



Storm Mountain 8th Annual Holiday Celebration

The 8th annual Storm Mountain holiday celebration will take place on Saturday December 11th. Please join us as we gather to celebrate the holiday season with good friends and neighbors. This year's event will be a potluck dinner with a special visit from Santa (with gifts for the children). The Social Committee will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverages. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift for each adult wanting to

participate (please limit gifts to about ten dollars each).

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Rod & Lynne Scherencel's @ 122 Galena Court

A special note to those with children: Mr. & Mrs. Claus will visit the kids again this year. Please contact Chris @ cbwold240@q.com or Karen H @ tigger1_16@yahoo.com to let the North Pole know the ages of children coming, and/or to volunteer to help. See you all at the Celebration!

A Change in Board Members

After several years serving as the Cedar Springs Improvement Association President, Jeff Ostrich resigned from his position effective November 15th, 2010. Jeff served as the board President for several years, working tirelessly for the community on projects such as road maintenance and repairs. Jeff also led the board in taking a tough stance on payment of dues; oftentimes requiring court preparation and testimony.

Rod Scherencel, the previous Secretary of the Board, will fill the

role of President. Heidi Bauer will fill the Secretary position vacated by Rod Scherencel. Heidi will be working primarily to improve communications through newsletters, meeting minutes, email and postings on the Cedar Springs Website. Both office positions will be ratified at the winter meeting.

Thank you Jeff for your years of dedication and service to our community! Welcome Heidi to your new role as Secretary!

Community Announcements

1) To access the new website address for the Cedar Springs Improvement Association (CSIA), please visit: www.cedarspringsimprovement.com. The CSIA is committed to keeping the information on the site updated and informative.

2) Please save the date for the next Cedar Springs Improvement Association meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 20th.

3) To avoid a late fee, all property dues of \$225/lot for filings 3-4 and \$180/lot for filings 1-2 are due by 12/31/10.

4) Did you know that the Storm Mountain community has a Yahoo group email? If you are interested in signing up along with 140+ of your neighbors, please go to this website link to sign up:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stormmountain/> If you have questions or need help getting set up, please email John Green at: john@joyfulhaven.com

5) Twice yearly, the Cedar Springs Improvement Association will post an expenditure tracking and budget report. This report will be available to all Cedar Springs residents on the CSIA website. Please plan to visit the website in February to view the report, or attend the February 20th meeting.

6) Weather permitting, the guardrail that was damaged last winter will be repaired by the time you receive this newsletter (or shortly after). The replacement cost, which is 3,500 dollars, is being shared between the Cedar Park and Cedar Springs Associations.

Annual Assessment

The access road and internal roads have suffered due to non-payment of annual dues. Thank you to all property owners who pay their assessments in a timely fashion. Your dedication to our community has helped us maintain the roads. You will be pleased to know that your board has aggressively pursued delinquent accounts in fairness to those who pay in a regular, timely manner. Late fees of \$25.00 per lot owned for payments received after a 14

day grace period, interest charges of 1.5 per cent per month, all attorney fees and other collection costs are recoverable by law from the delinquent homeowners. If you are having a difficult time making your payment, please contact you association board and make arrangements to set up a payment schedule to avoid collection costs that are often far higher than the initial amount due. Late payments do not exempt anyone from penalties.

Winter Safety Reminders

The cold weather is here and snow has started to fall. Soon everyone will be enjoying time with family and friends for the holiday season. Here are a few safety reminders to help prepare you for the winter season.

- Drive the speed limit or slower on the access and internal roads. Many of us know first-hand how easy it is to slide off the road. Please leave a few minutes early and take it slow.
- Vehicles traveling down need to yield to vehicles moving up.
- Always have a tow strap, shovel, first aid kit, tire chains and blanket available in your vehicle.

- Prepare for the worst by practicing how to put on your snow chains when weather conditions are ideal.
- In your home, make sure a child or pet cannot knock over a portable heater
- Turn holiday lighting off before you leave and also before you go to bed
- Use a carbon monoxide detector on each floor of your home with sleeping rooms

Wishing you and your family a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.