



THE HUMMER

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Why do we need a newsletter? The Board of Directors of Campground of the Rockies have decided to resurrect the newsletter, **The Hummer**, in an effort to communicate with the CORA community in real time when the need arises. In September, we had several vandalisms on the SN campground with no way to inform 512 members. All lot owners vandalized were notified. This left those not affected curious and wondering about the investigation. Not long after that it was necessary to eliminate gate codes and establish one gate code for security reasons. Again, we had no way to communicate that information. (The vandalism investigation is still on going)

The Hummer will be digital soon. Initially, you can find the newsletter posted on the Campground of the Rockies website under the Documents for Viewing. Hard copies, black and white, will be available at the clubhouse. If your e-mail address is on file with CORA, future editions will be e-mailed to you. All issues will be available on the website under Documents for Viewing. **No** hard copies will be mailed. Our goal is to save the expense of postage, materials and labor and yet still be able to give you valuable information about the community you belong to. Rest assured, your e-mail address will not be shared or sold to outside vendors. We are making every attempt to reach out to every lot member.

The original newsletter was edited by long time CORA members Peggy and Bill Ragsdale. If you have old issues of The Hummer, please share them with us. We will post prior issues on the website at a later date. We hope you find the back issues interesting and entertaining. Many thanks to the Ragsdale's for preserving CORA history! April 2005 it was announced the newsletter was available on the website. In 2017, we are marching forward with copies e-mailed directly to you.



Winter Wonderland

BOARD MEMBER CORNER

Update on the CORA website
www.campgroundoftherockies.com.

The Board of Directors is exploring the possibility of moving from an all-volunteer maintained, public website to a new website which will be developed and hosted by a website company. The proposed website would have a public side as well as a “members only” side.

Without getting into the nitty, gritty details, CORA owns the domain name or web address www.campgroundoftherockies.com. Many years ago the site was developed and maintained by Bill Ragsdale, then years later Steve Scott volunteered to take over the site and has maintained it to date. CORA owes a big thank you to both of them. I wasn't at CORA prior to the above volunteers, so my apologies to anyone who I have not mentioned that may have hosted a CORA website prior.

We will keep much of the same information presently on the website, but add some features that would be too much to ask of a volunteer.

The biggest change will be that each lot owner or member will have and maintain his or her own unique login. This will allow the board to make confidential items like financial statements available online, without having them available to the public. In the past, this Board and previous Boards have had requests from members to make CORA Financial Statements available online, but the Board has always been reluctant to have that information available to the public.

We are in the very early stages of this process and will keep the membership informed as we proceed. The website address will not change and much of the current material will be available to the public but with a different look. CORA members will have to login to view the material on the non-public side of the site. The login process will probably be similar to other login processes you are familiar with such credit card or bank sites. The “members only” side will be secure. The public side will be available without a login.

The Board is also looking at ways to help defray the cost associated with this change.

Like any change at CORA, there will be some growing pains and adjustments, so please be patient and bear with us as we go through the process.

Larry Chiuppi
Vice President, CORA Board of Directors
3/4/17

WE ARE LISTENING



At the year-end meeting, September 2016, members of CORA requested special consideration for the use of various modes of transportation for the purpose of hauling fresh water and/or waste water. Therefore, a committee was formed to develop a survey, which many of you responded to. Thank you. The results are in and were posted on the website. In case you missed it, here they are:

SURVEY RESULTS – 247 surveys returned

- 1) Do you think that off-road vehicles such as ATVs/UTVs/golf carts/lawn mowers should be allowed on **all** CORA private roads for **any purpose** by anyone with a valid Driver's License? **90 yes; 159 no**
- 2) Do you think that any mode of transportation should be allowed on **Silverton-Northern Campground roads** only for the **purpose of hauling fresh water and/or waste water** to and from one of the CORA RV Dump stations by anyone with a valid Driver's License? **156 yes; 81 no**
- 3) If, off road vehicles such as ATVs/UTVs/golf carts/lawn mowers were allowed on all CORA private roads, do you think they should be **prohibited on the road between Silverton-Northern Campground and the lower campgrounds**. **135 yes; 110 no**

Rules and Regulations Change

(effective March 15, 2017)

Here is the revised rule to allow usage for such purposes on the dependent lots located on SN:

"All vehicles within the campground shall be licensed, insured and operated by a licensed driver and driven only on platted road. **No roads or trails within the CORA property have been designated for use by snowmobiles, trail bikes, UTV's, ATV's, scooters or similar vehicles.**

Exceptions:

a) any mode of transportation may be used by **a licensed driver**, only on SN **platted roads** for the utilitarian purpose of hauling fresh water and/or waste water **between a dependent lot and the potable water hydrant and/or sanitary dump station**. Motorized vehicles used for this purpose must have a **minimum 3"** decal with **owner's** lot number prominently displayed. Vehicles used for this purpose are not allowed on the hill between the upper and lower campground, **nor in C&S, DSP and RGS campgrounds for any purpose.**

b) **Authorized maintenance personnel, may use unlicensed vehicles and equipment in the performance of their duties.**

FACILITIES DIRECTOR/CARETAKERS CORNER

Winter has been busy, lots of projects that needed to be done. We have attached a list of some of the things that we accomplished so far this winter.

Patsy and Ralph went to the DMV last week and were asked if CORA could be used as a permanent address. They were told no. Cora owners have asked if they can use this address to register vehicles. The DMV was a little upset so be careful with what you ask for when you go in. Cora cannot be used as a permanent address.

We are in the process of trying to get some flashing signs on Highway 285 both directions marking the entrance to CORA.

We are looking into having the carpets changed in the Clubhouse and the Caretakers house.

We would just like to remind Cora members when they bring their tanks down to get filled with propane that they NEED to pay when they pick up tanks. We have had a lot of delinquent tickets this winter that were not paid and our Accountant had to mail out statements which is more work and money Cora has to pay because Cora owners do not pay on time. Patsy does not need to be in the office for you to pay. You can drop it in the slot in the door. Envelopes are supplied for you by the office door also. The office hours during the winter are 8 to 10 am Tuesday thru Saturday for those of you that do not know.

The investigation continues regarding the vandalism that occurred on several lots in the SN campground. We are hopeful this will be resolved. A reminder to all owners to please be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activities anywhere in the campground.

Jobs done during the Winter of 2016 & 2017

1. New Coffee Pot for Clubhouse purchased
2. Worked on Delinquent taxes of property owners
3. Fixed gate box at entryway and had all old codes erased for security reasons
4. Hired Camp hosts for Summer 2017
5. Cut down 100 dead trees around Cora
6. Had Porta-pottys installed at the three Service Centers in SN for winter use
7. Plowed all roads when needed
8. Fixed light at Entry way
9. Bought new Vending machines to be installed this summer
10. Updated emails
11. Worked on delinquent propane tickets
12. Bought a new golf cart for Cora use
13. Had Cora truck serviced
14. Had weights put on the new tractor's tires
15. Fixed broken pipe in ladies bathroom
16. Put in sidewalks and lights at C&S bathrooms
17. Remodeling ladies bathroom at Swimming pool
18. Bought new Tractor
19. Adding to shed for storing new tractor
20. Adding a new State required check valve for water system
21. Resurfaced 3 miles of CORA roads

Rafael and Patsy Esparza, Caretakers

John Ludivig, Facility Director, CORA Board



If you don't spend time at CORA in the winter months, you are really missing something special! For those of us who enjoy the off season many thanks to Ralph and Patsy for their continued, dedicated service in keeping CORA open and accessible all year. This year provided us with porta pottys in SN with roads plowed and maintained.



If you have ideas for stories in upcoming issues or would like to contribute an article, please send your request to mailforcoraboard@gmail.com

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