

# Glastonbury Landowners Association Newsletter

Winter 2009

## An introduction to our New Board...

At our Annual Meeting and Elections on November 8, 2008, Landowners voted in person and by absentee ballot for Directors to serve 2-year terms on the GLA Board. For those of you who are out-of-town landowners or were unable to attend that meeting, we would like to introduce our new Board to you.

### North Glastonbury

Gerald Dubiel (*re-elected*)

Janet Naclerio (*re-elected*)

Sheridan Stenberg

### South Glastonbury

Alyssa Angelis (*re-elected*)

Laura Boise (*re-elected*)

Rich Spallone (*re-elected*)

The above will join North Glastonbury Directors William Smith, Paul Rantalo, and Charlotte Mizzi and South Glastonbury Directors Richard Bolen, Daniel Kehoe, Jr. and Frances Owen, who are all completing their 2-year terms.

Landowners also re-elected are Penelope Price, from North Glastonbury, and Jeanne Campbell, from South Glastonbury, to continue to serve as Ombudsmen.

## Executive Officers & Committee Chairs

On December 8, 2008, the new Board appointed the following Directors to serve as Executive Officers and Committee Chairs on the GLA Board.

### Executive Officers

*President:* Laura Boise

*Vice-President:* Richard Bolin

*Secretary:* Janet Naclerio

*Treasurer:* Sheridan Stenberg

### Committee Chairs

*Road & Weed:* William Smith/Rich Spallone

*Project Review:* Alyssa Angelis/Rich Spallone

*Community & Recreation:* Richard Bolin,

Laura Boise and Janet Naclerio

*Website:* Dan Kehoe, Jr.

## Calling all Volunteers!

We encourage anyone with skills or talents to contact the GLA Board if you would like to volunteer your time in assisting with the many tasks and projects that lay before us in the coming year. You can contact us at our website: [www.GLA-MT.org](http://www.GLA-MT.org)

## Road Note

The weather has already brought some challenges this year, therefore, we are once again giving more attention to road issues. Even with the lion's share of our budget (78%) going to roads, those resources are not unlimited. This is not exclusive to us, since local and state governments have also struggled to deal with what nature has dealt so far; already putting many over budget. While we are striving to do all we can with the resources available to us, we realize this is a challenging time economically. Even with minor assessment increases, it is difficult to keep pace with these factors as costs continue to rise.

## GLA Board Meeting Schedule for 2009

St. John's Church, Emigrant 6:45 – 9:30 p.m.

January 12	July 13
February 9	August 10
March 9	September 14
April 6	October 5
May 11	November 9
June 8	December 14

**NOTE:** Please regularly check our website for updated scheduling information regarding meeting changes. Election Meeting information will be mailed to Landowners in September and October.

## Board Contact Policy

Remember to send your correspondence to: GLA, P.O. Box 312, Emigrant MT 59027, or you can access the on-line comment form at our website. Please indicate whether you would like your correspondence to be directed to a specific committee, Board member or the entire Board. If there is an emergency situation, please call 911. For road emergencies, you can contact Rich Spallone at 223-0215, for South, and William Smith at 333-9040, or Paul Rantalo at 333-4672, for North.

## Are you Selling Your Property?

... or are you planning to do so in the near future? If so, please let us know. One of the Association's responsibilities is keeping an up-to-date database of all current Landowners. Upon the sale of your property, please provide new owner information to our Treasurer, Sheridan Stenberg, at 333-4589, or fill out the transfer of property form available on our web site.

## E-mail Subscriptions

To assist in lowering our costs, you may receive your GLA newsletter by e-mail. It's easy to do, just log onto our website.

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## Annual Road Committee Report

Winter Driving in Montana - The Road Committee has drafted a *Snow Plowing Policy* to help Landowners know what level of services they can expect. We have a great team that makes every effort to respond quickly. However, please remember that we do not have full time employees available around the clock even though they often work early morning hours and late nights. For questions or input regarding our effort to make snow removal and plowing a success this winter, please contact the Road Committee Chairmen, William Smith and/or Rich Spallone, phone numbers listed above.

Grading & Graveling - During the past few years, our roads have held up rather well. We had some set backs from Mother Nature due to the spring flooding resulting in an unexpected \$15,000 bill. Because of this expense, along with last year's heavy snow fall, the purchase of a second snowplow/sanding truck and a Quonset Hut, we were not able to do as much of the upgrading and graveling planned. This year we hope to continue efforts to maintain the quality of our roads. Please remember that in order to *increase* services, the Landowners would need to vote for a larger increase in assessments.

Chip Sealing - The Road Committee is continuing their work on the chip sealing proposal. As you may know, we were unable to proceed this past season due to doubling and tripling oil prices. The committee is anticipating that since gas prices have fallen we will be able to resume this project and send out a proposal by summer

Road Policy - Historically, since the inception of Glastonbury, a road policy was provided in an introductory packet given to prospective Landowners. Over the years, this became more of an internal Board policy as to how the Road Committee was to maintain the roads. Because some owners may be unaware of this, we are enclosing a copy of our current *Road Policy* for your records. Please keep this with your legal documents.

## Illegal Hunting & Trespassing -

In recent months there has been an increased number of trespassing and illegal hunting activity, by both Landowners and non-residents on posted or fenced private property within Glastonbury. For those who hunt, please use caution near homes and Landowners that might be in the vicinity of stray bullets. Please report these infractions to Jim Miller, MFWP Game Warden at 223-3918, or to the Sheriff 222-2050.

## Snowplowing Policy

1. The GLA Board of Directors and members of the Road and Weed Committee are dedicated to providing the Glastonbury Landowners and residents with well maintained and safe roads within the financial constraints of our annual budget, logistical limitations dealt to us by weather conditions and availability of qualified personnel to respond. The members of this committee have worked together to assemble a group of qualified people who can man the GLA snowplow and other privately owned and operated snowplow rigs.
2. Having said this and dedicated ourselves to the upkeep and safety of Community Roads, the GLA has limited annual budget and infrastructure resources which cannot provide services equal to a municipal government or the Montana Department of Transportation.
3. Glastonbury Landowners and residents must recognize that we live in a high altitude, northern climate in which conditions, such as snowfall, wet roads with freezing temperatures and wind, can change for the worse in a short period of time. Each driver is responsible for providing a vehicle sufficiently equipped to handle typical Montana weather. This is even more important on the more remote and steep roads within Glastonbury. Each driver is expected to drive in a safe/slow manner warranted by the current road Conditions.
4. We will make every effort to commence snowplowing on asphalted (paved) roads when snow accumulation has reached a minimum of 2 inches in depth, and on gravel roads when snow accumulation has reached a minimum 4 inches in depth. Both the paved and gravel roads can sustain damage when plowed with snow accumulation at less than these levels. Priority will be given to paved and main gravel roads in both North and South Glastonbury, with an emphasis on early morning weekday hours in order to effectively utilize all resources of manpower and equipment.

## GLA goals for 2009 -

We will continue to work to make every dollar stretch in order to provide the best service our budget will allow. GLA assessments equate to about *one dollar per day for each owner* - far less than what many associations assess, and less than some assess monthly. *The GLA Board is committed to serving and working with you during the coming year to make our organization even better!*