

## **SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **Newsletter - Winter 2024**

The association held its annual membership meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup> with around fifty owners in attendance. A special meeting was called afterwards to review proposed changes to the bylaws and to announce the results of the vote on the matter. A traditional pot luck followed. Full minutes of the annual meeting and the special meeting are posted on the association website [www.sugarloafmtoa.org](http://www.sugarloafmtoa.org).

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The elected directors for the 2024-25 term are:

President – John Larson, Vice President – David Cravens, Secretary – Pat Grymala, Treasurer – David Sarricks and Member-at-Large – Aileen Law.

The position held by each director was determined at the first meeting of the board on October 26, 2024.

### **COMMUNITY WELL**

A committee was formed to research the provisions in the community documents regarding community well usage and to recommend any maintenance and/or improvements to the well. The newly appointed well committee met on September 21<sup>st</sup>. A brief history of the community well was presented and the committee reviewed possible tests that might be conducted and routine maintenance that should be considered. Obligations of the association to provide water to the residents and usage of the community well were the main issues discussed. Recommendations were made to the board.

Full minutes of the well committee meeting are posted on the website.

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

The proposed bylaws were ratified by the membership by a vote of 41 in favor and 33 opposed. There was a brief discussion regarding the current organization of the association and use of the emergency egress roads and gates.

### **STREET ADDRESS SIGNS**

It's suggested that full-time residents post their street address on signs large enough to be easily recognized. Street signs help to identify your residence for guests, deliveries, utility services and emergency first responders. You may consider adding solar lighting to highlight your address sign at night.

### **2025 ANNUAL DUES**

Annual membership dues (\$80.00/lot) are payable no later than January 31, 2025. Payments received after February 1, 2025 are subject to late fees, pursuant to the newly ratified bylaws. A payment voucher has been provided in this newsletter (backside of page) to facilitate payments and assure proper posting of the payments received. The voucher also requests owners to update their current contact information.

A new feature for submitting payments by credit card is now available on the website. There is a \$3.25 convenience fee to pay with a credit card. We are currently exploring ACH payment options and will post an announcement on the website blog once that feature is operational.

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PAYMENT VOUCHER

Owner/Responsible Party \_\_\_\_\_

Lot Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due:	_____
Late Fee:	_____
Total Remitted:	_____

Preferred Method of Contact (circle):    Mail    Email

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**DATIL CONVENIENCE CENTER**

There's been a recent development at the Datil Convenience Center that will adversely affect your trash disposal. The trash compactor has been removed and, according to Catron County Solid Waste Department officials, it will not be replaced. Apparently, the unit broke down and replacement is cost prohibitive.

Currently, there is one bin with two small "windows" that you have to fit your trash through. The bin is approximately two feet away from a newly constructed vehicle ramp, with a metal railing alongside of the ramp. It's almost impossible to get heavy or bulky items over the railing, across the gap and through the windows. Boxes must be flattened out. At this time, the attendant at the convenience center has been given no information regarding scheduling for pick-up/emptying of the bin. This information would be useful so residents could bring their trash without the worry that the bin would be full.

In a recent update, County Commissioner Buster Green has promised that a second bin will be added to the facility.

Residents who wish to provide county/state officials with comments or concerns may want to use the following contacts:

- Catron County Manager's Office - [loren.cushman@catroncountynm.gov](mailto:loren.cushman@catroncountynm.gov) - (575) 533-6423
- Charlie Perez, Solid Waste Coordinator - [charlie.perez@catroncountynm.gov](mailto:charlie.perez@catroncountynm.gov) - (575) 533-6424
- Mark Atwood, Solid Waste Dept - [mark.atwood@catroncountynm.gov](mailto:mark.atwood@catroncountynm.gov)
- District 1 County Commissioner, Buster Green - [buster.green@catroncountynm.gov](mailto:buster.green@catroncountynm.gov) - 575-519-2502
- Representative Gail Armstrong - [gail@gailfornewmexico.com](mailto:gail@gailfornewmexico.com)
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