

DUQUETTE PINES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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MOUNTAIN FOLK NEWS

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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 . . . “*

Winter Safety for our ‘little’ area is just as important as the on the highway or in the valley. We all think about safety for our home, family, animals, and your neighbors. We thought a few reminders might be good, especially for the new folks as the white stuff continues to pile up.

1. Snow Plow—Please do not pass the plow while they are clearing the roads. They will look for you and pull over when they can to let you by. It may seem like they are slow; but to have them turn and take out your bumper (or worse) would not be worth the time you are trying to save.

2. Plan to leave early—It takes longer, and if you follow #3, you need more time.

3. Drive slow-- It may seem obvious, but it does get slippery and people tend to slide on the curves; besides, there are times when it is really tough to stop.

4. Chain up if you think you need to at a safe location, or better yet, chain up in Idaho City and enjoy the whole drive up. If you stop in the road after you need your chains, you may be blocking traffic or be in the way of someone who didn’t read # 3.

5. Park in your driveway not on the roads—It is important for the snowplow to have the whole road to do his work. If you park on the road, someone who has not read #3 may hit your car. At night or low light they may not see your car if it’s covered in snow. If you can’t navigate your driveway, arrange for a safe place to leave your vehicle.

6. Keep your snow on your property. If you push snow off your driveway, please push it off the side on your property. Piles of snow on the road are dangerous to those who may be driving by and haven’t read #3.

7. This is our neighborhood, try # 2 and 3, turn your headlights on, help your neighbor, and enjoy the winter. There will be dust flying before you know it.



Well, it is winter again and the snow and rain are falling, just not in the order or amounts that I had anticipated. I think though, that it is up to us to enjoy what we get and let someone else plan the seasons. So I will carry in another armload of wood and continue to be grateful for the help I had in getting wood last year. The phone rang while I was thinking of this article so I will let you in on some thing that is not fun as a board member. As you know we live in a development with restrictive covenants. Not only a gate at the entrance, but there are things we must or mustn't do around here. We are working with a few families currently to encourage them to follow these guidelines/restrictions. The phone call was a resident who has some stuff in their yard and wanted to let us know they would have it moved/cleaned when the weather improved. I also received information and correspondence from two families recently who want to put offers on homes in our development. But are resistant to take the plunge due to the condition of people's yards near their prospective new homes. This is a sadness both for the seller and our community.

As you all know, we have restrictive covenants in this development. The original developers wrote these as they dreamed and built Duquette Pines. Division 4 also has restrictive covenants to protect and guide the homeowners in that area of our community. I am sure that you all know that as a Board we contact those folks who we sense are in violation of these covenants. There are issues of time frames to build our homes from original date of construction to finish. There is also items of obnoxious and offensive behavior or actions; not limited to things such as open storage of trash or junk cars, or sanitary issues.



As a Board we do not like to pursue these issues, as they cause tension. But we are acutely aware of our obligation to respond to these things as we or others see them arise. If you think we are not doing, as we should, please let us know. We don't go on the attack with the word of one person—instead we seek input or confirmation from others or the Board. My personal rule of thumb is to have 3 reports of something before I push for action. If we have sent you a letter, please respond; at least then we can share where we think the problem lies. In every case that comes to mind we have always given extensions of time or worked to a compromise when asked. It is our intent to follow the covenants and keep this a clean and comfortable place to live; not create grief or tension.

Have a Safe and Happy New Year!