

2021 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	336-877-1250
Vice President:	Dustin Petrey	DPetrey@samaritan.org	
Secretary:	Linda Barber	leb1768@yahoo.com	
Treasurer:	Scott Harris	scott.harris@thpoa.org	336-620-3130

The **2021 Annual Meeting** will be held virtually, probably via Zoom in July. At present we have not set a date and time. Suggested dates are:

Tuesday, July 13, (7:00PM-9:00PM)

Thursday, July 15, (7:00PM-9:00PM)

Monday, July 19, (7:00PM-9:00PM) or

Tuesday, July 20, (7:00PM – 9:00PM).

If you have a preference, please contact Walt (w_stringer@yahoo.com). We will announce when we have scheduled the Meeting.

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

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

Voting

For purposes of voting, virtual attendance will be considered "in person".

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.

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. 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.** You can contact Gamco at:

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GamCo

gamco64@outlook.com
521 Little Gap Road
Fleetwood, North Carolina 28626
336-844-4199

Property Owners contributed \$662.80 to the Snow Fund for the winter of 2020-2021. GamCo plowed 3 times and charged \$950.00 (so far). The difference was paid from the General Road Maintenance Fund.

Roads

The POA has hired Moretz Brothers Construction for most gravel Road Maintenance.

Moretz Brothers Construction Company, LLC
2301 Big Hill Rd
Boone, NC 28607
(828)264-5597
(828)264-6682

They have done general scraping, gravel and ditching twice (in June and November) during 2020. They will go over the roads again this Spring and do some drainage and ditching work near the intersection of Trojan Horse Circle, Our Little Circle, and Tree Top Circle.

Thank you to *volunteers* who have done road maintenance and roadside trimming. Walt, Sydney and Sophie Stringer along with Eric Sutton and Gabe and Elizabeth Hatch filled some potholes with EZ-Street cold patch and compacted it with a rented compactor, Scott Harris for transporting the compactor and cold patch. Results are good. Thanks also to Robin Roberts, Terri Ferrell, and Nancy Rummel for trimming vegetation. Thanks to Eric Sutton, David Hill, and Walt Stringer for volunteer tractor work and Gabe Hatch for mowing and trimming roadsides.

Volunteer Cleanup Day

If anyone wants to volunteer for a neighborhood cleanup (with gloves, trimmers, edgers and chainsaws) contact Walt w_stringer@yahoo.com to organize it.

Walt occasionally sends an email to property owners to update and inform them of community concerns. If you want to be included please send him an email address.

Asphalt Resurfacing

We decided to put off resurfacing the asphalt roads because of lack of funds and difficulty finding a good paver who wasn't covered up with work. Predictably, we did not receive contributions to the Paving Fund. We have enough surplus in the General fund to channel *some* to Paving, but not enough to cover the entire cost. Contributions would be needed.

Thank you for your support.

(Member contributions go toward their unpaid dues first)

-Your Trojan Horse POA officers.