



Deer Lake Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF OUR BOARD:

Greetings, Deer Lakers;

Welcome to a new season at Deer Lake. There are a lot of exciting things going on with Deer Lake Estates. Some are new, like the installation of a warning siren at Deer Lake, thanks to the generosity of the Cuba Volunteer Fire Department, and some are ongoing, like the plans to improve Aspen Road and the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project, which includes the construction of a fence around the lakes.

There are several new members of the Deer Lake community. Welcome !!! Please take every opportunity to get to know your fellow Deer Lakers. These newsletters are the vehicle that allows us to keep you up to date on happenings at Deer Lake. We intend to publish them quarterly to best keep you informed.

Please take every opportunity to contact the board if you have questions or suggestions, or would just like to express an opinion about something. Again, welcome.

Larry Wiles

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Lake Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 20th
Starts: 9:00 AM

Things to bring: Edge trimmers
(gas powered), lawn mowers,
garbage bags, your gloves...and
stories to share!

Labor Day Picnic

Sunday, September 3rd
Starts: 12:00 PM
Place: Bill & Eleanor Starkey's
Lot 111

This is a potluck, so bring one of
your family favorites. Don't
forget utensils and plates!

Association Dues Status: 139 of 178 Lots have paid (78%), for 2006. 39 Lots are either unpaid or partially paid. Dues are now \$30.00 per originally platted lot. There remains only one unpaid lot for 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Update Restrictive Covenants/Declaration of Planned Subdivision:

Committee members Betty Robertson, Bill Starkey, Randy Wiest and Larry Wiles met on April 12th, 2006. The committee discussed the contents of the current documents. There was some concern as to exactly which versions are on file with Sandoval and Rio Arriba counties. Larry Wiles will attempt to obtain copies of the filed documents. The committee made a first cut at updating the documents, pending verification of the currently filed ones. A follow up meeting will be scheduled after research of the documents on file is completed.

Larry Wiles, committee chair

Emergency Preparedness/Fire Evac. Plan:

The Village of Cuba has received a funding grant to develop a Wildfire Disaster Plan for the Cuba area. Deer Lake has been invited to participate in the development of the plan. Ed Case, Wayne Hertel and Robert Starkey have volunteered to represent Deer Lake in this endeavor. To date contact has been made with the Forest Guild who are now responsible for writing the plan. The Deer Lake Board of Directors has in addition to wanting to be included in the Cuba plan decided to develop a plan specific to Deer Lake. The committee will be working on this plan as well as providing any support requested by those working on the Cuba plan. The Cuba plan must be completed by September. When finalized and approved we have been told that some funding opportunities may be available to communities for various fire prevention programs.

Ed Case, committee chair

Insurance Review:

Discussions are on-going with various insurance companies to determine the best coverage for liability insurance of the commonly owned property for the least cost.

John Bailey, committee chair

Finance Audit:

The audit of Deer Lake Association's financial records was conducted on April 25, 2006 by Damacio Otero and Delbert Arnell. It was determined that the financial records were in order, with all receipts for both income and expenses accounted for.

Damacio Otero, committee chair

Fence Donation Drive: "WATER FOR WILDLIFE, NOT FOR LIVESTOCK"

As you know, we began a project to completely fence both lakes. It is a handsome split wood fence that is far from being completed. WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS in order to complete this very worthy project. The slogan "WATER FOR WILDLIFE, NOT FOR LIVESTOCK" depicts our purpose for the fence, which is to keep out the cattle and preserve this valuable resource for the wildlife we all enjoy.

Fence Donation Drive: “WATER FOR WILDLIFE, NOT FOR LIVESTOCK” (cont.)

What you can do...

- Purchase sections of fence (approx. 8’ in length for each section) for \$30.00 per section.
- Make checks payable to *Deer Lake Association*, in multiples of \$30.00
- Make sure to include in the Memo description of the check

“FENCE DRIVE DONATION”

Mail your check to: Deer Lake Association
 P.O. Box 35076
 Albuquerque, NM 87176-5076

*****All donations will be honorably mentioned in upcoming newsletters*****

FISH STOCKING REPORT

Larry Wiles has spoken with Lonell Crowther of Crowther’s Freshwater Fish Hatchery. His offer following last year’s failure to provide fish this year was at a reduced cost. Mr. Crowther continues to evade the issue and/or not return calls. Larry continues to attempt to contact him again, although at this point it appears doubtful that he will follow through with his offer.

STATE LAW CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE FOR WELLS AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS:

WELLS:

To register an existing well, will now cost \$125 for each well (up from \$5, last year). The cost of a new well permit is also now \$125. These costs are slated to go even higher, if pending legislation is approved. The good news is that if you are willing to pay the price, it is still easy to obtain a new well permit, or register an existing one. Future changes may include a requirement to have a meter put on every new well. So, if a new well is in your plans...do it soon.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS:

Specific details on these changes are not known, but as we understand it, there are new strict requirements for lots that are less than 1 acre in size (which includes our lots at Deer Lake). If you own two lots that are adjacent to each other and together equal 1 acre, then you can still put in a standard leach system (the most common system we use). However, if you own a half acre lot and don’t hold a current permit for your system, you will be required to install a new system that requires a licensed contractor to install. As we understand it, the average cost of such a system is between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

THE WELCOME MAT

Deer Lake Association would like to welcome it’s newest landowner members: Steven & Rebecca Calvert(Lots 130 & 131); Onecimo Montoya (Lot 136); Scott & Kim Fitzgerald (Lots 179 & 180); Mike Schiffer (Lot 115). If you see them around, please make them feel welcome and invite them to be part of the Deer Lake family of friends!