



## **Alpine Acres Association, Spring 2020 Newsletter**

Greetings Alpine Acres Association Property Owners:

Cabin season has arrived and it is a welcomed relief. The roads are clear and Summit County is working to grate them as soon as they can. They have already grated up to the Thousands Peaks Ranch gate with more work to come. Some of the Association roads still have some small snow drifts on them. Please proceed with caution as you navigate through them to get to your property. The mountains are awaiting our arrival.

It has been a challenging first part of the year. Who would have thought that 2020 would be filled with so much uncertainty. Between earthquakes and the COVID-19 pandemic, we sure have had our lives shaken up from the normal routines. Rest assured that we can find peace and quiet in Alpine Acres and have plenty of social distancing space to keep ourselves in compliance with government regulations.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in conjunction with state and local restrictions that were imposed, we canceled our April annual meeting. We thank you for your understanding in our decision to take this step. It was difficult to do, but, we felt that it was in the best interest of all Alpine Acres Association members and we also wanted to be compliant with government regulations.

In discussions with Summit County and State officials about what may be the status of the COVID-19 regulations in July, there still remains a high level of uncertainty. This has brought up the question about the status of the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic. Although there is a possibility that restrictions on group gatherings may be lifted to the capacity of 50 in July, there is no guarantee. In addition, the food preparation restrictions and social distancing will most likely still be in place. As a result, we have decided as a Board that we will be canceling the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic this year. Again, this was a tough decision to make. The health and well being of each and every one of you is of the utmost importance. Please enjoy the time with your family and friends up in Alpine Acres and wave from a distance this year. We will plan on the annual picnic for 2021.

What we will not be canceling this year are the maintenance and upkeep items that help make Alpine Acres the beauty that it is. We will be monitoring the Association roads and gates throughout the first part of the season and proceed with the most needed areas for maintenance.

If you encounter a particular area in need, please reach out and contact one of the Board Members.

Annual dues are still the life source of the Association and all members are encouraged to stay current. Alpine Acres Association Treasurer, Scott Kimber, has already emailed out notices regarding membership dues. The dues make certain that we can maintain the roads, gates, Association property, and provide information to all members. Your expedited attention to these notices is very much appreciated. Please take a moment to send payment, along with the invoice, back to Alpine Acres Association so that we can bring your account up to date.

It was identified last year that the Association needed to replace the announcement board located on the opposite side of the road from the Happy Returns area. The Board is working on the project and have plans to replace it this summer with one that is larger and more protected from the elements. Keep your eyes open for progress that will be posted on the Alpine Acres Association website ([www.alpineacres.us](http://www.alpineacres.us)).

This year we were due to replace one Board member, as her time of service has been reached. With all the unusual circumstances transpiring this year, we were unable to hold a nomination and vote at the annual meeting. Marilynn Monson has graciously agreed to stay on for the remainder of this year and we will vote on a replacement at next year's meeting. Next year will also have an additional member reaching their fulfillment time on the Board and we will need to nominate and vote on an additional replacement. During this time frame, please think about who a good nominee might be and willing to serve on the Board.

I have been working with Summit County on their 911 address database over the last two years. They have been and will continue to assign physical addresses to each lot in Alpine Acres. This process will not replace the legal description or plot number that is already assigned by the County. It will be an additional piece of information and provide a more user-friendly ability to locate properties. This will improve response times and their ability to locate us in the event we need emergency responders.

Here is a link to the Summit County map that is being used that contains the Association roads along with their names (<http://maps.summitcounty.org/>). Zoom in on the Alpine Acres area and take a look at the road designations and names. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me directly. This process is anticipated to be finalized by the end of the summer.

Recently there have been numerous inquiries to the Board about water diversion (both current and past) and what is being done about it. Water rights in the State of Utah are a very sensitive and cherished issue. In the past, the Alpine Acres Board has assisted in facilitating groups of property owners to address water diversion issues and will continue to do so when appropriate and requested. However, the Alpine Acres Association Board will not be the requesting entity for actions related to water diversion projects or complaints. These actions are best addressed by the affected property owners in conjunction with the State Department of Water Rights and not an Association responsibility.

We are very fortunate to have Darren Rasmussen as our point of contact with the State Division of Water Rights. On numerous occasions, he or one of his team members, have visited the Alpine Acres area and conducted sight evaluations and inspections. They are very willing to take a day in the field to visit with you if the need arises. If you have questions, contact one of the Board members. Or, contact Daren at the following information:

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We are looking forward to a wonderful Spring, Summer and Fall season. The mountains await us. May we all enjoy them to the fullest and be safe while doing so. The Alpine Acres Association Board extends their thanks to all of you for your dedication and hard work in helping to preserve the peace and beauty we all enjoy. Please let myself or another Board member know if you have any questions.

Additional posts and information will be made available throughout the season on the Alpine Acres Association website ([www.alpineacres.us](http://www.alpineacres.us)).

Regards,

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**Alpine Acres Fire Council Update, May 2020**

Communication and the relationship with our contact, Travis Wright at the DNR continues to stay strong. Travis is noticing that 2020 spring fuel moisture is similar to moisture in 2018, which means this could be a heavy fire season. Let's cross our fingers that we see a weather pattern change and don't repeat 2018.

In 2019, The Fire Council connected AA property owners to the DNR like never before. Our property owners worked with the DNR to treat over 30 acres in the community. In total they burned 1,003 piles in Alpine Acres and Holladay park combined. This is a great start to keeping our community and surrounding community's more fire resistant. I want to thank our Holliday Park neighbors for their efforts. Fire doesn't recognize property lines or community boundaries.

Travis and the DNR have a "no burn" order this spring and they hope this is lifted by the fall. COVID-19 being a respiratory illness has halted their burning, but Travis can assist others if they want to burn their own piles safely.

The Forest Service completed their work on the fire break last year. We hope to continue working with them and plan future fire breaks surrounding our community.

The DNR is scheduled to continue the fuel reduction work in AA this June, however this may change with weather patterns and other fires. Travis's focus will be on our roadways (in's and out's) for fire fighter and public safety. When targeting properties for fuel reduction this spring, the focus will be on boundary properties to help create a fire break for the rest of the community. As always, community education is a priority and we'll look for ways to achieve this with COVID-19 concerns.

Please, please log your work on our "in-kind hours" sheets and send them in. This is how we match our funding for the grant. The link is on the website and you can return completed forms; at the picnic drop box, email [ericsorensen.aafc@gmail.com](mailto:ericsorensen.aafc@gmail.com), or deliver them to any AAFC member.

On behalf of the Alpine Acres Fire Council we hope this finds you well and you're staying healthy. Thank you for being safe and your involvement in reducing fire risks in our beautiful mountain community.

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