

DUQUETTE PINES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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MOUNTAIN FOLK NEWS

April 2011

Notice of Annual Meeting

Please plan to attend the Duquette Pines HOA annual meeting to be held on Friday, **May 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Idaho City Senior Center. Agenda items will include:

- HOA budget, including a report on progress made regarding accounts receivable collection.
- Subdivision cleanup efforts, including a report on progress made in this area since last year, and plans for the second annual cleanup on Saturday, June 4. Volunteers are needed in this effort.
- Nominations for one open Board position.
- Roads report, including plans for upcoming maintenance/improvements.
- Water report.
- Noxious weeds and plans to control them in the subdivision.

DPHOA Board Members

Brent Adamson (208) 392-6604
Art Burget (208) 392-4211
Wendy Jeffes (208) 392-9673
Dan Gurwell (208) 392-9497
Dee Woodstrom (208) 392-6789

Resident Manager

Jon Long (208) 392-9672

Bookkeeper

Michelle Savoie Garcia 392-6615

Monthly Meetings

1st Saturday of each month at
8:30 a.m. at Wendy Jeffes cabin

If you wish to be placed on the General Board meeting agenda, please contact Brent Adamson at 392-6604 at least two days prior to the meeting.

“If you are lucky enough to live in the Mountains, you’re lucky enough . . . “

Welcome Spring!

The Duquette Pines HOA will be having its second annual Spring Cleanup Day on **Saturday, June 4, 2010** to spruce up the Subdivision and get rid of unsightly and/or unwanted junk (or unused treasures!). The cleanup effort will be manned entirely by volunteers (our neighbors) who will help remove any items that you would like hauled to the Idaho City Dump. Simply place the items you wish to have taken away at the end of your driveway by Saturday at 10:00 a.m., and watch for the crew to show up and haul it away. It does not get any easier than that! For those of you who have been specifically requested by the Board to clean up your property, this is the perfect opportunity to eliminate the debris. Your neighbors will appreciate your efforts! Items to consider for removal: construction materials, miscellaneous items you’ve been intending to haul to the dump, etc. *

If you have any questions about the cleanup, need assistance to get items to the road, or would like to volunteer, please contact one of the Board Members or Resident Manager Jon Long.

Thank you for your support in Duquette’s 2011 Spring Cleanup!

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Quarterly Statements

Along with the Duquette Pines HOA newsletter, you received a quarterly statement indicating any balance remaining on your account for the current assessment year. Please contact bookkeeper Michelle Savoie Garcia (208-392-6615) as soon as possible to ensure your account is current by June 30, 2011, or to discuss payment options if that is not possible.

Keep in mind, the new year's assessments (for July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012) will be mailed on July 1st, and any remaining balance as of June 30, 2011 will incur an 18% late fee. Moreover, unpaid accounts of \$400 or more will have their water shut off until the account is brought current, including a reconnection fee of \$400.

Protecting Your Pines

One of the things that enhance our quality of life in Duquette Pines is the beauty of the ponderosa pine trees that surround us. Although dead and dying trees are always part of the natural environment surrounding us and our homes, it is still painful to see a favorite large old ponderosa pine tree or a grove of young pines, turn from a healthy green to foliage of rusty orange. Most people living in the subdivision either have or will experience the loss of one or more of their pine trees sooner or later, but there are some things we can do as homeowners to keep our pine trees as healthy as possible and reduce the risk of death touching them.

The best defense for your pines' health is prevention. Once the pines are successfully infested they cannot be saved. Please keep in mind the following suggestions to avoid aiding the beetle's cause:

- **DO NOT** stack green or infested wood next to live ponderosa pines.
- **DO NOT** strangle pines with cables, clotheslines, wire, etc.
- **DO NOT** smother roots of pine trees with earth piled around their trunks.
- **DO NOT** cut off pine trees water supply with patios, concrete pads, etc. laid over their root systems.
- **DO NOT** excavate or dig trenches near trees that sever major roots, or that suddenly changes the water table.
- **DO NOT** be too eager to remove what appear to be "sickly" or off colored trees. They may be simply going through a normal needle shed.
- **DO** clean up green slash and winter damaged trees.
- **DO** keep ponderosa pines healthy and vigorous by keeping them well spaced out.
- **DO** remove bark beetle infested trees.

-This is an excerpt from an earlier article written by our neighbor, Ray for our newsletters.