



# News From Swains Creek

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## Winter Snow Damage



Cabin in Meadow View Heights damaged by the storm before Christmas

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A major snow storm hit the Cedar Mountain on December 18, 2010. The storm was a mixture of snow and rain, and was the heaviest snow that old timers had seen in a long time, if ever. It dumped several feet of snow in some areas. The snow was so heavy that trees were knocked to the ground, along with power lines. In some areas the poles that hold the power lines were snapped in half. There was considerable damage to cabins from fallen trees including water damage, a result of the freezing temperatures and loss of power, etc. Snow removal contractors responded along with the Cedar Mountain Fire Department, but were quickly overwhelmed by the heavy snow and the mixture of trees, poles, and power lines on the ground. Many residents were left without power for days and power to this day has still not been completely restored. The heaviest impact was to the Meadow View Heights and Color Country areas and the least impact was to the Swains Creek and Elk Ridge areas. No one was injured that we know of, but the potential for injury and even death was certainly there. Life on the mountain can be very challenging and we must all take the necessary precautions to assure the safety of ourselves, our family, and our neighbors. A good website to go to for information is the Cedar Mountain Fire Protection District website ([www.cmfpd.com](http://www.cmfpd.com)). Click on "Winter Subdivision Road Conditions" for information on the storm. The site also includes a sub-part called "Chairman's Monthly Article" which offers safety related tips. A good one to read is "Carbon Monoxide...Silent but Deadly."

One of the goals of the SCPLOA Board is to determine the best method of getting timely information, in particular safety related information, out to our lot owners. You'll hear more about this in the future.

## New Board Installed

### 2011 SCPLOA

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Bill Moser, Chairman
- Janelle Pearce, Vice-Chairman
- Chuck Costa, Treasurer
- Darcy Grizzle, Secretary
- Shirley Burke, Member
- Paul Hicks, Member
- Bruce Kuveke, Member
- Bob Runkle, Member
- Ed Swain, Member

Also at the January meeting the following assignments were made:

#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

- Finance** – Chuck Costa, Chairman & Shirley Burke, Vice Chairman
- Legal Issues** – Ed Swain, Chairman & Bob Runkle, Vice-Chairman
- Property & Facilities** – Bruce Kuveke, Chairman & Ed Swain, Vice-Chairman
- Community Relations** – Chuck Costa, Chairman & Janelle Pearce, Vice Chairman
- Events** – Bill Moser, Chairman & Bruce Kuveke, Vice-Chairman
- Architectural** – Bob Runkle, Chairman & Bruce Kuveke, Vice-Chairman
- Rental Regs & Enforcement** – Janelle Pearce, Chairman & Bill Moser, Vice-Chairman

## Chairman's Chat

I am honored to be your Chairman again this year. "Thank You" to the 2011 Swains Creek Pines Board members for the confidence in me and "Thank You" to the 2010 Board Members, who were wonderful to work with.

This year we will have our third application of dust control product and hopefully we can skip the application in 2012. The association is already planning activities for the year and looking for volunteers and donations of time, food, prizes and money to help run activities on the holiday weekends. Check out our new bulletin board at the barn for upcoming activities and other useful information.

We have installed security cameras and will soon have a link on the Swains Creek website to view the pavilion and pond. We are kicking around the idea to also hook up a weather station to give current weather conditions in Swains Creek. We are seeing more and more lot owners showing up at the board meetings and the pot luck dinners at the pavilion on the days of the meetings. Lot owners are becoming more involved in our community with their input, concerns, and visions.

This year lot owners who rent cabins and lots to others must register with the association and pay a fee. We need all lot owners to be diligent in the enforcement of the Rental Rules and Regulations. Please help by reporting infractions to any Board Member or to the Swains Creek Manager.

Our pond will be stocked at least four times this year and our fishing permits will be printed on special paper that can not be photocopied. Please have your permit with you when fishing at the pond, or you may be asked to leave. Remember, only 5 fish per lot, per day are allowed. As a lot owner you may ask to see the permits of others. Remember, you pay for the fish that unauthorized persons may be catching. Donations are needed to buy playground equipment near the pavilion. If you can help, please see a board member or the manager.

The mountain is having a pretty severe winter with a lot of damage to trees and personal property. This spring a lot of clean up will need to be done to get things back to normal. Swains Creek is our "Little piece of heaven." Thank you to all who help keep it that way.

This year at election time, throw your name in to be on the board, you too can make sure our "heaven" stays that way. I hope to see you on the mountain or at our little piece of heaven.

*Bill Moser, Chairman*

## Memorial Trees



The family of lot owners Janelle and Frank Pearce and Pam and Bob Szemanski donated a Canadian Chokecherry tree in memory of their sister Jennifer Vandervoort. It was planted between the pavilion and the pond last fall. Jennifer, who passed away in April 2009, loved Swains Creek Pines and especially enjoyed the outdoors. This type of tree was recommended for our mountain climate and should provide shade and seasonal color from spring through fall. We will be watching it closely and, if it survives our winter weather and the deer and critters, interested lot owners will be given the opportunity to purchase more trees to be planted around the pond. For more information, contact a Board Member or Bill Rodreick, SCPLOA Manager.

## Snowmobile Safety

### **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RIDE ACROSS THE POND!!**

**Looks Can Be Deceiving.** With weather conditions changing and temperatures fluctuating throughout the day, a snowmobile and its rider can quickly sink to the bottom of the icy cold pond under what appears to be a thick layer of snow. Don't take the chance!!!



**Meeting Dates Set for 2011-12 Board of Directors**

**All meetings are held in the Swains Creek Pines Barn at 10 a.m. (Utah time) unless otherwise noted**

January 22, 2011 (Las Vegas), May 14, 2011, June 25, 2011, July 23, 2011, August 13, 2011

**September 4, 2011 (Annual Meeting 1 p.m. Pavilion)** Remember to mark your calendar now and to volunteer to help create this wonderful experience for all lot owners!!!

October 1, 2011, January 7, 2012 (Location to be determined)

A **pot luck** dinner is held at 6pm (Utah time) at the Pavilion on Board meeting dates. We hope you will all come meet your neighbors & Board Members in a relaxing setting, while feasting on the great dishes that are brought by all. This is a nice time for all lot owners to get together & visit with the people they may not get the chance to meet otherwise. We hope to see you all there!

**New this year !!!!** We are planning a Swains Creek Chili Cook Off!!!! It will be held May 28th at the Pavilion. We are currently working on the “rules” of participation so watch for updates to be posted to the website, Face Book and on the bulletin board at the barn. There will be voting by the attendees for the chili with the best overall taste, most spicy, most meaty, and etc. Voting is by \$1.00 donation per vote, chili maker can give as much chili as he/she wants to voter to get the vote and one person can vote as many times as they want (example: \$5.00 = 5 votes). Prizes will be awarded to the winners!!!!

**Duck Creek Days 2011**— July 22nd & 23rd

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Stop, Shop and Swap – July 2nd, 2011**

Reserve your table now for this year’s Stop, Shop and Swap! It’s the perfect time to clean out your closets and shop for more treasures, while contributing to a good cause. All proceeds go toward the purchase of playground equipment near the Swains Creek Pines Pavilion. Tables are only \$5. For more information, contact Bill Rodreick at 435-682-2414 or 435-682-3127 or [krodreick@cox.net](mailto:krodreick@cox.net) . **Donations of any size are always welcome!!**

**News Tidbits and Board Notes**

**DON’T FORGET TO GET ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

In order to preserve or enhance the pastoral and scenic beauty of our mountain cabin residential sites, lot owners are reminded that Architectural Committee approval is required for any improvement or structure built or placed on any property. This includes temporary or permanent structures, storage sheds and containers.

**FUNDRAISING AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

The Board wants to hear your ideas for fundraising or other community gatherings. It was suggested that we plan a Chili Cook-off or maybe a Spaghetti Dinner during the summer or fall months. Please let us know your thoughts or if you would like to be part of a Swains Creek Pines event.

**KANE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Doug Heaton, Chairman (435) 644-4903  
Commissioner Jim Matson (435) 644-4904  
Commissioner Dirk Clayson (435) 644-4902

**ABANDONED WATER TANK ENTRAPMENT HAZARD**

John Rynes, Deputy Fire Chief for the Nevada Test Site and a Swains Creek Pines lot owner, sends us this warning: Now that we have municipal water, unused water tanks pose a serious threat. The underground tanks are no different than abandoned mines and wells and should be treated as such. Underground tanks can deteriorate, collapse or cave-in. Water seeping into the underground tanks, erosion, corrosion, and lid failure need to be addressed. The potential for a

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**Swains Creek Pines Lot Owners Association**  
**694 S Main Street**  
**St. George, UT 84770**

**Swains Creek Pines Lot Owners Association uses two addresses:**

1. Dues and assessment payments should be sent to our Computer Service:  
Briggs Business Services, Inc.  
Irene Briggs  
694 S Main Street  
St. George, UT 84770
2. Invoices to be paid should be sent to the Association Address:  
Swains Creek Pines Lot Owners Association  
P.O. Box 1164,  
Duck Creek Village, UT 84762
3. Matters concerning management of the development or facilities, may be addressed to the Association c/o Bill Rodreick at the Association address.
4. Barn Phone Number (435)-682-3127.
5. E-mail Address: [Irene@swainscreekpines.com](mailto:Irene@swainscreekpines.com) This e-mail address is accessed by Irene Briggs at her office in St. George. Sorry, she's not able to answer questions about road conditions and weather.



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Look us up on FACEBOOK!!!  
Search "Swains Creek Pines Lot Owners Association" and join.

**Check out the following web site for Swains Creek Pines Info and Association postings: <http://www.swainscreekpines.com>**

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child, family pet, or even wildlife to become trapped is a real concern and could result in serious injury or even drowning in very shallow water.

Please take appropriate measures to secure or remove any unused water storage tanks from your property. If you have suggestions, solutions or just need information, please contact Bill Rodreick, Swains Creek Pines Manager, or any Board Member.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT**  
**[WWW.SWAINSCREEKPINES.COM](http://WWW.SWAINSCREEKPINES.COM)**  
**WITH WEBCAM COMING SOON!!**  
**AND SWAINS CREEK PINES IS NOW ON**  
**FACEBOOK TOO!!**

**Board** *cont'd from pg. 1*

Also the Association would like to extend **A BIG THANK YOU** to our outgoing Board Members for their years of dedicated service !! **Jayne Alcorn, Vice-Chairman; Cathy Jones, Treasurer; and Dale Gardner, Secretary**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you would like to volunteer to help with any committees or events, please let us know. Volunteers are always needed to help maintain our great community. We really would like to see as many people as possible getting involved and that is what makes it fun! The more the merrier, as the saying goes!