in the process of moving.

Gretchen Wyman - Secretary
173 Crossbow Lane
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878
301-963-4464

Tom Thompson
1407 Gladstone Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20851
301-424-8791

Tom Wright - Treasurer
2132 Glencourse Lane
Reston, Virginia 22090
703-476-5006

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SECURITY

As we all know, the hunting season is upon us again and we are again faced with securing not only the cabins on the mountain but also our timberland from theft, vandalism and most of all fire. Over the past two winter seasons (from December 1 thru April) we have hired a security guard to roam our properties and report any breakins, fires or suspicious persons to the Board and the local officials. This approach has had a fantastic impact on reducing the number of incidents and last year was our best year ever. We are again asking for donations to a Security Fund, which is kept separately from our annual dues account. If all property owners whom have built a cabin would donate \$150.00 and those who have not built would contribute \$50.00, we should be able to make it through April. Last year we were quite short and had to ask for second donations in order to keep the Board from funding the remaining money. We are currently trying to get a security person under contract to start the first week of December so please send your check made out to Cacapon Security Fund to T. W. Wright at the above address as soon as possible. Thanks to you our mountain will be safe for all again this year.

It has been brought to our attention that the gates have been left open by property owners. Please DO NOT leave a gate open for any reason. We realize many of you leave them open for guests coming up at a later time but this could create a problem. Try to have additional keys made to loan to a guest or work out some other method (i.e. a horn signal etc).

Along those same lines, the Board voted in September to replace the missing "NO TRESPASSING/HUNTING" signs on the perimeter of Cacapon Highlands. This measure seems to have helped keep unwanted persons off our properties in the past and we believe it will work again.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

During the spring and early summer many of our roads were washed out by the heavy rains. Bernie Hooks was hired to repair many areas and did so in early August. We know there are still a few spots that need work and are looking into getting that done by Bernie also.

The worst area every year is Hill Road so we have asked Ted DePaolis (who has experience in this area) to look into the situation and see if there is any answer to our problem.

Another area that was of concern was Fire Tower Road. This particular road is not owned by Cacapon however the County is

doing no maintenance on it making it difficult for our property owners to have access to their properties. We have been advised by W. Virginia legal council not to attempt ANY maintenance at all on any roadway not completely inside our property boundaries due to a potential for liability. Our only course of action at this point is to push the County harder to maintain it properly.

INFORMATION ATTACHMENT

Attached to this newsletter you will find an information form which we would like you to fill out and return to T. W. Wright. It is not mandatory to do so however your cooperation would be sincerely appreciated. In many instances the Board has needed some information concerning the properties and been unable to get the answers or have needed to contact a cabin owner to report a problem and not been able to do so. Please be assured that any and all information will be kept confidential and used only by the Board. Again, thank you for your cooperation.

Misc.

The Board has decided to try to combine next years annual meeting with a picnic on the mountain. Tom Thompson will be in charge of this project and will send you more information you at a later date.

The Board voted in September to have T. W. Wright contact an attorney and have liens placed on any properties which annual dues have not been received.