# NEWSLETTER

## **Dry Creek Road Update**

For those of you who may not be aware, Dry Creek Road is a county road, but the GLA paid for having it paved in 2001 along with Sirius and Aries Roads in NG. Although the GLA paid for the paving, it had been our hope that the county would maintain it. The county did chip seal the road within a year of it being paved. However, approximately 13 years have passed and despite numerous requests from the GLA, the county has done little to maintain the road. This has become a great concern because the road has now reached a point where something must be done to prevent our asphalt investment from failing.

On March 21st 2015, Robert Wallace, chairperson of the Road Committee, led a group of interested GLA Board Members and landowners in a highly detailed inspection of Dry Creek Road. Many drivers stopped to inquire about what they were doing out there in their orange vests. Thanks to South Glastonbury resident Jerry Ladewig, a simultaneous trash pickup along the road yielded 7 grocery bags full of garbage collected and thrown away.

Upon completion of the inspection, a written report of the group's findings was compiled and subsequently sent to five Park

County officials along with a letter requesting county intervention. The following four points of maintenance to be done by the county were spelled out and set the parameters for negotiation: 1. fixing the road hazards (3 potholes) by means other than cold packing; 2. setting up a program to address the "alligator" mazes of cracks to prevent road failure; 3. crack sealing the moderate-severe linear cracks to prevent new mazes/alligators; and 4. providing surface treatment to the entire road.

On Tuesday, March 31st 2015, Board Members Ed Dobrowski and Charlotte Mizzi and landowner Debbie Blais attended a Park County Commissioners meeting in Livingston. When given an opportunity to speak, the GLA group let them know a letter was coming about Dry Creek Road and the need for county maintenance. Commissioner Chairperson Clint Tinsley went on record saying he is willing to work with the GLA Board on a maintenance plan for Dry Creek. A written response was recently received from the county and the GLA Board will work with them to establish a plan to protect our investment in their road.

## New System to Improve Communication

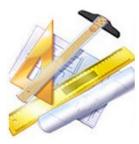
Would you like the Board to be able to more promptly respond to requests and issues? In order to improve in this area, the **Communications Committee** recently embarked on testing a ticketing system to make it easier for people to know their message has been received and the timeline for a response. The system would organize receipt, distribution, research and discussion of the communiqué; track it through its various phases; and prompt movement until the response is sent. An added benefit of the system is knowledge management - keeping an institutionalized memory of

the history to compensate for a volunteer board whose members come and go at regular intervals. Watch for an announcement of the system going live in the near future!



# Are You Building or Planning to Build?

The Covenants require that all building projects and improvements to property be submitted to the association for approval prior to beginning construction. It is the Board's role to ensure that the standards and requirements outlined in the Covenants and Master Plan are being followed. In order to have time to properly review your project, please submit plans at



least two weeks prior to the monthly board meeting, which usually occurs on the 2nd Monday of each month. Forms and instructions may be found on the GLA website, www.glamontana.org under the menu "current landowners" and then "building projects/improvements." Please contact the Project Review Committee at voicemail extension 103 if you have any questions.

#### **New Board Members**

We wish to extend a heartfelt formal thank-you to our former board member Catherine Fitzgerald for her dedication and service to the community.

At Special Meetings of the Board in February and March, the board reviewed letters of intent to fill the open board positions from several SG landowners. All candidates possessed remarkable skills that would benefit the board and organization as well as enthusiasm for working to better the community. In close races, the board chose Kevin Newby in February to succeed Scott McBride and Rudy Parker in March to succeed Catherine. In the short time they've been in their positions both new members have been active behind the scenes in moving issues forward. We wish them well in their new role.

### Help Keep Glastonbury Beautiful

Spring is here and a time we realize how beautiful Glastonbury really is! As winter snows recede, the opportunities to cleanup trash reveal themselves. We can each help beautify our community by considering what we can do to improve our own property and then extending our cleanup efforts to the edges of our community roads. If you enjoy taking a walk, it's a great idea to bring along a garbage bag and pick up debris from along the roadsides.

Please note, inoperable vehicles can be removed by Park County at no charge. Contact the Park County Extension office at 222-4156 for more information.

## **Weed Spraying Information**



The Association is responsible for weed abatement in the platted road easements and on Common Land, and spraying generally occurs each year in June. Some landowners are concerned about the application of chemicals on their property, and do not want the easement portion of their parcel sprayed. Please keep in mind that

it is each owner's responsibility to remove weeds, and if you are handling weed abatement yourself, you may place "no spray" signs visibly along the easement areas of your property. If the weeds are not removed prior to the time of spraying, the weeds will be sprayed.

As a natural approach, Stuart Shilling, whom we have contracted for weed spraying, recommends spraying a soap or vinegar solution directly on weeds, or pulling them. Cutting them can be effective if this is done before they go to seed.

#### **Committees**

**BUDGET** 

Janice McCann, Ed Dobrowski, Charlene Murphy, Regina Wunsch

COLLECTIONS

Dan Kehoe, Janice McCann

COMMUNICATIONS

**Robert Branson**, Ross Brunson, Dan Kehoe, Rudy Parker

**COMMUNITY PROPERTY** 

**Charlotte Mizzi,** Jim Kozlik, Robert Wallace, Pouwel Gelderloos

**ELECTION** 

All board members

**GOVERNING DOCS** 

**Dan Kehoe, Charlotte Mizzi,** Ed Dobrowski, Jim Kozlik, Debbie Blais, Claudette Dirkers, Jerry Ladewig, Charlene Murphy, Linda Ulrich, Ia Williams, Regina Wunsch

**LEGAL** 

Dan Kehoe, Ross Brunson

PROJECT REVIEW

**Gerald Dubiel,** Kevin Newby, Paul Ranttalo

ROAD MANAGEMENT

Paul Ranttalo, Robert Wallace

ROAD & WEED

Paul Ranttalo, Robert Wallace, Ed Dobrowski, Gerald Dubiel, Dan Kehoe, Janice McCann, Kevin Newby, Charlene Murphy, Walter Wunsch

TECHNOLOGY

Ross Brunson, Dan Kehoe

**Note: Chairpersons shown in BOLD** 



#### **Attend Committee Meetings**

All landowners may join or attend any public GLA committee meeting. Soon the GLA website calendar will have all the Committee meeting dates marked for the rest of the year. Our community works better with more people involved!