

# On the Hill

MHOA Board Newsletter

April 2019

Jefferson, Colorado

Hello, Michigan Hill Owners!

Signs of spring are finally appearing. Our temperatures have warmed up and the snow is melting. There are, however, long-range forecasts for the mountains that call for a few more snowstorms in April, so if you will be traveling to and from the Hill this spring, keep yourself informed on the weather.

## **Board of Directors Openings**

This is a reminder that we will have 2 expiring Director terms this year that we will need to fill at the Annual Meeting this summer. Director terms run 2 years. If you are thinking of running for the Board, you may contact any or all of the current Board members to ask any questions you may have and/or put your name forward.

## **Road Conditions**

With the improvement in our weather, our subdivision roads are drying out and are in pretty good shape over-all right now. There are still spots where melting snow berms are creating spots that are soft and wet along the sides of the roads. As always, drive with care and watch for on-coming vehicles.

The County roads are much improved as well. They are drying out and most of worst ruts have been fixed. The paved portion of County Road 35 from Jefferson has been deteriorating, though, and there are new pot holes and broken pavement all over it. Drive with care along there. Watch for cars doing the "pothole slalom".

## **Budget Impact of Snow Plowing**

Our snow plowing budget was exceeded this winter with the extraordinary snowfall and drifting. The board is mulling over whether a special one-time assessment on our members will be needed, pending an accounts review before the annual meeting.

## **Burn Pit Plan**

As soon as the ground has thawed sufficiently, work will begin on digging 2 smaller burn pits, rather than having one big one. After this has been accomplished, we will open one of the burn pits and keep the other closed until the first one is ready to be burned. Then the first one will be closed and burned, and the second one will be opened. We will alternately fill, close and burn each pit. The goal is to always have one of the burn pits open, and to be able to have smaller piles to burn each time.

## **Wildlife on the Hill**

Mountain Bluebirds, Northern Flickers, Robins and Redwinged Blackbirds have returned to Jefferson and Michigan Hill. Bluebirds are busily pairing up and staking out nest boxes. We still have some resident moose around and a black/silver fox has been sighted as well.

