

2020 Trojan Horse Property Owners' Association Newsletter

Welcome new Property Owners!

The POA has the **single purpose** of maintaining the roads in the Subdivision. Dues and Contributions pay for road maintenance and repair. Trojan Horse is a private community and the state and county do not maintain our roads. The only source of funding is YOU. Members pay dues. Others can contribute but do not have a vote in the Association. Owning property in Trojan Horse does not automatically make you a member. You become a member either because a previous owner of your property joined or by affirmatively adopting the Bylaws. (Bylaws are filed with the Ashe County Register of Deeds at: Book 00340 Page 0272-0280). There is also a copy at <http://thpoa.org>. You can obtain an Adoption of Bylaws form from any of the Officers. If you are unsure whether you are a member you can contact one of the Officers. Unpaid volunteer Officers are elected each year at the Annual Meeting in July. Currently they are:

President:	Walt Stringer	w_stringer@yahoo.com
Vice President:	Katherine Weaver	katherine.weaver@thpoa.org
Secretary:	Linda Barber	leb1768@yahoo.com
Treasurer:	Scott Harris	scott.harris@thpoa.org

The **2020 Annual Meeting** will be held at the home of Dustin and Daphne Petrey at **623 Trojan Horse Circle** (at the split where the pavement ends) from **7:00PM - 9:00PM on Thursday, July 16, 2020**. Bring some dessert or snacks and beverages if you want.

Please make plans to attend as this is our opportunity to discuss and vote on matters concerning our roads. Bring a chair.

All Trojan Horse property owners, whether members or not, are encouraged to attend. (Only members' votes count, however).

Proxy Voting

If you are a member and will not be attending the Meeting, consider voting by proxy. Name someone you agree with to vote in your stead. The Bylaws require that a proxy be **notarized**. A suitable proxy form may be found at <http://thpoa.org/proxy19.pdf> or contact one of the officers for a printed copy.

There have been unsuccessful efforts to amend the Bylaws to allow a non-notarized proxy vote. Amending the Bylaws requires a vote by 67% of existing members. So far this has not been reached despite efforts particularly of former president Katherine Weaver.

Snow Fund

After the harsh winter of 2010 a voluntary Snow Plowing Fund was established to address a shortage of funds due to unexpected amounts of snow and ice. A healthy balance was maintained with voluntary contributions and used for snow plowing when needed. Then the snowstorm of December 8-10, 2018 dumped about 20 inches of snow on our roads and depleted the balance in the Snow Fund. This required money to be drawn from the general road maintenance fund. The winter of 2019-2020 has (so far) been virtually snow-free. Contributions to the Snow Fund would provide a buffer for next winter's possible problems and preserve funds for road repair and maintenance. The POA has engaged Gamco Snow Mizer to plow snow when more than 4 inches accumulates. **The POA (including the Snow Fund) will not pay to clear your driveway or any private property.**

Road Crew and others

Eric Sutton has volunteered as road crew chief, Walt Stringer and Dustin Petrey as road crew volunteers. Thanks to Eric for using his personal tractor for road repairs and to Walt for pothole repairs using cold patch asphalt. Thanks to residents David Hill for his tractor work and Harmon Hazelwood for delivery of gravel.

The road crew has identified these areas of concern:

- Road washing out at the intersection of Bear Cove at Trojan Horse Circle.
- Road washing out along the Barber's property near Deer Trace.
- The hot-patched sections of the asphalt are very rough in front of neighborhood.
(We have purchased some cold patch asphalt to address this when weather improves)
- A lot of washout has occurred along Tree Top Circle.
- Large rocks poking out along Tree Top Circle.
- Fiber optic cable warning tape exposed - Skybest has been contacted.
- Washing out above Joe Edd Jones' property

Asphalt Resurfacing

Contributions have dropped off supporting the resurfacing of the paved sections of the roads as the cost of paving has increased. We shopped for cheaper rates and hired High Country Paving. The quality of their work did not match previous work done by Tri-County Paving. We will be discussing postponing further paving until dedicated contributions increase. Some Members are advocating directing more funds to gravel road repairs and maintenance.