



Deer Lake Newsletter



May 10, 2007

Board of Directors:

Larry Wiles - President
Ed Case - Vice President
John Bailey - Treasurer
Damacio Otero - Member at Large
David Kelly - Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF OUR BOARD:

Greetings from Deer Lake Estates. So far this spring we've had an abundance of moisture. There have been several late season snow storms, with as much as eight inches at one time. Total snow fall for the season was over 120 inches. The snow's all gone now, and last night we had a spring thunderstorm which produced around an inch and a half of rain. Hopefully, the showers will continue as spring turns into summer.

Please remember that Saturday, May 19th is Lake Cleanup Day. The more of us that turn out to help, the quicker we'll be done, and the lake will be in good shape for the Memorial Day holiday. The lake is very nearly full. Water should be running through the overflow by the time you read this.

We have a couple of major projects in the hopper for this summer. If we have enough funds to do so, we'll be purchasing and installing fence to complete the fence project. We'll provide the date(s) for installation as things progress. Check out the Deer Lake Web (<http://www.deer-lake.net>) and the newsletters for the latest information. Also, one of our members has graciously volunteered to provide the Deer Lake license plates and/or bumper stickers. The board will check out the prototypes at our next meeting, and we'll go from there.

The warning siren installation has been completed. Procedures for its use are under development and will be disseminated as soon as they're complete.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this summer. Please stop by and say hello any time. Have a safe and fun summer.

Larry Wiles, President

LAKE CLEANUP DAY

Date: Saturday, May 19th

Start time: 9:00am

Items to bring, if you have them:

Gloves	Gas powered weed eater
Chain saw	Truck, or Trailer to haul debris
Rakes, Pitch Forks	Coffee, Donuts...!!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Deputy Joe Harris, of Sandoval County Sheriff's Office, provided a Neighborhood Watch Presentation during our Spring Membership Meeting.

The membership voted in favor of Deer Lake Estates to participate in this program. We will be receiving signs, at no cost to the Association, to be placed at various places along our roads. As you know, the purpose of this program is to raise everyone's awareness of crime prevention in our community and to encourage the reporting of potential criminal activity, as it occurs (to the Sheriff's Office).

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Also, during the Spring Membership meeting, there was an election of Board Members. The terms had expired for Larry Wiles, John Bailey and Damacio Otero. The Nominating Committee submitted all three of these Board Members as candidates for an additional term, as they were willing to serve. No additional candidates were offered by the membership present. All three were unanimously re-elected for a 2 year term. The Board Members held a subsequent meeting to determine which position will be held by each Board Member, resulting in the following:

Larry Wiles (President)
Ed Case (Vice President)
John Bailey (Treasure)
Dave Kelly (Secretary)
Damacio Otero (Member at Large)

FENCE CONSTRUCTION WORK DAY

We will have another work day to continue constructing the fence around the lake in the near future. The date of the fence installation work day will be announced when we have determined when the materials will be available. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter, and on the Deer Lake web page as soon as the date is set.

WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (WHIP)

This is the project involving our putting up the fence around the lakes, which we were anticipating receiving approximately \$800 back from this grant, to help defray the cost of the fence materials. However, the (WHIP) contract with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has been cancelled. When the WHIP contract was initiated, NRCS personnel erroneously initiated it in Ed Rodriguez's name rather than in the name of Deer Lake Association. It became very complicated to unravel this situation and was determined to cancel this project, at no penalty to Deer Lake Association. Despite the cancellation of this project the membership present at the March meeting decided to continue with the fencing of the lakes.

DEER LAKE LICENSE PLATES

(with the Deer Lake Logo printed on them)

In our March meeting, Dub Garand made an offer to provide the materials and printing, at no charge to the Association! This is great! We would offer these for sale to the membership, with the proceeds benefiting our general operating fund. More details to come.

USFS THINNING PROJECT STATUS

A final decision memo was issued by the Cuba District Ranger to implement thinning of 600 acres and prescribed fire treatment to 1,035 acres on September 6, 2006. The area to be treated is south and west of Deer Lake. During the 45 day appeal period an appeal was filed by the Center For Biological Diversity located in Tucson, Arizona. The appeal concerned old growth timber and snags per acre in the treatment area. The Forest Service remanded the proposal back to the Cuba District for revision and resubmission. The District is currently performing data collection to address the appeal concerns. They plan to resubmit the proposal in May 2007.

DIVERSION OF SPRING INTO DEER LAKE

A proposal to divert the overflow from the spring above the end of Retirement Road into Deer Lake was approved at the March meeting. This will require extending the underground pipe from the area of lot 127 across and along old 126 to its intersection with Deer Lake Road, then south along Deer Lake Road to its intersection with Sunshine Road, across Sunshine Road into the lake. This has the potential to divert a significant amount of water into Deer Lake that is now running into the marshy area below the spring.

FISHING

Although there is sufficient snow melt and runoff to warrant stocking the lake with fish this season, it was determined (in the March meeting) that we would concentrate on completing the fence around the Lake and the Spring diversion project, before stocking the lake with fish.

DUES PAYMENT STATUS

2005 Dues Status: 176 of 177 Lots Paid – 1 Delinquent Lot

2006 Dues Status: 177 of 178 Lots Paid – 1 Delinquent Lot

2007 Dues Status: 151 of 178 Lots Paid (85%) – 27 Unpaid Lots

Dues payments over the last three years have increased significantly. Thanks to all for your prompt payment. The new Constitution and Bylaws of Deer Association require that late fees and liens be filed for delinquent lots.

DUES PAYMENT STATUS cont.

2007 Association Dues are due on April 1, 2007 and become delinquent on May 1, 2007. Dues are \$30.00 per originally platted lot annually. Dues can be sent to:

Deer Lake Association
P.O. Box 35076
Albuquerque, NM 87176

If you have moved or sold your lot, please notify one of the Deer Lake Association board members so that our records may be updated.

DEER LAKE WEB SITE

Check out our Deer Lake web site, at <http://www.deer-lake.net> . It not only provides useful information to our members, but also shows a webcam picture that is refreshed every hour, during daylight hours. You can also provide your suggestions and comments by e-mail to info@deer-lake.net.

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