

Homeowner’s Hotline

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74 High Trails Drive Durango, CO 81301

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**SNOW COMES EARLY TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD:** Our snowplow drivers are all geared up to help keep our roads open. **Snow** **removal happens after 4 inches of accumulation**. Generally, priority is given to High Trails Drive from 521 High Trails to the entrance and then Verde Lane and Forrest Groves Lane. Reflector markers have been placed to show driveways, if you need any, please let Tim Wheeler or Stan Dunlap know. Every attempt is made to keep our roads safe and passable. We can always use help with snow removal. Please let Tim Wheeler know if you would like to volunteer or if you have any concerns and/or questions.

***REMINDER*** that FGEHA has a 10 foot-easement along side roads. Check to make sure that you don’t have anything in that easement that encroach or other things that might damage snow removal equipment. FGEHA is **not** responsible for damage to anything in that easement. Please do not throw snow or blow snow from your property onto the common roads, it just makes more work and adds to the cost. Watch for sledders on High Trails Road. ***PLEASE*** drive carefully and within the speed limit on our snow packed roads.

**GETTING YOUR HOME READY FOR WINTER:** There are times when we have a cold snap, which might have an effect on your water and /or sewer system. In order to fix these problems in an efficient, timely manner, your water shut off value should be marked with blue reflector and your sewer clean out marked with a green reflector.

**POWER OUTAGES:**  Power outage happen. Be sure to have a back-up water supply for your personal use. Sewer & water system runs on power. If we have a power outage ,please **do not** **flush** often or it will cause our lift stations to back up.

**FIRE PLACE ASHES:** With the colder weather, we will be using our fireplaces. Fireplace ashes need to be stored in a metal container and NOT placed on a wooden surface for at least a week before being placed in the dumpster.

**DOGS**: There are two new pet waste bag dispensers for picking up your pet’s droppings. One is located at the mailbox and the other on the bridge to Treasure Island. Please use them and keep our neighborhood “poop free”.

**WATER SYSTEM:** We have had two recent large water system expenses. Two new pressure tanks have been installed in the Rowland Well (located on Forrest Groves Lane) at a cost of approximately $3,700. We were recently notified by the state of Colorado that our FGEHA is required to complete two new water tests- Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) on both of our wells at a cost of $3,000. These SOC/VOC tests need to be done every three years. Operating expenses are increasing.

**FALL WORK DAY RESULTS:**  We had a chipper and an extra trash bin during the weekend of October 12. We once again had a small but mighty crew of neighbors helping to chip the debris off the tennis courts. Neighbors took advantage of this free service to get their properties mitigated. A special thanks goes to Mark & Dave Jones, Jeff & Jennifer Redfern, Will & Joy Thomas, Max Progar, Garrett Hanks & Olin Kane.

**MAILBOX BUILDING:** For several years we have been having problems with water seeping onto the floor of the mailbox building creating ice & making it hazardous for our mail person to deliver mail. Various plans have been discussed. Tim Wheeler found some wood and created a safe floor for our mailperson and also replaced the burned out lights in the mailbox building. Thanks to Tim Wheeler for his hard work!

**JOBS TO DO:** There is a posted list of jobs that can be done throughout the year to keep our neighborhood looking nice. Please feel free to take these on as they can be done anytime.

Please - do not leave furniture next to the trash dumpster – don’t make more work for others!

**FGEHA BOARD MEETINGS** are usually on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at a Board Member’s home. See bulletin board for place of meeting. Watch the bulletin board for any changes.

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