

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

As I end my second term as President, I would like to thank those who have given so generously of their time in behalf of our Community. One of the BOD's foremost concerns has been to attempt to keep costs down so that those who live in Elk Meadows and are on tight budgets can continue to live here.

Our First Vice President, David Mullings, is also retiring from the BOD. He has always given us wise advice from his own unique point of view. David chaired the Solar Committee which oversaw the planning and installation of the solar system which now powers the Water Treatment Plant and the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Tim Beene, Helen Bowers, and Bill Chipley also served on the Solar Committee.

Our Second Vice President, Mike Cammack, continues on the BOD and has been our contact for the thankless tasks of maintaining our roads and snowplowing. Mike has done a great job on the roads as well as providing a fresh outlook on the issues we face at Elk Meadows.

Maggie Guscott has served as our Treasurer for the last two years and is standing for re-election. She also served as Secretary for most of the last year. She has worked tirelessly to keep our Community in good financial condition. Without Maggie, a lot of tasks at Elk Meadows would never have gotten done. I am personally extremely grateful for her help on so many fronts.

Pam DePena joined the BOD in May and took over the position of Secretary. She will remain on the BOD for the next year. Pam was, and continues to be, in charge of the Community Directory and the Community Website.

Walt Atwood and Baird Brown have overseen the effort to revamp our Governance Documents. This project, to bring our documents into compliance with State Law, was approved at the 2016 Annual Meeting and is nearing completion. There will be another Special Meeting in the near future to make final adjustments before the revised documents are submitted to the entire Community for approval or disapproval.

Peter Rowland has headed up the Conservation Committee with help from Ceann Ingram, Diane Thompson, and Belinda Chisholm. Some of the projects that they have tackled are weed control, dark skies, and the bark beetle control program.

Tim Beene and Bill Hamman have overseen the operation of our Water Treatment Plant and Waste Treatment Plant. Jim Hayford is our engineer for testing these systems on a day to day basis. Thanks to their efforts, both our drinking water system and our waste treatment facilities are working well. Tim has also worked on the Solar Committee and on Weed Control.

Laurie Sweetman, as our Newsletter Editor, has done an admirable job of keeping the Community informed on the issues we face in Elk Meadows.

I have taken the lead on an issue that affects the whole Community but especially those with respiratory issues - Speeding on our Roads. Our speed limit in Elk Meadows is 20 MPH. Many obey it, many do not. Speeding causes excessive dust, and danger to wildlife and children.

My home is at the corner of Aspen Drive and Forest Hill Road. Most spring, summer, and autumn mornings, I sit in my backyard for several hours photographing birds. I am in a perfect position to observe driving patterns on Aspen Drive. Almost

50% of all vehicles are speeding - not just a little, but a lot. Yes, UPS drivers and contractors are some of the worst culprits, but most of the speeders are residents or renters. "Slow Down" signs work for some of these violators, but many just don't give a damn. The only ways to encourage these folks to adhere to our speed limits are proactive methods like speed bumps.

Last summer we tried several gravel speed bumps on Aspen Drive. They worked pretty well but many drivers speeded up again immediately beyond the bumps. This year we're trying something different. We're installing rubber speed bumps, like the ones in parking lots and streets that are designed to slow vehicles to 15 MPH. They can be moved around on the Community's roads and removed for winter snow plowing. A sign will be posted at the Community entrance stating "Speed Bumps Ahead", so all will be warned.

Thank you for the honor of serving the Community again. I'm sure that the new BOD will continue the effort to make Elk Meadows a great place to live. Please give them your support. The BOD doesn't get paid. They are all volunteers who donate their time and efforts to the Community. Elk Meadows does best when everyone pulls in the same direction.

**Joe Lange
President**