

Winter Park Highlands



Association



Annual Meeting July 28, 2018 11- 2PM Commons Area

This newsletter provides communication on Agenda items and decisions made for WPHA at the Annual Meeting held on July 28, 2018 held at WPHA Commons.

This year's annual meeting focused on an extremely important topic: **Fire Adapted Communities: Increasing Wildfire Resiliency**. Through our past efforts at wildfire mitigation and our status as a FireWise Community, the Winter Park Highlands has been selected by the **Grand County Wildfire Council** as the first subdivision in Grand County to participate in a Community Risk Assessment. The study is being conducted by the Wildfire Research Center, also known as **WiRē**. We encourage everyone's participation in the upcoming **WiRē** survey!

GUEST SPEAKERS Increasing Wildfire Resiliency

Schelly Olsen, Assistant Chief, Grand Fire Protection District No. 1. Chief Olsen is also founder and chairperson of the Grand County Wildfire Council.

Matt Schiltz, Forester, Colorado State Forest Service, Granby Field Office.

Brad White, Assistant Chief for Operations/Training

- Condition of our forests now vs. 200 years ago; the Era of Megafires [Matt]
- Fire Adapted Communities as part of the National Cohesive Strategy; the WPH as a Fire Adapted Community [Schelly]
- Ready, Set, Go! [intro by Schelly]
 - Firewise building construction [Cress]
 - Firewise landscaping, home ignition zone, defensible space & mitigation [Matt]
 - Wildfire preparedness & early evacuation; personal responsibility and planning [Schelly]
- Emergency egress out of the WPH [Cress]
- Fire prevention in WPH; fire restrictions; emergency notifications/information [Cress and Schelly]
- Wildfire Research Team Community Risk Assessments/Social Surveys [Schelly and Brad]

The focus going forward will be a team effort with the emphasis on managing vs. suppression!!!!

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- We have a cohesive wildfire strategy with our HOA, Fire and Forest Service Depts.
- With the service assessment for defensible space around your home and the potential grant money available for homeowners - now is the time to be proactive.
- Reference the “Ready Set Go” brochure or visit the website: www.wildlandfireRSG.org
- The best overall County resource for wildfire information is the Grand County Wildfire Council and their website (www.bewildfireready.org)
- One of the many ways we can all work together - HOA hire a chipper and dumpster for our Neighborhood to have a focused time period to take care of dead slash etc.

ALL HOMES SHOULD LOOK LIKE THIS WITH REGARDS TO “DEFENSIBLE SPACE”



Suggestions from our experts:

- Phone tree for our community
 - Call 211 for special registration - special needs, pets etc.
 - Register for CODE RED
 - Contact 970-725-3311 for Non Emergency Dispatch
 - Check out additional sites:
 - GCEMERGENCY.COM
 - FACEBOOK/TWITTER
- Attendees were provided with an evacuation route map.

Annual Meeting

- Quorum was established - 58 Attendees + Proxies
- 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes approved

Financial Summary - \$65,000 in Account - Current financial statement available on our website.

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Membership: Mike Braddy shared that we currently have 222 members in our HOA vs 206 in 2017.

Accomplishments:

- Trash Enclosure completed under budget - only Trash members paid for the enclosure.
- By-Laws updated
- Architectural Committee has done an outstanding job of establishing relationships with key realtors and contractors in the area.
- Working with the County on STR policies and communications.

Key Issues & Updates

In progress

- Pond firming project led by Bob Colosimo
 - We have a \$20,000 grant
 - Estimated cost will be \$30,000
- Website upgrade led by Mike Hagerty
 - Goal: Simplify web design
- Ongoing investigation for Internet Solutions - Mike Hagerty
 - USDA funding is being investigated

PRIDE WEEKEND - 9/1/2018 - COMMONS AREA. Information letter to be sent to all members by August 01, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS UPDATE -

New Members: Tammy Gillespie and Mike Hagerty

Board Members leaving:

Charlie Bouchard and Scott Ledin

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE

2018 Board Members:

Bob Colosimo - President; Fred Chapin - Vice President; Lynette Teichman - Treasurer; Karen Bishop/Sherry Pelton - Secretary; Cress Carter - AC; Heidi McNinch; Susan Oderwald; Mike Hagerty - Website

Mike Braddy - Communications

Adjourned : 2:01PM

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