

President's Message

Tom Marmins

It's hard to believe that December is here. It seems like just yesterday it was January 1, 2006 time does fly by. The progress that North Star has made is amazing. Not only did members of the board work to make changes and improvements but also many members of the community helped whenever asked.

The dog issues have decreased and with the help of Animal Control the summer of 2007 should see the end of the remaining problems. The roads have been improved and with the ditches

cleaned out, we have better drainage and the grading was improved as well. This summer, the grading and applying Mag Chloride can be done earlier and drainage will be further improved. The board is working on bids to pave the major intersections with recycled asphalt as well. This would eliminate the washboard roads, as construction equipment traffic continues to increase. I received many calls about the lights at the front entrance. I'm happy to say they are now working, just slightly different colors, but they work! Stop

signs have added to several corners to help control traffic and a "slow children sign is planned for Robertson this summer. All the profile holes that were not backfilled, now have been, eliminating a very dangerous situation. The Architectural committee has worked with both owners and builders to maintain or improve the aesthetics of the entire North Star development. The association has also established a relationship with the county right of way manager, who has relieved the board from
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Those Big Trees will attack!

Glen Rydin



High winds, a big tree, equals a vary startling thump on the house. It was to late during Christmas Day for it to be Santa. Although that would have been preferable to what is in the picture. It would be recommended if you have some of these giants on your property, you might want to get them checked out to make sure they will be able to sustain the high winds that we have sometimes in North Star, espe-

cially if your house, garage or any other valuable property might be in the area where it can come down. It took a huge crane to get this one off the house without causing further damage. With all the new construction, some of the more sheltered trees have been exposed to these winds. Get your tree checked before you have to write a check to a crane company.

SNOW---SNOW---SNOW

Tom Marmins

North Star is beginning to feel the effect of growth. Most are very positive and the families either moving in as year round residents or those with vacation homes are a welcome addition. The negative side is where do we put the SNOW? Many of the lots that were used for snow storage are our new neighbors. Bret Vanloan who does our

plowing has had numerous conversations and meetings with board members and we're all trying to be creative. He is also training a new plow operator and they are doing their best to keep the road as wide as possible and not get buried in the deeper ditches we created this summer. We would welcome any suggestions you may have.

Another issue with the snow is driveways with no snow storage areas. The county requires snow storage on your property and does not permit plowing across the roads and building berms across from the driveway entrance.
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North Star Village Wildfire Mitigation / Fuel Reduction Project Update for 2006

Art Abramson

North Star Village is located on the ridge east of North Star Mountain at the southern end of Summit County near Hoosier Pass. It consists of 185 lots, most of which are approximately one-half acre in size. Currently approximately 60 homes have been completed within the subdivision.

North Star Village is just below timberline at an elevation of 11,000 +feet. The forest cover type is primarily alpine spruce/fir. The forested slopes surrounding and within North Star Village are rated as high risk for wildfire on the Summit County Wildfire Hazard Assessment Map.

The Home Owners Association Board of Directors, in June of 2005, autho-

rized the initiation of a multi-year project to begin to reduce wildfire risk within North Star Village. Extensive planning and the two years of on-the-ground implementation work have been completed:

- A Community Wide Protection Plan (CWPP) was drafted, with the input from County, State, and Federal wildfire experts. This plan was then reviewed and adopted by the BOD.
- The BOD contacted North Star property owners with informational letter regarding the wildfire risk and the need to take action to reduce the risk and protect the investment of all owners. An assessment was approved to provide funds for the wild-

fire hazard reduction work.

- The BOD committed approximately \$25,000 annually from the North Star Village budget toward the multi-year project to treat the most critical areas.
- The initial approach is to create a defensible buffer around the perimeter of North Star to significantly reduce the opportunity for wildfire to enter and spread through the area from bordering steep slopes. To accomplish this the primary focus is: (1) to treat existing road right-of-ways, to assure that there is sufficient clear width so that they act as effective fire-breaks,

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4th of July Picnic

Annual Meeting

This years annual board meeting will be held once again in The Frisco Senior Center, at the County Commons

February 18, 2007, at 2:00pm.

If you can, please plan on attending. If you can not make it please make sure to return your ballot for the Board election.

Presidents Message Cont.

dealing with owners and builders on road issues. He does a drive through at least once a moth and deals directly with any problems that exist.

The board has been following up on past due association dues and filing liens when necessary. These efforts have been very successful and the number of past due accounts has been shrinking fast.

I want to personally thank everyone for his or her support, there have been times that would have been impossible without the advice and back up I've received.

Treasury Report

Although we were not computerized until July of this year, here are just some of the dollars the association has dealt with this year.

Fire Mitigation	\$25,724.25
Road Repair	\$47,948.28
Snow Plowing	\$11,864.29

These are just a few of the major expenses for 2006

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and (2) to begin treating individual, undeveloped, perimeter lots with heavy fuel concentrations to significantly break-up the path for wildfire to enter and spread through North Star. Treatments include removal of dead and down trees and heavy concentrations of woody fuel materials on the ground, thinning dense stands of trees to break up the continuous canopy which is conducive to spreading crown fires, pruning of trees and removal heavy concentrations small trees to reduce the opportunity for "laddering" of fire from the ground into the tree crowns. The level of treatment as well as the cost varies widely from lot to lot, determined by the density and condition of tree cover, the steepness of slopes and concentrations of rock.

- Lots with homes built recently generally have received adequate treatment. Woody ground fuels have been removed, trees thinned and pruned, and adequate defensible space has been cleared around the structures as required by the Summit County building code and approved

by the Summit County Wildfire Mitigation Officer. Little or no additional treatment is necessary, so most of these lots will be by-passed.

Accomplishments:

- During 2005, the rights-of-way for Hamilton and North Kimmes Lanes were cleared to the maximum width. Treatment of perimeter lots 2 through 10 included removal of heavy fuel concentrations, thinning of trees to break up the crown canopy, and pruning to reduce ladder fuels. The work was completed by late October; the cost was \$28,013.55.

- During 2006, the balance of the right-of way for Kimmes Lane was cleared to the maximum width. Treatment of perimeter lots 21 through 29 included removal of heavy fuel concentrations, thinning of trees to break up the crown canopy, and pruning to reduce ladder fuels. The work was completed by mid-October; the cost was \$25,724.25.

- As a result of application by the BOD, Summit County awarded North Star a grant of \$2,000 in 2006 to help defray the cost of the project.

Ongoing Plans:

- Work in 2007 and beyond will continue to focus on perimeter lots with heavy fuels and dense tree cover, as well as treatment of the rights-of-way on Camron, Smith, and Robertson Lanes.

- Application has been made by the BOD to the State of Colorado for additional funding assistance in 2007.

- If Summit County has a grant program in 2007, the BOD will again apply for funding assistance.



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SNOW cont.

The county has suggested we (North Star OA) move the snow back on the property it has been removed from. I don't want to create animosity yet the problem this creates needs to be dealt with. Whoever is doing the plowing needs to push back the berm to leave space for the snow to be plowed off the roads. Again, I ask for your cooperation in resolving this "GROWING" issue.

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