# GLASTONBURY LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. P.O. Box 312, Emigrant, MT 59027 www.GLA-mt.org

# GLASTONBURY LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER January 10, 2008

Dear Landowners,

Happy New Year to you all! For those of you who are out-of-town landowners or did not attend the Annual Meeting and Elections in November 2007, we wanted to let you know that the newly elected directors of the GLA Board are as follows:

**North Glastonbury**: William Smith, Charlotte Mizzi and Paul Rantallo were elected for two-year terms. Gerald Dubiel was elected for a one-year term, replacing a director who resigned after serving one year.

South Glastonbury: Richard Bolen, Dan Kehoe, Jr. and Randy Mosness were elected for twoyear terms.

The following people are completing their two-year terms and will serve for one more year:

North Glastonbury: Charlene Murphy and Janet Naclerio.

South Glastonbury: Alyssa Angeles Allen, Laura Boise and Rich Spallone.

To view the entire list of the GLA Board, their contact information and officer and committee positions, please go to the GLA website at <a href="https://www.gla-mt.org">www.gla-mt.org</a> and use the link "Contact Us." If you do not have access to the website, you can request a hard copy of this list by writing our Administrative Secretary, Denise Orr, at the GLA address above or by calling her at 406-333-9553.

As you can see by the enclosed assessment statement, there was a 10% increase in assessments for 2008. This increase helps defray the higher costs of postage, fuel for the snow plow truck and increased cost of gravel due to higher fuel prices, etc. The GLA Board of Directors volunteers their time and makes every effort to keep operating costs down. 69% of the total budget is allocated for road work, the road paving loan, weed control and snowplowing. For a detailed copy of the GLA budget for 2008, please go online to our website or request a written copy from Denise Orr as described above. Questions regarding your assessments or the budget can be directed to the GLA Treasurer, Charlene Murphy, at 406-333-4619 or crh53@mcn.net.

### SNOW PLOWING POLICY FOR GLASTONBURY COMMUNITY ROADS

Winter in Montana brings a unique beauty as well as driving challenges. The Road Committee met recently and drafted these guidelines.

- The GLA Board of Directors and members of the Road and Weed Committee are dedicated to
  providing the Glastonbury Landowners and residents with well maintained and safe roads within the
  financial constraints of our annual budget, logistical limitations dealt to us by weather conditions and
  availability of qualified personnel to respond. The members of this committee have worked together to
  assemble a group of qualified people who can man the GLA snow plow and other privately owned and
  operated snow plow rigs.
- Having said this and dedicated ourselves to the upkeep and safety of Community Roads, the GLA has limited annual budget and infrastructure resources which cannot provide services equal to a municipal government or the Montana Department of Transportation.
- 3. Glastonbury Landowners and residents must recognize that we live in a high altitude, northern climate in which conditions, such as snow fall, wet roads with freezing temperatures and wind, can change for the worse in a short period of time. Each driver is responsible for providing a vehicle sufficiently equipped to handle typical Montana winter weather. This is even more important on the more remote

and steep roads within Glastonbury. Each driver is expected to drive in a safe/slow manner warranted by the current road conditions.

- 4. Snow plowing and removal operations will commence on asphalt paved roads when snow accumulation has reached a minimum of 2 inches in depth, and on gravel roads when snow accumulation has reached a minimum 4 inches in depth. Both the paved and gravel roads can sustain damage when plowed with snow accumulation at less than these levels. Priority will be given to paved and main gravel roads in both North and South Glastonbury with an emphasis on early morning weekday hours in order to utilize effectively all resources of manpower and equipment available to us.
- 5. If you have questions or wish to provide input, helpful suggestions or volunteer effort to make snow removal and plowing a success this winter, please contact the Road Committee Chairmen, William Smith and/or Rich Spallone. You are also welcome to attend a Road Committee meeting.

#### FUTURE CHIP SEALING PROJECT AT NORTH GLASTONBURY

Watch for information that will be mailed to North Glastonbury residents this spring regarding the chip sealing project. South Glastonbury's paved road on Dry Creek was chip sealed by Park County in 2002 because it was (and still is) a county road. Chip sealing the North Glastonbury paved roads is important to preserve the road surface and protect our investment. This chip sealing work in North Glastonbury is long overdue. We look forward to receiving your support for this important project. Questions and comments can be directed to the Road Committee Chairmen, William Smith and Rich Spallone.

#### IMPORTANT COMMUNITY ISSUES

Policy Re: ATV Use in Glastonbury

Recent damage to our gravel roads and private property due to improper use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) has prompted the Board to draft the following policy. Only those who are licensed drivers, driving properly registered and insured ("street legal") ATVs can drive on any Glastonbury road. ATVs are never allowed on GLA Common Land or private property without the permission of the GLA or the property owner. Please see the complete ATV policy on our GLA website.

Policy re: Discharge of Firearms in Glastonbury

Recent discharge of firearms in Glastonbury has caused safety concerns. Our GLA Covenants do allow for target practice on one's own private property. However, the target practice must be done in a safe manner, using hay bales or sand to prevent ricocheting. There is no hunting or target practice allowed on GLA Common Land. It is a courtesy to inform your neighbors if you plan to do any target practice so they know what is going on. Please see the complete Firearms Policy on the GLA website.

Property Owners, Please Inform Your Renters and Guests

GLA Landowners who rent their property are responsible for informing their tenants (and guests) of the Covenants and policies of the GLA. Tenants and guests are expected to abide by all of the GLA Covenants and policies, including speed limits, etc.

#### Rattlesnakes

Important information about rattlesnakes can also be found on our website. We encourage everyone to visit the GLA website at <a href="https://www.gla-mt.org">www.gla-mt.org</a>.

## RECEIVING YOUR GLA NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

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