

Loghill Village Home & Property Owners Assn. (LHV H&POA)

Annual Meeting: July 18, 2019 @ 6:00 PM

President's Message – Jim McCarthy

- Be aware, Sheriff's Dept is monitoring and enforcing speed limits on CR 1 and in Loghill Village
- We had a good wet winter, but wildfire continues to be a potential threat. Your best protection is to create defensible space around your home. Thinning trees not only slows wildfires but in our dry climate it also promotes a healthier forest. Trees that are getting good moisture resist ips beetles.
- Be aware, the mag chloride applied to the dirt roads can be corrosive. If you travel on the roads after a rain and get mud on your car, get it washed up as soon as possible.

Sherriff Lance FitzGerald

- Introduced his staff:
 - Ted Wolf, Undersheriff
 - Shelly Coleman
 - Jerric Burn
 - Justin Marshall
 - Monty English
- The priority for the Sherriff's Dept. is cooperative enforcement. Be present at events, but not being hard ass.
- Sherriff is the Fire Warden for the county. Lance said he would be responsive to the various fire chiefs in determining whether to call in additional support.

Neighborhood Watch

There is a Neighborhood Watch group that is focused more on the north end of the mesa. This may be something Loghill Village and Fairway Pines may want to consider. The Sherriff's staff cannot be everywhere at once, and a Neighborhood Watch group can be "eyes & ears" for the dept.

All types of crimes are happening in Grand Junction and Montrose. No reason to think that Ouray County is immune.

John Peters emphasized that Neighborhood Watch could be beneficial in our neighborhood, especially with the absentee owners in the area. He encouraged us to get involved.

Loghill Volunteer Fire Dept.

Deputy Chief Tom Austin reiterated that the department needs volunteers. They have had a 30% decrease in firefighters. Currently there are only 23 firefighters and really should be at 60.

He also stated that the Dept would be proactive in calling for outside resources.

There is going to be a letter going out soliciting donations for replacing expired Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. The dept. has a \$10,000 matching grant for donations until October, 2019. Over the past year they have raised over half of the required funds, but still have an \$18,000 shortfall.

Be sure to register your cell phones for Code Red notifications. This is the way the county can communicate emergency warnings to residents. Landline phones are contacted automatically, but cell phones need to be registered. There is a registration link on the LHVFD web page. [Loghillfire.org](http://loghillfire.org).

West Region Wildfire Council

Executive Director, Jamie Gomez spoke about the cost share program. The process is:

- Design the project with WRWC and CO Dept of Forestry
- Get competitive bids for the project. WRWC has a list of contractors
- Complete the project
- Receive funds from WRWC. Funding comes from FEMA, Ouray County and State of Colorado.

There will be a chipping program again this fall. It is important to reduce the forest density, not just limbing. Each homeowner can have up to 5 piles measuring 5' x 5' x 7'. The registration deadline is 10/6/2019. To register, go to cowildfire.org.

Don't overlook hardening your home. 90% of houses destroyed by wildfires are started from embers. Structural hardening include fire resistant roofing and siding, ember screens in gutters and clearing flammable vegetation from around the house.

Architectural Control Committee

Chairperson Dennis Michaud reported that there had been applications for 6 new homes, and 1 green house, as well a fielding numerous inquires on covenants and building in Loghill Village. There were 12 homes that transferred ownership with a median price of \$550,000. There were 11 lots that were transferred with a median price of \$70,000.

Loghill Village Park & Recreation District (LVPRD)

Since last year's meeting Park & Rec accomplished the following:

- Due to the drought conditions last year it wasn't necessary to do annual control efforts on the invasive Mullen weeds in the Elk Run meadows. However, this year there appears to be a bumper crop of the weeds and we will be doing control work.
- This past fall and spring we made an addition to Red-tail Trail, which included a loop and a short spur. We haven't updated the Trail Map yet, but it's in the works.
- If you're not familiar with the trail system a full color map of the trail system is available at: <http://loghillvillage.org>.
- In addition to specific projects, a constant ongoing job for the Board is trail maintenance. Members volunteer their time at such tasks as trimming encroaching oak brush, cutting low tree branches, repainting trail blazes, rebuilding cairns, eliminating invasive weeds, etc.
- Our efforts to replace some of the old cast iron & wood slat benches, and one of the old log benches that have deteriorated, didn't go as planned this past winter. While mother nature cooperated by providing more than sufficient snow, our provider fell short and we didn't get it done. We have made alternate arrangements and will be moving forward this summer with three new stone benches. Two will be placed at Inspiration Point (one replacing the deteriorated log bench). Another will be located at a new spot on the Escarpment Path at the point that the trail returns to the escarpment after the Tower Drive and house detour.

The Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of even numbered months. The meetings are open to all. Meeting & Agenda notices are posted as least three days prior to the meetings.

Feel free to contact a Board member with any questions or concerns about our park lands and trails. The current Parks & Rec Board Members are:

- Jan Burwell – President
- Michael Cassidy – Treasurer
- Yolande Miracle-Colburn – Secretary
- Jim Myers – Trail Boss
- Rob Ashmead

Roads

County Commissioner, John Peters discussed road improvement in Ouray County. The county population has grown from ~ 3,000 to ~ 5,000, which has stressed the roads and road crews. The current county Road & Bridges Dept. simply can't keep up. They have developed a county wide plan for road improvement. It will focus first on chip sealing CR 1 and CR 24. After this the priority would be resurfacing the existing paved roads.

However, none of this will be possible without additional revenue. The county will be sending out a survey to Ouray County voters to try to determine what method of funding road improvement would be favored by the voters. If additional funding is not approved by the voters, the roads will continue to deteriorate.