



## January Newsletter

The sparsity of items for a January agenda and the nearness of the regular February meeting date has led the Board to cancel the January meeting (January 19). The next open AHHA Board meeting will be February 9, 2017 at the Silverton Senior Center at 7:00 PM.

Cancellation of the January Board meeting does not mean that there is not a great deal for the Board to consider in 2017. Foremost for 2017 is the commitment from last year to excavate the pond to increase its depth and health. The project is weather determined but late spring is the most likely start for the project which includes draining the pond and the excavation of significant portions to increase the depth of the water.

The Board will undertake the task of updating both the Reserve Study and the Master Plan for the Commons during the year. Also under consideration for 2017 will be the addition of benches for the Commons, the painting of “lines” on the basketball court, and the addition of a hopscotch course.

The completion of the project to develop a manual of Procedures and Protocols for future boards will be done in 2017 and a new directory for members will be available before summer.

The work undertaken in a cooperative effort by the AHHA and the City of Silverton to remedy the flooding of homes on Tillicum, Chikamin, and Chee Chee was successful as far as its potential would allow. Flooding issues were alleviated but not eliminated. During extremely heavy rainfalls flooding still occurs on Chikamin and at the base of Chee Chee. When the pipes that allow the water to

flow into the storm drain system were approved they did not allow for sufficient capacity for significant downpours. The pipes and the catch basins are undersized. The City acknowledges both their responsibility and funding issues. The only involvement of the AHHA is to put pressure on the City to address the problem. The City was cooperative last year in retrofitting the inflow of water into the pond but that was an inexpensive fix and the cost for future improvements is higher.

As always, the need for volunteers from the neighborhood to serve on standing or ad hoc committees is imperative to maintain the community we all enjoy.

The Board hopes you all enjoyed the Holiday Season and that 2017 finds you healthy and happy.

Lastly the Board would remind all that have not paid the yearly dues of \$357 to do so as soon as possible. The dues of \$357 are less than a dollar a day to live in such a wonderful community and no one wants to charge or pay a late fee.

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