



News From Swains Creek

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Bear Sited in Swains Creek!!



At our last association meeting, Dustin Shively, of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, reported a black bear, approximately 3 years old and 200 pounds, had been in our area for about a week; it had been in people's garbage, truck beds, bird feeders, on porches, and looking in windows. Signs have been posted. A dog who fought with the bear now has a broken leg. The bear shows no fear of people.

Dustin reviewed the policy regarding nuisance bears and stated the bear's behavior is classified at 2, nearly 3. Public safety is the concern. The bear has associated cabins with food.

This bear is probably the same bear that was seen at the True Value in Duck Creek, and also at Smith's Smokehouse in Duck Creek. It is not uncommon for a bear to travel 20 miles at night.

Dustin recommends everyone remove all bear attractants: take in bird feeders including hummingbird feeders, bird seed, deer feed, and garbage.

Dustin requested all bear sightings be reported to him at (435) 691-1383 at any time, or to 911. Dustin recommended people continue with their normal activities, and take bear spray on hikes. If you see a bear, yell, throw your hands up, back away, throw a rock. Bear hunting season runs through the end of this May. **Our CCRs do not allow hunting in the sub-division.** Dustin will notify Bill Rodreick, our manager, of bear status in the future.

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On Top Of The Mountain Cabin Cleaning L L C - Business opened by Swains Creek Resident!!

Lisa Castell-Bates and her husband have been on the mountain for 3 years—one of them as a full time residents. They love that we have a stocked pond, lots of neat lot owners & beautiful scenery. They love it so much that they decided to open a business here! They offer the convenience of being on the mountain and not having to charge a travel fee like most of their competitors.

Their services include window cleaning for a good price, bug spraying at reasonable pricing, construction cleanup, cleaning cabins, and opening & closing up your cabin for the season.

Call 435-682-4006 or email

Lisa at: ontopofthemtncabin-cleaning@yahoo.com

for more Information or to schedule a service!



Chairman's Chat

Hello all,

Before you get settled in to read this chat, you may want to get a fresh cup of coffee or a new cocktail as we are going to go over the results of the survey that was sent out to all of you. To make this easier, I'll re-state the question followed by how the members who responded voted and lastly what the Board intends to do about that particular question. There are a total of 804 lots with each lot having one vote. Of this total we received anywhere from a 50% to a 68% response depending on the question. As of April 30th the results are as follows. Hang on, have a big gulp, and here we go...

Question #1

Should we continue to have the Labor Day Potluck?

Of a possible 804 votes, 430 votes were cast.

A response of 53%

371 were YES (86%), 59 (14%) were NO.

The Board will continue to have the Labor Day Potluck.

Question #2

Should we continue to have Camp Golden Eagle?

Of a possible 804 votes, 410 votes were cast.

A response of 51%

337 were YES (82%), 73(18%) were NO.

The Board will continue to have Camp Golden Eagle.

Question #3

Would you be willing to help with Labor Day activities?

Of a possible 804 votes, 402 votes were cast.

A response of 50%

165 were YES (41%), 237 (59%) were NO.

The votes speak for themselves. However the Board will continue to find volunteers and continue these activities.

Question #4

Are you in favor of having a small playground installed near the pavilion?

Of a possible 804 votes, 467 votes were cast.

A response of 58%

280 were YES (60%), 187 (40%) were NO.

The Board will look into the cost and location of a playground with the intent of establishing one.



Question # 5

Should the board pursue having magnesium chloride applied to our roads to reduce the dust in Swains Creek?

Of a possible 804 votes, 529 votes were cast.

A response of 66%.

362 were YES (68%), 167 (32%) were NO.

See comments later in this article.



Swain's Residence being visited by a bear!

Question # 6

Would you be willing to pay an additional assessment estimated to be at least \$75.00 per year, per lot, for at least two years, to have magnesium chloride applied to our roads?

Of a possible 804 votes, 544 were cast.

A response of 68 %.

344 were YES (63%), 200 (37%) were NO.

Based on the results of questions 5 and 6, the Board will pursue the option of magnesium chloride for dust control. A further vote (not a survey) from the lot owners is needed. If approved, and assessments are paid with the February 1, 2009 dues, the project could be started next year, hopefully in the spring. A ballot question for an ongoing commitment will be included with the mailing for the elections, to be tabulated for the Labor Day meeting. The cost is estimated at \$75 for the first year, and a figure in an amount to be determined by the supplier for the second year.

It is important to mention that the effectiveness of Mag. Chloride dissipates over time and it will need to be re-applied on a continuing basis, although not as often as time progresses.

Well, I hope that you made it through all the statistics without too much of a headache. I also want to thank all of you who participated in this survey for your time and input. I assure you that this Board takes this information seriously and it is of immense help in guiding the course for Swains Creek Pines.

On a lighter note, the pond is full and we have been releasing water down stream to keep it from overflowing. It is looking like a good year for water and we hope to stock the pond a couple of more times if the water level permits.

See you on the mountain,

Alan

Events



Next Association Board Meeting – June 14th, 2008 at the barn - 10am.

Schedule of Association Board meetings: Sunday, July 20th (note the date change!!), August 16th, August 31st (annual meeting), October 4th, and January 10th, 2009.

June 14th - Open House BBQ - Cedar Mountain Fire Protection Dist. At the Fire Hall

July 5th, Saturday -Independence Day Celebration In the Village
Parade - Public Entries Welcome - Decorate your quads or enter a float
Live Band & Fireworks Following Parade

July 5th, Saturday - CMFPD Pancake Breakfast

July 18th & 19th - Duck Creek Days

August 16th - Fire 'n Ice -Cedar Mountain Fire Protection Dist. At the Fire Hall

Labor Day Weekend - Saturday Night

Village End of Summer Party sponsored by The Duck Creek Village Merchants

Live Music Featuring Muddy Boots Band

6pm to 10pm @ Cedar Mountain Home Furnishings

Saturday: Swains Creek— Camp Golden Eagle 8 am

Sunday: Swains Creek—Annual Meeting 1pm at the Pavilion

Sunday: Swains Creek—Annual BBQ 5pm



Manager's Tidbits and Board Notes

**800 pounds of fish were planted Tuesday, May 13th at the same price as last year: \$4.25 per pound, for a total cost of \$3,400.00. The budget for fish is \$8,000 for this year.

**The runway has been rolled. Remember that no vehicles of any kind are allowed on the runway. If caught driving anything on the runway you will be charged for any repair needed.

**Burt Harris, of the County road department, will come in and assess driveways to see where additional road culverts are needed. Delineator reflective markers will be put in some areas for snowplowing purposes.

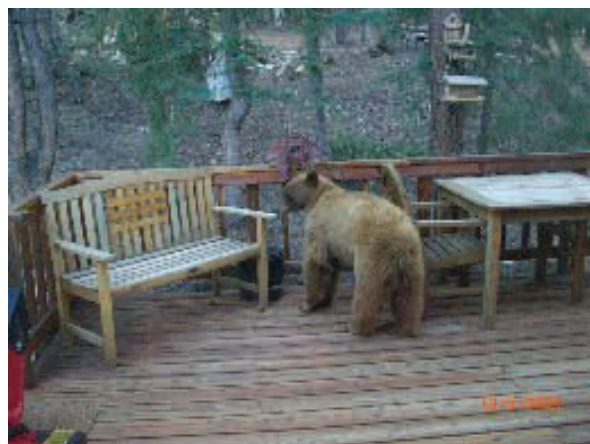
**The July meeting was set during Duck Creek days. Following discussion, the July meeting was rescheduled from July 19 to Sunday, July 20, at 9:00 AM.

**Liens. 68 property owners have not paid their dues on approximately 84 properties. On May 1 the \$10 penalty was added. Letters have been sent out. On June 1 another penalty will be added. On July 1, certified letters

will be sent to notify lot owners the liens will be placed and an additional \$108.50 in administrative fees will be added.

**Adopt-A-Highway clean-up scheduled for June 14, at 2:00 PM, after the next Board meeting.

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The bear in Swains Creek checking out a cabin deck!

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. Updated weather and road conditions are available by calling this number.
5. E-mail Address: swainscreek@infowest.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.



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

More Tidbits (cont'd from page 3)

**Pot Lucks - 6:00pm-Utah time- on Board meeting days at the Pavilion. Everyone is welcome to attend!!

**Fire Station Two is in Elk Ridge and opened the end of January. The entrance is off Highway 89, into Elk Ridge.



**Volunteers for Camp Golden Eagle, please contact Cheryl Case at cheryl@comnett.net or 702-595-5900. Include SCPLOA, Swains Creek or Camp Golden Eagle in the subject line

**Garkane power is clearing up to seven feet wide under some overhead power lines in our area.

**It is the lot owner's responsibility to repair any broken white pipe at their water supply.

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**Swains Creek Resident Expands
Duck \$Bucks\$ Store and Branches Out**

The family owned Dollar Store, Duck Creek \$Bucks\$, is adding a new discounted item section. This now include souvenir t-shirts, hats, sweat-shirts, and other items at discount prices in their inventory. They also carry discounted winter hats, coats, and gloves. Have no fear, the dollar store still exists with new items arriving all the time. Dennis Sullivan, co-owner of the store and Swains Creek resident, is branching out!! He has recently gotten his real estate license and is working with ***EXIT Above All Realty*** in Duck Creek. When you are in Duck Creek Village, drop in and see the new and exciting merchandise Duck Creek \$Bucks\$ has to offer.