

Retreat News

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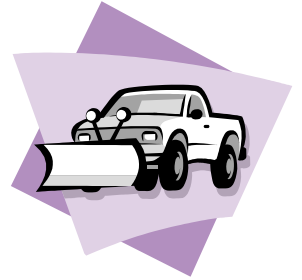
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President's letter

Happy New Year to all of you. For those of you who wished for a white Christmas, you can stop wishing. As you all know, the Retreat got a couple of back-to-back snow storms over the holidays - the same storms that virtually crippled the metro area. We did the best we could under the circumstances and I am very pleased with the plowing operation.



Remember that we live in an isolated area and it is important to always be prepared for emergencies. There is some great information on the Retreat web site about emergency preparedness. I would suggest reading this.

There are many people I want to thank for helping out during the storms. Jay Bedford, Dick Boggs, Jim Boyd, Ralph Brethauer, Ron Ellis, Rich Gilmore, Paul Howarth and David Musick all contributed to getting The Retreat back on its feet. You went above and beyond! Thank you, too, to the families of these individuals for allowing them the time to help.

The board, along with the road committee, is working on some long-range plans for the roads. Not only will this include snow removal, but also the overall condition of the roads and how to make the best use of the funds available.

Recently we formed a "policy committee". Thanks to Dennis Bicknell, Mark Lee, Gordon Nuttall and Duke Sumonia for their work on this. The policies were adopted by the board at the January meeting and are available on the web site.

I hope to see many of you at the "midwinter potluck" on March 3.

Graham Fowler



Mid-winter potluck

Saturday • March 3rd • 6:00 pm
Community Church of the Rockies
1700 Brodie Ave, Estes Park

Let's get together to share a meal. We'll have some information on emergency preparedness, neighborhood watch, and Pine Beetle control.

Bring your pictures of the snow.

Bring a dish to share and your own utensils. Hot drinks provided.



CHILI DINNER / TEXAS HOLD'EM NIGHT



The Fire Department Auxiliary is hosting a Chili Dinner/Texas Hold'em night on Sunday, February 25th at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Dinner will be \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and children under 5 years old are free.

After dinner, a Texas Hold'em tournament will be held for those who are interested.

Due to limited amount of seating at the Town Hall, please call 577-0885 with the number of persons who will attend to reserve your spot for dinner.

GHAVFD Auxiliary

The next meeting for the fire department Auxiliary is February 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Inn of Glen Haven. The meeting will last approximately an hour. We will be discussing the Glen Haven cookbook project and the upcoming Chili Dinner/Texas Hold'em event.

The Fire Department Auxiliary is looking for your favorite recipes. We are putting together a new Glen Haven cookbook to sell for a fundraiser. Anyone interested in submitting a recipe for the cookbook, please send it to Becky Childs at PO Box 50, Glen Haven 80532 or email at latchstrng@msn.com. The recipe should be typed or legibly written on an 8½ x 11" piece of paper. Thank you for helping collect some great new recipes for the cookbook.

If you are interested in donating your time and becoming a part of the auxiliary or have some ideas, please contact Anna at (970) 577-0885, or email to abauming@msn.com

GHAVFD

The Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department recently received a grant to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This will provide education on tree thinning, bug control, fire fuel reduction, surveys of current conditions, and an evacuation plan integrating the Retreat, Glen Haven Association, others along CR43, and other adjacent communities.

The community building is moving forward. Negotiations and county approvals for the desired property are getting close enough for it to be a feasible site. Community backing is a key success factor, and the RLA board affirmed its conceptual support and will participate in formulating the next steps in the areas of costs, design, fund raising, and financing.

2007 Board Meetings

Meetings are 9:00–11:00. Landowners are encouraged to attend (coffee and snacks provided).

Mar 17	Ralph Brethauer	788 Dunraven
May 19	Rob Squire	1407 Miller Fork Rd
July 28	Dick Boggs	532 Elkrigde

Property Sales

The number of landowners decreased by one, to 223.

- Garry and Lisa Street of Elizabethtown, TN, bought 3:32 on Dunraven Glade from Steve and Kathy Anderson. They are new landowners.
- Michael Hill and Pamela Robbins of Collinsville, OK, bought 1:68 on Dunraven Glade from Gregory and Sharron Gaudet. They are new landowners.
- Gregg and Mary Ewert of Austin, TX, bought 1:56 on Solitude Court from Thomas and Sheryl Wieghaus. They also own 1:55.

RLA Policies

The policies committee completed its work in bringing all the RLA documents up to date. These have been adopted by the RLA board and are available from the website rla-gh.com/Board/Policies.pdf Printed copies are available upon request from Gordon Nuttall at 970-226-2676 or send an email with postal address to gordonn@mesanetworks.net

Communications

Newsletter

Thanks to those who provided their email addresses to receive the December newsletter via the internet. This reduced our costs by 35%. If you are receiving this newsletter by postal mail and would like to participate in this cost savings with the next newsletter, please send your email address to gordonn@mesanetworks.net. You will need to have Acrobat Reader – it's a free download.

Telephone call tree

A call tree has been created as a way to quickly contact residents. Whereas the reverse 911 call system will notify us for county-wide information, our call tree is for Retreat-specific information. The call tree was derived from the information in the Retreat directory. The lots that don't have street addresses were filtered out (assuming those don't have structures), and then sorted by street address. 12 groups were created along adjacent road sections.

The call tree is available from the website.

www.rla-gh.com/Other_docs/CallTree.pdf

Please check to see that the phone number listed is the one you want to be called. If your name is not currently on the list or there is no phone number and you do want there to be, please send an email to gordonn@mesanetworks.net to add it.

If you live on your Retreat property during certain times of the year, please notify your group's lead.

The call tree can be used in two directions:

1. from Retreat to residents. Potential uses might be an evacuation, road closure, power outage, storm, fire, burglary, or wildlife such as an injured or renegade bear.
2. from resident to neighbor(s). This could be a way to call a neighbor and get help quickly.

Renters

If there are people residing on the property who aren't the owners, please provide their names and phone number so they can be added to the call tree and newsletter lists.

Winter Preparedness

There is a document on the steps to take to be ready for winter in the Retreat.

rla-gh.com/Other_docs/WinterPreparedness.pdf

Directory

The annual directory will be distributed at the July annual meeting. Please review your phone number and owner's information and contact Jan Ricker at jjr229@msn.com or 577-0925 with any corrections.

Glen Haven/Drake Address Change

The Glen Haven Community Preservation Group (GHCPG) has represented us at various County Commissioners' meetings and met several times with Commissioner Glen Gibson regarding the Road Naming and Site Addressing project.

We have yet to hear back on the ESN proposal that was made to Commissioner Gibson in December. This would use the map from the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority (LETA) to identify the property address of Glen Haven residents rather than the USPS AMS database. We have also not heard back on the USPS proposal made to the county planning staff in December.

Poaching

Poachers recently killed several turkeys in the morning and then returned later in the day and took a deer. They falsely told a resident that they had approval to hunt in the Retreat. Poaching can be reported to the Larimer County Sheriff at 498-5100 or the Colorado State Patrol at 303-239-4501 with a description of the vehicle (color, year, make, body, and license), date and time, number of people, number of shots, and any physical evidence such as bullets or shells. They will then contact a DOW officer. There is the possibility of hunting and fishing licenses being revoked.

People news

Congratulations to Verna and Jack Heidebrecht who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Clubs

Contact Ardene Boyd at 586-2407 for meeting dates for the scrap booking club, and Nancy Dunavan at 586-4190 for the needlework club.

Snow Removal Services

JUST SERVICE Erik Grabowski Owner



ATV Snowplowing available,
call for rates.

Plumbing Heating A/C Service & Repair
Swamp Coolers Fireplaces Sprinklers

Maintenance Plans Available

970-218-4387

JustService@msn.com

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Roads volunteering

It's that time of year again, and there's some important work to do on the Retreat roads that we'd appreciate your help with. On June 2, we will meet at the intersection of Streamside and Black Creek Drive starting at 9:00 and going till noon-ish to work on the following:

- clear out rocks and other obstructions from culverts
- put pole protectors by the equipment shed doors

Bring gloves, shovels, rakes, and water. We need two large wheelbarrows also. We'll have some lunch afterward at the equipment barn.

Road resurfacing is scheduled for June 20 thru June 28, with the weekend off. 2.5 miles are scheduled to have recycled asphalt applied to them. We can use volunteers to operate the water truck, rake, and assist the road grader operator.

Contact Gordon Nuttall if you can help out.
gordonn@mesanetworks.net or 226-2676.

President's letter

Spring has arrived in the Retreat. Hummingbirds have returned, along with bluebirds. The creeks are running full and recent rains have brought out the spring flowers. As I write this, I am looking up at Signal Mountain still covered in snow.

The business side of The Retreat also is doing well. We have hired a part-time operator - eight hours a week - to not only grade the roads, but also maintain our equipment and assist with any other problems that arise.

The annual meeting is coming up in July. We will have the packet out in early July. There will be two openings on the board that will be voted on at this meeting. Candidates should send their bios to me at gjniwot@aol.com by June 25.

Have a great summer wherever your travels may take you.

Graham Fowler
President RLA

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is 9:00–11:00 on July 28. Rob Squires will be the host at 1407 Miller Fork Road. Landowners are encouraged to attend (coffee and snacks provided). The annual meeting will be in the afternoon of that same day.



Property Sales

One property has sold since the last report. The number of landowners remains at 224.

- Nancy Lang and Gwyn Duke of Estes Park bought 2:[04] on Streamside. They are new landowners and plan to become permanent residents

Important Community Meeting

A meeting will be held on June 23, at 9:00 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. in the Glen Haven Community Building. This is a vital meeting for all of the residents of the Glen Haven area since it will cover the following topics.

Wildfire

The Retreat is classed as a very high fire danger area. The Glen Haven Volunteer Fire Department will discuss the new Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the disposition of a \$10,000 grant to become more firewise. Learn how to make sure that your house and property are protected. The newly-developed evacuation plan will be displayed.

Mountain Pine Beetle

Is the Glen Haven area destined to look like Grand Lake? A program will be presented by Bill Ciesla, a long-time Master Gardener with the Larimer County Extension division. Bill is an acknowledged tree and forest expert and can help us with our questions. Our trees are one of our greatest assets. Learn how to take care of them and avoid a tree catastrophe.

Come and enjoy the coffee and doughnuts and greet your neighbors. If you have any questions, please call Peggy Burch at 577-1912.

Directory update

The annual directory will be distributed at the July annual meeting. Please review your phone number and owner's information and contact Jan Ricker at jjr229@msn.com or 577-0925 with any corrections.

Slash removal

RLA provides a collection area for landowners to take your slash. This is an effective way to make your property more firewise. The collection spot is south of the equipment barn on Elkridge Drive, near the firehouse. Please follow the directions posted at the site for unloading instructions. Doing so will reduce our chipping costs in the fall. A trailer with a 2-inch ball is also available for you to use on Retreat roads only. Notify Ralph Brethauer at 577-8619 first. This site is not to be used by contractors.

Propane co-op

We are looking into a propane co-op for the Retreat because we think we might be able to get a better price and service if we get a larger group together. If you are interested in the possibility of a co-op, please send an email with answers to these questions to Nancy Dunavan at birdylover22@msn.com or call her at 586-4190.

1. Who are you currently using for propane? Are you satisfied with their service?
2. What price per gallon are you currently paying for propane?
3. Do you own your tank?
4. What is your approximate propane usage per year in gallons?

Accessibility by Emergency Vehicles

Is your home or cabin accessible for emergency vehicles? The following are needed for the GHAVFD to gain access to you in case of an emergency.

- The width of your driveway should be a minimum of 9 feet, with 10 feet recommended.
- Turning radius should be greater than 16 feet.
- Culverts and bridges must be capable of holding 20 tons (for fire truck loaded with water).
- A sign with the property address should be at the driveway entrance. Names are not sufficient.
- Locked gates and chains will prevent access.
- There should be 14 foot overhead clearance.

CWPP

The **C**ommunity **W**ildfire **P**rotection **P**lan was developed on April 19th by Glen Haven and The Retreat Associations with guidance and support from representatives from Larimer County Emergency Services, Colorado State Forest Service, the adjacent National Forest Services, and Rocky Mountain National Park. The CWPP consists of 4 parts.

1. Identification of Values at Risk
2. Community Risk Assessment
3. Hazard Reduction Priorities
4. Action Plan

Completion of this plan clears the way for the GHAVFD to receive a \$10,000 grant. Thanks to all those who contributed to qualifying for this grant. Attend the June 23 Community Meeting to learn more about the CWPP and how the \$10,000 is to be spent.

Clubs

**STARTING A POKER CLUB!
ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN
GETTING TOGETHER FOR SOME
TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER OR
LEARNING HOW TO PLAY,
CONTACT TOM BONACCI AT 586-
5451 OR TNTBONE@GMAIL.COM.**



Scrapbooking and Needlework

Contact Ardene Boyd at 586-2407 for meeting dates for the scrapbooking club, and Nancy Dunavan at 586-4190 for the needlework club.

People news

A message has been received that Erika Ziegler died on May 15th. Erika, who was in her 90's, was in a health care facility near Zurich, Switzerland. She and her husband purchased several lots on Bulwark Ridge Drive when the Retreat was first opened. Regula Hauser [Scheel], Erika's daughter, maintains the family cabin here.

Glen Haven Historical Society

June Program

The History of Storm Mountain

7PM, June 19

Glen Haven Town Hall

All are Welcome

See our website at <http://ghhs.us>

Glen Haven/Drake Address Change

Here's an update from the **G**len **H**aven **C**ommunity **P**reservation **G**roup (**GHCPG**) regarding the Road Naming and Site Addressing project.

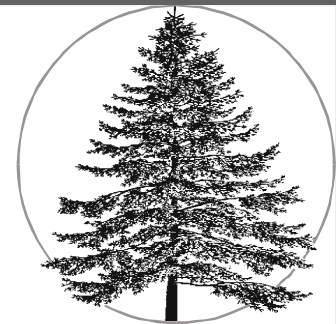
As of May 19, 2007, the Larimer County Rural Addressing Project continues, supposedly without Glen Haven. The latest word from the County still has the Glen Haven issue in a "holding pattern" until the rest of the County is completed. The estimated completion is 2009. The County Addressing Coordinator said in a press interview in April that the issue was up to the Glen Haven folks to solve with the U.S. Postal Service. The USPS says it isn't their problem to solve, in fact, the USPS made some sort of proposal to the County in December, 2006. The County finally responded to the USPS in late April, 2007. The details of neither the proposal, nor the response have been made available to the GHCPG. The GHCPG has also suggested a proposal to which the County has yet to respond. Recently, a letter explaining our proposed solution to the "lack of boundaries" argument was sent to the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority and to the Address Management Division of the U.S. Postal Service. The letter solicits an endorsement of our plan from each. We'll keep you informed as we learn more. Hang in there!

Glen Haven Community Preservation Group.
Steve Childs, President



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Retreat Landowners' Assn., P. O. Box 160, Glen Haven, CO 80532

November/December/January 2007-2008

Upcoming RLA Board Meetings

9-11 am

at homes of Board members:

Jan. 12, 2008, Rob Squire's,
1407 Miller Fork Rd.



March 8, 2008, Graham
Fowler's, 2102 Miller Fork Rd.



May 10, 2008, Michael
Frederick's, 724 Copper Hill Rd.



July 19, 2008, Tommy
Dunavan's, 1292 Miller Fork Rd.

Other Events

2008 Winter Potluck: date TBA
check The Retreat's Web site
for the latest information:
www.retreat-glenhaven.org



37th ANNUAL MEETING
July 19, 2008



2008 GHAVFD Annual
Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:
date TBA; check the
Fire Department's Web site
for the latest information:
www.glenhavenfire.org

Volunteer Help Needed

Road-Equipment Drivers:

- water truck
- roller/packer

Paid Volunteer Needed: \$15/hr

- back-up snowplowing with pickup truck

Contact Dick Boggs (see p. 4)

RETREAT SERVICES

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Glen Haven/Retreat Properties
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P. O. Box 28, Glen Haven, CO 80532
970-586-5929 • ernieconradre@msn.com

Capital Equipment Fund Report

The RLA Board of Directors has set up a Capital Equipment Fund to collect money to replace the pickup truck now used for snow removal.

As of the Nov. 10, 2007, Board meeting, \$3,600 in contributions had been received (more than is shown in the accountants' statement, p. 3). This fund will not be used for any purpose other than snowplow replacement.

Board President Mark Lee reports that the Road Committee recommended replacement of our present pickup with a one-ton 4x4 truck with a rubber blade that will minimize dam-

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November 2007 Board Meeting Report

All seven Board members attended the November 10, 2007, meeting, held at President Mark Lee's house.

Also present were Treasurer Anita Meis, Assistant Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary Jan Ricker, Recording Secretary Joan Van Horn, ECC Chair Peggy Burch, and Retreat residents Vern Burch, Ann Martin, Victoria McCoy and Duke Sumonia.

Complaints were expressed about construction trucks speeding and causing road damage; Road Committee Chair Dick Boggs agreed to look

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Retreat Road Report

Dick Boggs has been an active and constructive member of the community since 1997. He was president of the GHAVFD board for three years, then, in 2005, volunteered for the difficult task of organizing and managing the RLA's road maintenance, road improvement and snow removal; he's also currently serving on the Board of Directors. Dick took some time in mid-November to talk about the equipment

owned by the RLA, plans for next year's road work, and volunteers—past, present and future.

Our four pieces of road equipment—1968 backhoe, 1972 water truck, 1991 pickup and 1992 grader—are old but serviceable and have now been brought up to current maintenance and safety standards. That included \$6,000 spent this year to re-

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RLA road vehicles in the equipment building on Elkridge Drive. From left: grader, backhoe, pickup truck; the water truck is behind the backhoe.



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store the pickup; a brake drum was missing on one side, for example. But, since the truck is our main snowplow vehicle, it will need to be replaced in the next year or two.

The grader is called into service when the snow is too much for the pickup to handle. Dick acquired chains for both vehicles this year. Snowplowing is now being done by Retreat residents Allan Gooch, Rich Gilmore, and Dick himself.

After snow season, the water truck, grader and backhoe are put to use. The water truck is cumbersome but vital for keeping dust down and enabling the recovery of recycled-asphalt road base, which requires spraying the road with water, then using a roller/packer—rented as needed from Kitchen & Co. Excavators in Estes Park—to rebind the base.

Each year, the Retreat buys one acre foot of water—approximately 325,850 gallons, more than we can use—from the state for \$400, which allows us to pump water legally from both the North Fork of the Big Thompson and Miller Fork Creek. In the past, an RLA member paid for water rights and donated them. Anyone interested in making this specific donation in the future is asked to contact Dick Boggs.

2008 Road Work & Volunteers

Next year, the only planned *road-base* work will be to repair some trouble spots and to recover some of the recycled asphalt.

The main focus will be on *ditch and culvert clearing*: removing rocks from

A better picture of our backhoe

Photo by Mark Lee



ditches, especially those lining blind curves, scraping out the ends of culverts with shovels, and building up rock diversions to keep dirt from filling the culverts so quickly—work for which volunteers are needed.

Dick mentioned something that resonates with all of us: Being outdoors in the fresh air, with friends and neighbors, and doing work of value to The Retreat is personally rewarding.

Last year, many RLA members volunteered and did a splendid job of clearing ditches and culverts and helping with recycled-asphalt application. Everyone able to lend a hand for an hour or more next year will be welcomed enthusiastically and gratefully.

In recent years, volunteer work has been arranged via an e-mail list, so those who didn't have e-mail or who didn't provide an address were not informed of work days. The e-mail list is growing, Dick says, but the work-project information will also be publicized in the newsletter and on the Web

site: www.retreat-glenhaven.org/.

In 2008, volunteer road-work days are planned to begin with three Saturdays in April and May, the dates TBA.

There is also a "paid volunteer" designation, which applies to snowplowing with the pickup truck, for \$15 an hour. "However," Dick said, "the real reward is seeing the beauty of The Retreat under a blanket of fresh snow in the early morning hours."

A part-time paid (\$20 an hour) "caretaker" position, was created last year "to insure continuity of road maintenance and equipment, culverts, road signs, ditches and removal of rock slides". This position is filled by Rich Gilmore, a skilled mechanic whose tools and expertise saved The Retreat money last year.

The unpaid volunteers who drove the truck and roller/packer in 2006 and 2007 were Dennis Bicknell, Ken Cooper, John Nolan and Ron Spurlin. Dennis and Ron also helped clean culverts several times this year.

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into the situation.

An abbreviated Treasurer's Report is on page 3.

Assistant Treasurer Jan Ricker located the original water agreement with the Maitlands and will review it for assessment obligations; she will consult the RLA attorney, if necessary.

Jan also pointed out that Article 12, Section 1, of the Bylaws contains an out-of-date statement regarding the reverting of the annual assessment to \$150 on January 1, 1998, and that the Bylaws may need to be reviewed for other misstated or ob-

solete references.

ACC Chair Dennis Bicknell's written report stated that no applications have been filed and that three major construction projects are under way.

Dick Boggs reported that the road equipment is winterized; Kitchen Excavating could begin the week of Nov. 12 to excavate for the 10,000-gallon water-storage tank on the Ricker property. Tommy Dunavan agreed to oversee and record the excavation. He will also head a committee to research the purchase and installation of additional water-storage tanks; a proposal will be presented for a vote

at the 2008 annual meeting.

The ECC report is on page 3.

The 2008 Budget was approved as revised.

There was considerable discussion about road-work options: purchase of a truck vs. a multi-purpose vehicle, and continued RLA control of road maintenance vs. forming a road-improvement district. All options require more research before the issues can be presented for a vote of the membership. A committee consisting of Dick Boggs, Duke Sumonia and Mark Lee will research the im-

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Capital Equipment Fund Report

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age to road surfaces.

"In [the 2008] budget, the board has changed course significantly. . . . In prior years (at least the last three), no funds were set aside for equipment replacement. For 2008, we will set aside \$15,000 for equipment replacement. This money will be combined with the funds from the capital campaign, making it possible to buy a new piece of equipment sooner. The portion of the budget that was reduced to make room for this was the road budget. We will not be applying any significant amount of road base in 2008. There is some road base still in the budget, but just enough to repair problem areas.

"Since a new piece of equipment can cost upwards of \$40,000, it will take several years to build up enough

funds to buy anything. In the meantime, we will not have enough money in the budget to maintain the roads at the same level we have in the past. This will result in a gradual degradation of the road quality. Given the vote not to increase the assessment, the board made the decision to prioritize having working equipment (especially for snow removal) over road maintenance.

"The Retreat will face this trade-off decision (road quality vs working equipment) until we find a way to raise more money."

To make a contribution, please send a check made out to Retreat Landowners Assn., with the notation that it is for the Snow Plow Capital Campaign, to RLA Assistant Treasurer Jan Ricker, P. O. Box 229, Glen Haven, CO 80532.

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provement-district alternative; a committee consisting of Rob Squire, Graham Fowler and Mike Frederick will research the alternative of the RLA continuing to maintain the roads (taking into consideration that some relief to Dunraven Glade Road residents may be needed).

The Board voted to:

- ban fireworks in The Retreat; Rob Squire will draft the policy;
- ban hunting on RLA property; Mark Lee will draft the policy;
- reword the proxy policy to re-

quire all proxies to be submitted by mail and postmarked at least five days prior to the annual meeting; Graham Fowler will draft the policy.

Graham will also submit, at the January Board meeting, a proposal for dealing with absentee ballots for the election of Board members. Mark Lee will consult the RLA attorney to determine if the number of proxies held by members can be limited.

It was reported that a letter and contribution toward the Capital Equipment Fund were received from RLA member Ken Cooper.

10-Month Fiscal Report

The Accountants' Compilation Report, a statement of the RLAs Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, presented by Treasurer Anita Meis at the Nov. 10 Board meeting, covered the first 10 months of 2007.

Highlights:

<u>Revenues</u>	
Assessments Received	\$ 78,675.00
Interest Income	125.35
Transfer Fees	800.00
Capital Campaign	2,695.00
Other (incl. Late Fees)	611.25
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>\$82,906.60</i>

<u>Selected Expenses</u>	
Combined Admin. Expenses	3,591.60
GHAVFD Donations	22,300.00
Insurance	2,666.90
Legal Fees	2,182.14
Total Road Maintenance	46,054.16
Social Events & Annual Mtg	1,519.23
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$85,780.94</i>

Cash & Cash Equivalents: Key Bank checking account; Key Bank Money Market accounts: Bulwark Ridge, Capital Campaign, Contingency, Dunraven Escrow, and General Funds: *Total Cash & Equivalents* \$34,481.86

Balance in Bank Accounts, 11/07/07:
Regular \$ 2,352.77
Savings 31,283.52
Total in Bank \$33,636.29

The Web site <http://www.retreat-glenhaven.org> provides 3 places for RLA members to participate: Landowner Comments, which is like a Retreat blog; Classifieds, where members can list, free of charge, services or items for sale; the photo gallery, where Retreat photos can be shared.

Environmental Committee Report

Environmental Control Committee Chair Peggy Burch reported that Larimer County is no longer providing weed control in several rural areas. In response, conservation and environmental groups and communities, including Estes Park, Glen Haven and The Retreat, are collaborating in an effort named Estes Land Stewardship Area (ELSA) to provide weed control.

ELSA's mission statement:

"Promote the cooperation and collaboration of local residents, federal, state and local agencies . . . in efforts that enhance and preserve the ecological integrity of public and private lands. . . . Such efforts shall encourage land stewardship practices that sustain plant communities which pro-

vide wildlife habitat, aesthetic value and help resist encroachment of invasive species."

ELSA's primary objective is to contain, reduce and/or eradicate noxious weeds through educational presentations and literature, weed-pull events, weed-identification hikes, and visits to help private-property owners identify weeds.

Peggy represents Larimer County Extension Master Gardeners on ELSA. She has recruited fellow RLA member Gordon Nuttall to represent The Retreat and Glen Haven resident Sonja McTeague to represent the town.

Mountain Pine Beetle

A related perennial problem is the mountain pine beetle. Peggy reports

that this is an excellent time to identify trees that were attacked this year:

"Start looking [for pitch tubes] about three feet above the ground and up to where the trunk narrows to less than six inches. Circle the tree several times to be sure."

Use chalk or paint to mark trees you've inspected. Put an X on any you suspect might have been attacked. If there are only a couple of pitch tubes on a tree, it might survive. However, one beetle can produce 75 offspring.

Brief descriptions and pictures of the worst of our noxious weeds, and, possibly, suggestions for eradicating them, are planned for the next issue.

Board of Directors, 2007-2008
[Terms expire at Annual Meeting in bracketed year]

Other RLA Leaders & Volunteers

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