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PRODUCTIVE PARK WORK DAY



Saturday, July 17th saw a handful of members participate in a work day at Black Bear Park along Forest Road 10 in SLP. Volunteers mowed and trimmed grass, gave the playground equipment a fresh coat of paint, installed a barrier to deter visitors from driving onto park property and thinned trees.



Sally Hunter mows while Paul Lisko and John Hines install a barrier to discourage visitors from driving vehicles onto the park grounds

The park received a new sign, handcrafted by SLP resident artist, Shawn Weary. We thank him for volunteering his time and talent to spruce up the park. Lunch was provided to the participants and we hope to make this an annual event, next year to include the park near the firehouse.

As an additional note, we have a broken swing at Black Bear Park. New parts are being ordered and it will be fixed soon. While monthly inspections are performed on the playground equipment, if you see anything that needs to be addressed, please email parks1@slppoa.org.

SEEKING A SECRETARY

The SLPPOA Board of Directors is looking for a member to join the board as Secretary. The job of secretary is one of the most important and is *essential* to allow the board to function legally and efficiently. For the most part, duties of the secretary include transcribing minutes of the recorded meetings and sending out official correspondence. A laptop computer, printer and office supplies are made available for the Secretary's use.

Taking care of a community the size of Sierra los Pinos with a volunteer board is challenging and we rely on our neighbors to step up and take on just a portion of the duties required to keep this function "in house". If you are interested, please send an email to board1@slppoa.org. Please consider volunteering for this position!

KEEP DITCHES/CULVERTS CLEAN

For the proper, year-round maintenance and health of our roads, please keep culverts adjoining your property cleaned out and watch the runoff during snow melt and rainstorms. If runoff from your property is causing unwanted erosion in the community roads, do your best to mitigate it.

Ditch/culvert cleaning is a **corrective maintenance activity for ditches and culverts focused on sediment and debris removal**. By cleaning the ditches and keeping culverts clear, you mitigate water running over the roads, especially during spring runoff and during monsoon season, that create the ruts we see in our roads.

It is expected of the owner of land adjoining a road to maintain these ditches and culverts which provide natural drainage for both the land and road. Included are links to YouTube videos which offer possible methods to keep your culverts clean.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCw6HVsQ-tc>
or
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awbBbJ0-nPg>



SNOW REMOVAL

After reaching out to several snow removal contractors, the board has yet to pin down someone

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for the 2021-2022 snow season. We have some requests for quotes out, but if you or someone you know might be interested in providing those services, please contact board member, Dave Stuedell, our roads coordinator at roads1@slppoa.org. We will need any and all proposals as soon as possible in order to have a contract in place before the first snow. Your assistance is appreciated!

YEARLY ROAD MAINTENANCE

The board budgets each year to have the roads within the community graded. The 2021 annual road grading was completed the week of August 30th. In 2020, the roads were graded prior to the monsoon season and we received some complaints when the hard rain degraded the nice, smooth roads. This year, the board opted to grade the roads after the monsoons. Both options have pros and cons. Now that we have tried both options, we would like your feedback as to preferences and have created a poll. The poll is anonymous, so please control/click the link and let us know your preference. [SLPPOA Road Maintenance Poll](#). The board will review the responses and take them as into consideration when scheduling future road grading. The poll is NOT a binding vote, only a mechanism to see what option SLPPOA members prefer.

THOMPSON RIDGE SLASH PIT

As many of you know, the Forest Service closed the Thompson Ridge Slash Pit due to dumping abuses by the public. Brian Riley, our District Ranger, is well aware of the slash pit's importance to the community but feels, with obvious justification, that open, unattended operation doesn't work. He raised the possibility of re-opening with restricted hours and has recently come up with funding to have attendants

monitor the slash pit on four upcoming Saturdays, beginning September 18th. Please contact the [Jemez Ranger District](#) for more information.

WINTER PREP WATER TIP

Many of the water leaks found on members' properties in the past year have been located at their standpipes and outdoor faucets. Even if you have a frost-free faucet, you MUST disconnect your hose for it to work properly. Not disconnecting your hose prevents the water from draining, causing the water to freeze inside the faucet unit and making it crack.

If you know or suspect you have a water leak, contact John Hines, **SLPPOA Water Operator**, and he will schedule a time to come out and assist you with locating the leak.



ELECTION RESULTS

Two SLPPOA members ran for positions on the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting held Saturday, September 11th. David Studell and Paul Lisko were both re-elected to the board. David will continue to serve as the road's coordinator Paul will continue to serve as President. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to vote.

JOIN A BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

Regular meetings of the SLPPOA board of directors are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are held virtually via the Zoom platform. SLPPOA members are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings. To be added to the invitation list, please email president1@slppoa.org.

**First day of Fall
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