
Snow and cold, go away!



SPEED LTD

The speed limit on all streets in Woodcreek is 25 miles per hour. A limit which seems to be ignored by many drivers. And it's a **maximum** limit: you don't need to drive that fast. Try moving at 20 miles per hour, and enjoy the journey.

Since Woodcreek does not have sidewalks, you may occasionally find a pedestrian in the roadway; even in the current weather, dog-walkers and joggers are out there.

Woodcreek owners have speculated on the identities of those bat-out-of-hell drivers, especially those driving along Ojibwa Lane. The owners are not certain, but many of them are guessing that the speeders are residents of Glacier Ridge. Chickaloon Drive, the main street in Glacier Ridge, is not as conducive to fast driving as is Ojibwa Lane: Chickaloon is narrower, with more turns and many blind driveways. Those drivers may be using Ojibwa Lane as a shortcut to reach the western end of Glacier Ridge, and exhibiting poor motoring skills is their haste to travel a mile. (Hey! Where's the fire?)

Of course, identifying those drivers — or, at least, their vehicles — will need to wait until we install traffic surveillance cameras. In the meantime, Please Slow Down!

Also, **No Skateboarding is Allowed** on *any* city street! If your kids want to skateboard, have them try the McHenry Zone Skate Park over in Knox Park. Sure, you'll need to drive there, but would you rather have your child fall down and skin his knee, or be struck by an idiot who can't be bothered to drive properly? Your choice.



COUNTDOWN TO CHANGE

Do you feel that the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CCR) is outdated? Do you want to see changes made? In 2017, you (the owners of Woodcreek) can make those changes!

If you're not familiar with the CCR — you should have received a copy when you bought your property — go to the Association's website and download a copy (look on the menu for "Documents of Importance").

And to remind you, the front page of the website has a clock that is counting down until 2017.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Well, once again most of you missed out on some appetizers and drinks when the annual meeting of the Association was held at Firewood. Maybe next year? The topics that were discussed affect *all* of the owners in Woodcreek, because any expenditures that are made are paid for with your dues.

The highlights:

- Too many drivers are speeding on Ojibwa Lane (but you already know that).
- The western berm has trees, and grass has been planted: but the grass didn't take, and will be reseeded this spring. The water flowing through the west end of Woodcreek is probably coming from the Glacier Ridge area; but Meyer has no plans to extend the berm along Glacier Ridge.
- We have a budget surplus! C'mon, think of a good way to spend it. What can we improve in Woodcreek?
- The Neighborhood Watch isn't a formal organization; but if you want information about it, please contact Community Officer Laura King at the City of McHenry Police Department.
- A few dead trees remain to be replaced; one at the entrance to Woodcreek, and three at the end of Matanuska Trail.
- A reduction in Association dues was discussed; but because we have a budget surplus, and predicting unpredictable expenses is really difficult, we decided to keep the dues at their current levels.
- Unwanted vehicles in driveways are still a problem. A reminder: you're not supposed to park mobile homes, trailers, boats, or commercial vehicles in your driveway. Read the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, available on a website near you. (Hint, hint.)
- **Variance on a property.** A notable topic that was discussed at the January meeting was a notice of a proposed variance of a property on Round Up Drive, adjacent to the border of Woodcreek. The variance that was requested was a rezoning of the property from A-1 agricultural, to residential. A hearing by the County Assessor was scheduled for January 24th.
- Probable expenditures for 2014. The big money: about \$1400 for the removal of the dead trees that are on community property; new trees would cost about \$100 each.
- And, once again, an annual election was held, this year for President, Treasurer, and Parks Commissioner. The usual suspects retained their positions, because there were no other Woodcreek owners willing to battle the dragon.

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THE ASSOCIATION

Quarterly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the first month in each calendar quarter.

- ★ **April 15, 2014** at the Stueckemanns', 6630 Hayward Court.
- ★ **July 15** at the Conleys', 6614 Matanuska Trail.
- ★ **October 21** at the Hawkinsons', 6515 Sycamore Court.
- ★ **January 20, 2015** will be the annual meeting, usually held at Firewood on Route 120.

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