

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

June 4, 2025

# Lake Rockport Estates Property Owners Association

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### Special Assessment Vote Results

On May 14, 2025 the Lake Rockport Estates Board of Trustees counted votes for the Special Assessment. The final tally was 50 in favor (60%) and 34 against (40%).

Although the vote met the quorum requirement (81 members participated), **the assessment did not pass** because it failed to reach the necessary  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority approval.

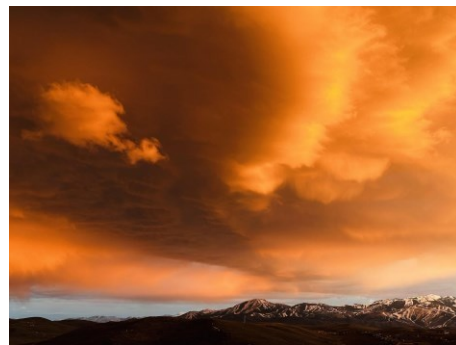
With additional funding unavailable for the 2025 budget, rising operational costs and the need for additional services and increased reserve fund contributions remain a priority. Members can expect an increase in the 2026 annual assessment. The board will review and finalize the amount before assessments are issued on November 1, 2025.

#### \*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*

The Lake Rockport Estates POA Board of Trustees is proposing the following updates to the Assessment Schedule:

1. Architectural Assessment – The description of this service will be updated from “for review of engineering plans” to “for project oversight” to more accurately represent its scope, which includes conducting inspections and ensuring compliance with the Architectural Guidelines and Construction Regulations.
2. Mailbox Lock Change – This fee will be eliminated, as the Association will no longer provide this service. Residents should contact the US Post Office in Coalville, Utah, for mailbox lock change requests.
3. Additional Metered Water Usage Over 10,000 Gallons – The fee will increase from \$1.00 per every additional 1,000 gallons to \$4.24 per every additional 1,000 gallons.
4. Lien Fee – This is a pass-through cost, now set at \$345. Please note that pass-through costs are subject to change.
5. Un-Trailerred Tracked Equipment – In cases of emergencies and/or access issues, the Board of Trustees may grant permission for un-trailerred tracked equipment to be on the roads. Prior approval from the board is required before such equipment is permitted.

An **open forum** for comments and discussion will be held during the **June 11th board meeting at the Park City Community Church from 7:00-7:30 PM**. If you are unable to attend in person or via Zoom, you may submit your comments via email to LREBOT@googlegroups.com by June 10th.



### Annual Membership Meeting

**Saturday, June 21, 2025**

**10:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.: Annual Membership Meeting:**

Park City Community Church  
4501 UT-224  
Park City, Utah 84060

Zoom invitations and meeting packets will be emailed just prior to the meeting. If you do not receive correspondence from LRE via email, be sure to update your contact information with us to get an invite.

Proxies for the election of board members can be turned in at the meeting. Otherwise, the proxy needs to be received via mail or email by June 11, 2025.

#### Agenda Items:

- Review and Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes and Financials
- Review the 2025 Budget
- General Updates: Roads, Water and the Gate
- Election of Board Members
- Open Meeting for Comments and Questions\*

\*Due to the limited amount of time, questions and comments will be limited to members and/or agent or attorney of a member of the association.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Once per year, there is an election to nominate members to Lake Rockport Estates POA Board of Trustees. These are volunteer positions and the terms are for three years. Proxies have been distributed via email. Be sure to vote. If returning the proxy via mail or email, it must be received by June 11, 2025. The CC&Rs state that proxies must be received by the credential committee, composed of the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Association, 10 days prior to the annual meeting. Proxies will also be accepted at the Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 21st.

Official proxies will be verified and counted at the end of the Annual Membership Meeting by the board of trustees. After which, elected members will be notified and their term will begin at the next immediate board meeting scheduled in July. Results will be published in the next newsletter and communicated via email.

### In Memoriam: Steven Sady & Doug Barrus

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Steven Sady and Doug Barrus, two past board members who served our community with commitment and care.

**Steven Sady** served on the board for seven years, holding key roles as treasurer and a member of the architectural committee. His efforts were instrumental in securing the current board meeting location.

**Doug Barrus** contributed a brief time before stepping down due to medical circumstances. During his service, he assisted with meeting minutes, managed small projects on the mountain, and helped secure bids for future work.

We are deeply grateful for their contributions and the time they invested in serving the community. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families and friends—they will be greatly missed.

### Honoring Greg Warner's Decades of Service

For several decades, Greg Warner has been a dedicated member of the Lake Rockport Estates Board of Trustees, serving in multiple roles, including board member, president, vice president and water master. His leadership has been instrumental in managing and growing the community, helping it transition from dirt roads to road base, a manual gate to an electronic gate, and a thriving neighborhood with 90+ year-round homes. Despite these challenges, Greg—alongside former board member and mountain manager Alan Lindsley and other dedicated volunteers—helped get the water system moving in the right direction. While not perfect yet, their efforts have made it possible for many residents to call Rockport home.

Key water projects under his leadership, Greg worked closely with engineers to oversee critical infrastructure projects:



### Current Board of Trustee Members:

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- Well #2 development & Well #3
- Upper tank replacement, adding new hydrants on Ridge Top
- Distribution line and fire hydrant replacement from Rockport Blvd. to Rockport Aspen

These advancements were essential to ensuring consistent water access and moving the community closer to a full-time water system.

A Heartfelt Thank You. Greg's commitment has shaped Lake Rockport Estates into what it is today. His leadership, problem-solving, and dedication to improving the water system have left a lasting legacy.

## **Thank You, Johnny Wasden**

After Doug Barrus stepped down due to medical circumstances, the board appointed Johnny Wasden to fill his seat. In addition to fulfilling general board member duties, Johnny took on the role of Secretary, handling responsibilities such as:

- Recording meeting minutes
- Sending official board communications
- Managing ballots and proxies
- Serving on the credential committee
- Organizing the community newsletter

Though Johnny will not be running for an open board seat, as work and family commitments take precedence, we deeply appreciate his dedication and hard work in serving both the board and the community.

## **President's Message**

### **Fare Thee Well**

For those of you who may not know me, I'm Nachi. I have served as President of the Association for eight years. I've had the privilege of getting to know many of you—as Rob and I built our home and have lived on the mountain full-time for the past twenty-five years. For eighteen of those years, I have had the opportunity of serving on the Lake Rockport Estates Board of Trustees and the Architectural Committee, a commitment that has shaped much of my life.

With my term coming to an end this June, the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting will conclude my time volunteering as a board member. Due to family medical circumstances, I must shift my priorities and have decided not to seek reelection. After so many years of involvement, stepping away from the management of the mountain will feel unfamiliar, but I am deeply grateful for the journey and for each of you who have been part of it.

The mountain continues to face challenges as we grow, with two primary priorities ahead. First, securing new and/or additional water source is essential to ensure all members have access to water, allowing everyone to fully enjoy their properties and continue building. While well #3 didn't meet this need, finding a solution remains a top priority.

Secondly, we must continue upgrading the water infrastructure to support year-round use, a project that has already been underway. While the State of Utah requires a year-round water system, the timeline for completion remains flexible based on what the community can realistically afford. The state acknowledges the need to balance ongoing upgrades with financial feasibility, ensuring that members are not overburdened. Ultimately, it is up to the membership to determine the path forward, and with steady progress, we can secure a sustainable future for everyone in our community.

Selecting board members committed to the community's well-being over personal interests is vital for objective decision-making. Conducting thorough research, which can lead to insightful feasibility studies, will provide valuable information, equipping residents with the knowledge needed to make informed choices about the future of their neighborhood.

## Mountain Operations Committee Update

The Mountain Operations Committee is a team of dedicated community volunteers working to keep costs down for everyone while overseeing essential aspects of mountain management. The current team includes John Stephenson Simmons, Greg Tafoya, James McKenna, Mike Algren and Nachi Fairbanks, along with unofficial member, Rob Perkoski, who assists with various projects. Their responsibilities encompass organizing the annual cleanup and community BBQ, managing multiple aspects of the gate and roads, coordinating with the water management company and arranging necessary repairs, managing the burn pile and parking lot, and overseeing the package shed and mailboxes.

### LRE Mountain Operations Email

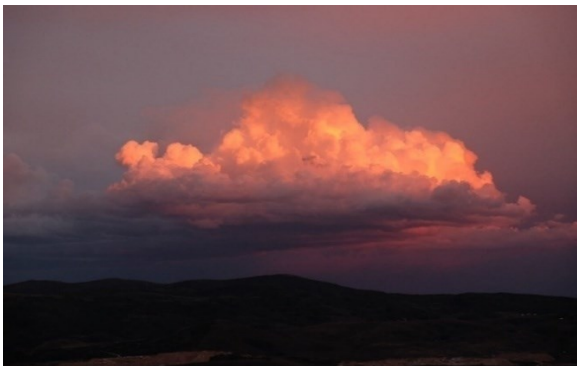
We've established a new email address for all matters related to mountain operations, maintenance, and projects. If you have questions, suggestions, or need access to the package shed, please reach out to [lremountainoperations@gmail.com](mailto:lremountainoperations@gmail.com).

### Annual Cleanup and Community BBQ

The annual cleanup is scheduled for June 7th, 2025, from 9:00 AM to Noon.

We'll meet in the parking lot before dispersing to focus on fire mitigation, clearing, trimming branches from roadways, staining and painting street signs, and removing invasive weeds. If possible, please bring shovels, trimmers, chainsaws, or any equipment that could assist with the cleanup. Additionally, we'd greatly appreciate anyone with a truck or trailer willing to haul debris to the burn pile. Thank you in advance—don't forget hats, sunscreen, and work gloves!

Afterwards, we'll gather for a *community potluck BBQ* in the parking lot, starting at 1:00 PM. Board members will provide burgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, while sides and desserts will be potluck-style—so please bring something to share if you can! If you have portable tables, chairs, or EZ Ups/tents, they'd be helpful additions. More details coming soon!



### Gate

The gate project is coming along, though at a slower pace than anticipated due to unforeseen issues. The motor system has been completely replaced, along with a couple guide wheels, batteries, and wiring. Additionally, the control system is now completely new.

We are working with It's Connected as our new control system operator. The upgraded system allows users to control the gate via their smartphone using the PDK app, which is free with the gate control system. The gate will also open automatically for vehicles equipped with a sticker barcode or a hang tag that can be transferred between vehicles. Each lot will receive one free sticker, with additional stickers available for \$10 each and hang tags for \$25 each.

For added security, an optional My Door View app is available for \$3 per month. This system enables users to create temporary digital keys for guests and contractors, eliminating the need to share personal codes or clickers. In the past, shared codes have led to unauthorized access, but this new system will significantly enhance community security and safety. We've been told this upgrade is like moving from an iPhone 1 to an iPhone 16—a major improvement! More details will be shared in the coming weeks, so stay tuned. If you have any questions, please reach out to [lremountainoperations@gmail.com](mailto:lremountainoperations@gmail.com).

### Roads (as of 5/31/2025)

Wasatch Back Grading has mobilized and brought in road base material. They will begin the final road grading start on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> in preparation for the mag water application on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to budget constraints this season, only two loads of mag water will be applied instead of three, with a focus on primary roads—Rockport Blvd., Rockport Aspen, and Hollow.



To preserve the integrity of the roadwork, we ask that no large trucks or deliveries be made during the week of June 2nd. Additionally, we urge members and their guests to slow down and adhere to the posted 5 MPH speed limit signs. If the road surface is disturbed before the mag water has dried and hardened, it will deteriorate more quickly.

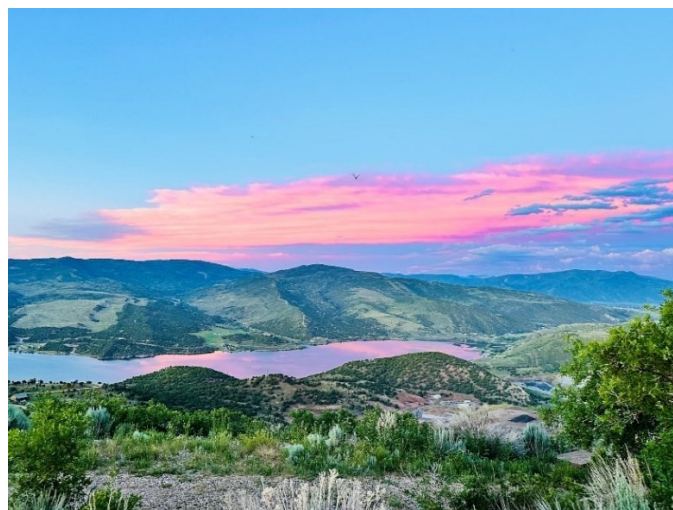
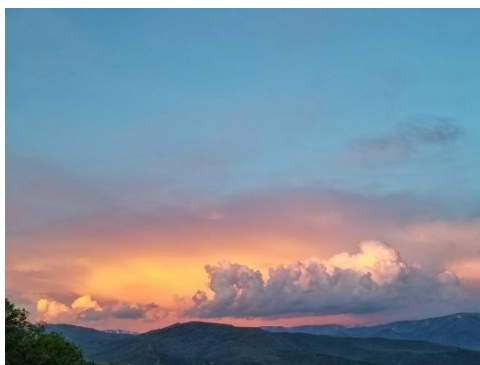
### **Water System Turn-On and Backflows**

Over the past several weeks, Aqua Environmental Services (AES) had been working on initiating the water system. All meters have been read, and the top tank, along with distribution lines, has been cleaned and disinfected. There were no reported breaks in any water lines.

At the end of last year's water season, we identified potential issues with the Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) on Rockport Aspen. Since the system was being shut down, we were unable to address it at the time. Initially, we thought it might just need an adjustment, but it ultimately required a full replacement, which has now been completed. We believe this may have contributed to the breaks experienced on Hollow. Further pressure tests will be conducted on Hollow to determine if an additional PRV is necessary.

We initially expected backflow inspections to begin the week of May 12th. However, midway through the week, we were informed that the inspector would not be able to start until the following week, May 19th. There were a high number of backflows that required cleaning and/or repairs and a couple backflows that required full replacement. Once individual reports are available, that information will be passed on to owners.

The water is now on for the season. As a reminder, please fill your water holding tanks as soon as you can.



### **Burn Pile**

We conducted a controlled burn for the burn pile in late January, and the pile has now been pushed back and is ready for use. Please remember—only green waste is allowed! No household items or construction debris should be dumped.

Unfortunately, we've already noticed people dumping waste in front of the pile, including pallets and lumber. This makes it difficult to access the actual pile and causes the area to fill up much faster, often leading to spill over into the parking lot. Additionally, construction debris can result in flat tires, creating hazards for those accessing the pile. When burned, these materials can also release harmful chemicals that pose environmental risks.

### **Parking Lot**

We've noticed an increasing number of trailers, boats, and vehicles parked in the parking lot beyond the 72-hour limit. To ensure fair use of the space, all vehicles and equipment must be moved after 72-hours unless an extension has been requested and approved.

Failure to comply may result in towing.

If you have questions or need to request an extension, please contact [lremountainoperations@gmail.com](mailto:lremountainoperations@gmail.com).

## Water Committee Update: Progress & Plans for Our Community's Water Future

As many of you know, water is one of the most critical challenges facing our community. Over the past year, the Water Committee has been working hard to address immediate needs and plan for a sustainable water future for Lake Rockport Estates. As a recap of our special membership meeting in April, here's an update on where things stand and what's ahead.

### Current Water System at a Glance

Our private culinary water system currently serves approximately 130 homes—92 full-time and 38 part-time—during the warmer months (typically June 1st through November 30th). We've also issued 47 water meters to undeveloped lots, bringing the total to 177 meters. Ultimately, we must plan for full buildout: 323 water connections in all.

Consistent with Utah Division of Drinking Water (DDW) requirements, the LREPOA water system must be capable of providing 800 gallons of culinary water per household per day (GPD), or 0.56 gallons per minute (GPM) per household. (Note - We recently started the process of evaluating whether this supply requirement can be adjusted with the state based on historical usage data. All the information presented here is based on the 800 GPD per household requirement).

Right now, Well #2 is our only active water source. It pumps 90 GPM, though the state only allows us to count two-thirds of that (60 GPM) as usable under safe yield regulations. That's enough for only 108 homes—short of the 130 properties currently connected, and well short of what we'll need long term (about 270 GPM total).

### Well #3 Project & Formation of the Water Committee

In early 2024, we drilled Well #3, hoping it would produce 100 GPM. Unfortunately, it came in at just 21 GPM—not enough to justify the \$1M+ needed to connect it to our system. As a result, the Board opted not to proceed with connection, and Well #3 remains inactive.

Following this, the Water Committee was formed to take a focused, long-term approach to solving the water shortage and securing funding to support system upgrades.

### Exploring New Water Sources

The Water Committee is actively considering and exploring three potential paths forward. This water source problem is not an easy one to solve, with every option below costing millions of dollars.

1. Connection to Wanship Cottages Water Company: This would involve purchasing excess water from Wanship Cottages and constructing a pipeline along SR-32. We are actively discussing this with the owner of the Wanship Cottages Water Company.

2. Searching for a New Well Site Near Well #2: Geological scans near Well #2—our most productive area—might reveal another viable site. Conversations with well drilling experts are underway.

3. Connecting to Mountain Regional Water Special Service District (MRWSSD):

This option would be a two-phase project. Phase 1 would link us to MRWSSD's infrastructure in Promontory, enabling us to purchase water at wholesale rates. Phase two of the project would involve system upgrades needed for potential annexation into MRWSSD. A comprehensive two-phase feasibility study is actively underway with Bowen Collins & Associates, and we expect complete results by early 2026.

### From Seasonal to Full-Time Water Service

Once the water source shortage issue is resolved, our next goal will be to transition to a full-time water system. The "seasonal" designation goes back to the early days of our community, when winter use wasn't envisioned. That infrastructure is now outdated, shallow, and prone to freezing.

To modernize, we'll need to replace about 7.5 miles of water lines—buried below the frost line—to meet current standards. That alone is expected to cost \$1 million per mile. Phase two of the MRWSSD feasibility study will provide more detailed cost estimates and planning.

## Funding the Future: Water Rate Adjustments and Funding Strategy

Historically, our water rates have been extremely affordable, but they no longer cover operational costs. In 2024, property owners paid \$100 annually for water access (plus \$1 per 1,000 gallons beyond the base 10,000) and \$475 to cover the Well #3 project loan. We also collect general dues of \$555 annually. These low water rates make it harder to qualify for grants and loans, as affordability thresholds are used to assess need. As a result, the LREPOA Board adopted an updated water rate schedule for the 2025 water season to be more in line with operational costs and to enable us to save for the future upgrades we envision.

Grant applications, loan packages, and special assessments will also be critical in funding major infrastructure projects in the years ahead.

## What's Next: Membership Vote Ahead

Once research and/or feasibility studies are complete for each of the three options and high-level cost estimates are in hand, LREPOA members will be asked to vote on which water solution to pursue. Each option comes with pros and cons, and we're committed to sharing clear, transparent information as it becomes available.

## In Summary

We've made significant progress toward identifying realistic, long-term solutions to our water challenges. While obstacles remain—especially related to cost—your Water Committee is working diligently to find the most effective and affordable path forward.

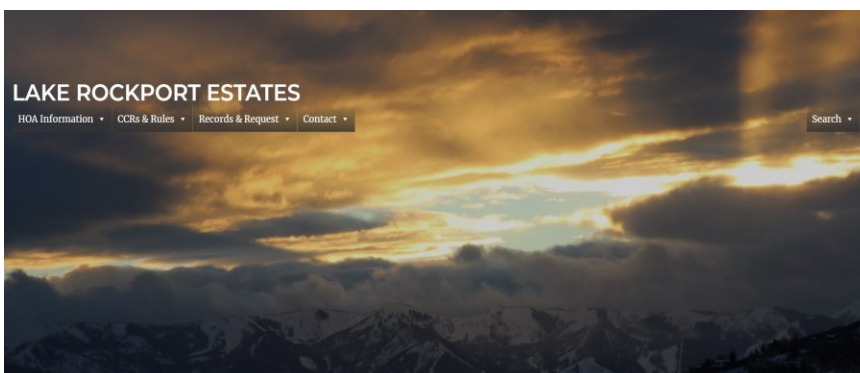
Thank you for your continued support as we navigate this critical project for the future.

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## Lake Rockport Estates' Website Revamp

The Lake Rockport Estates website, [lakerockportestates.com](http://lakerockportestates.com), has been redesigned to enhance user-friendliness, streamline form submissions, and improve communication with the board.

A special thank you to Greg Tafoya, who took the initiative after hearing the board's discussion. He developed and presented a plan before creating the new site. While some adjustments may still be needed, feedback is welcomed to refine the platform further.



**Lake Rockport Estates Property Owners Association**

*—Welcome to our unique mountain community*

**New to the Mountain? Welcome to our community!** Over the past year, we've received many new members at Lake Rockport Estates. Below is a friendly reminder and good information for new residents to help you settle in and make the most of the mountain experience.

## Helpful Tips to Consider

Here are some friendly reminders and important information to help you enjoy life on the mountain.

### General Guidelines:

- Familiarize yourself with the governing documents, rules, and assessment schedule for Lake Rockport Estates to avoid surprises or non-compliance issues. These resources are available on [lakerockportestates.com](http://lakerockportestates.com).
- Monthly board meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at Park City Community Church (4501 Highway 224, Park City, Utah 84098). Zoom links are also provided just prior to the meeting.
- The Annual Membership Meeting is typically held in June, with notifications sent about a month or so in advance.
- Short-term rentals (less than 28 days) are not permitted, as outlined in CC&R Section 9.4.
- Speed Limit: 18 MPH—speeding causes washboard and excess dust.
- Garbage bins are for household waste only; do not leave trash outside the bins. Pickup days are Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Recycling pickup occurs on Fridays; please follow the guidelines on the recycle bins.
- Burn Pile: Located at the north end of the parking lot, for natural vegetation only. Only vegetation from the subdivision is allowed. Keep the pile consolidated—it will be burned in winter when conditions allow.
- Prohibited items in dumpsters & burn pile: Do not dispose of construction/remodel debris, furniture, appliances, carpet, pallets, etc. These must be taken to a landfill or recycling facility.
- There are two closed Facebook groups for residents: Residents of Lake Rockport Estates and Rockport Estates Solutions. These are not managed by the association and are not official communication channels.

### Spring & Summer Considerations:

- Wildfire Prevention: Check the Fire Danger Rating sign at the entrance and follow safety measures. Cut grass down around your homes, clear dead debris and thin vegetation.
- Backflow inspections must be completed before owners can access street water. Stay alert for notification deadlines.
- Water Tanks: Clean and refill them early, as the well's water levels can decrease as the season progresses. Having stored water is essential in case of a water line break, ensuring you have access to water while repairs are being made.
- Noxious Weeds: Owners are responsible for controlling them per Summit County ordinance—act early in the season before they spread.
- Culvert Maintenance: Keep culverts clear of obstructions to prevent road damage. Larger rocks can help slow runoff, and drainage pools can also slow runoff and catch sediment buildup.

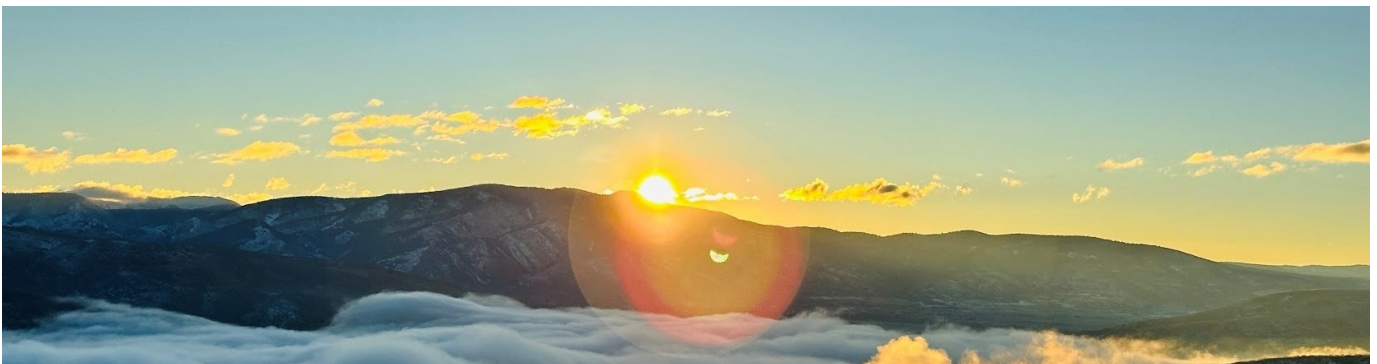


- Driveway runoff should not flow onto the road—it must be diverted into a drainage ditch. If paving your driveway, consider adding a slight bump to ensure proper diversion.
- Community Clean-up Day & BBQ usually happens in June—watch for announcements!
- Garbage & recycling services are handled by Summit County (not the association). Republic Services sends annual invoices in June/July. Contact (435) 615-8311 if you don't receive one.
- Propane Tanks: Refill before November 1st, when Winter Weight Restrictions take effect. Prices are usually lowest in summer.
- Septic System Maintenance: Avoid garbage disposals, thick toilet paper, or wipes. Monthly treatments can help, and pumping may be needed every 3–5 years. Winter pumping is difficult due to the winter weight restriction and road conditions.
- Road Grading & Mag: usually occur in early June. Watch for notifications and please slow down and abide by the 5 MPH signs until the mag dries. Avoid heavy deliveries during this time. Be sure to wash the mag off your vehicles as it is corrosive.

### **Fall & Winter Considerations:**

- Backflow Preventers: Apply a heating source by late September and plug it in before the first freeze. Avoid over-wrapping with heat tape—it can damage the internal mechanics.
- Once water is shut off, remove and store your backflow in a warm, dry place.
- Road Maintenance: The Association only plows from the gate to the parking lot area. Volunteers handle all other winter maintenance. You are responsible for your own winter access—neighbors should not be relied upon for this.
- Winter Tires & Chains: Roads are snow-packed and icy—invest in winter tires (some use studded ones) and have chains ready.
- Snow removal volunteers must complete the Snow Removal Release of Liability Form. Salt and ice melt are prohibited on LRE roads.
- Driveway and road clearing: Each owner is responsible for clearing their own driveway and providing their access. Consider using a plow truck, ATV/side-by-side or other equipment with a plow and/or snowblower, or hiring a service.
- North-facing Walkways/Driveways: Consider installing roof heating sources to improve safety during spring melting.

If you need assistance, reach out to the board or your fellow residents—this is a supportive community where many neighbors live full-time and are happy to help!



## Feeding Wildlife: A Well-Intended Mistake with Harmful Consequences

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources advises against feeding deer and other wildlife due to several risks. While not illegal in most areas, feeding wildlife increases public safety hazards, such as more traffic accidents and attracting predators like cougars. It also contributes to the spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD)—a fatal neurological illness in deer, elk, and moose—caused by prions that accumulate in the brain and nervous system, leading to severe weight loss and eventual death. CWD spreads through bodily fluids and contaminated environments, remaining infectious for years. Feeding deer causes them to congregate, increasing the risk of transmission.

Since its discovery in Utah in 2002, CWD has been detected across the state, with 262 mule deer and six elk testing positive as of late 2024. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources actively monitors and tests harvested deer and elk to track the disease's spread.

Additionally, introducing unnatural foods—especially in winter—can harm wildlife, as their digestive systems are adapted to seasonal diets. To support wildlife, the best approach is to let them remain wild and avoid unnecessary human intervention.

## Avian Influenza in Utah: Overview & Prevention

Avian influenza, or bird flu, is a virus commonly found in wild birds, particularly waterfowl and shorebirds. It spreads through bodily fluids and contaminated environments, sometimes leading to severe outbreaks among domestic poultry. The highly pathogenic strain (HPAI) is especially lethal to chickens, ducks, and other farmed birds.

### Recent Utah Outbreaks

- 2014–15: H5 strains detected nationwide; two Utah ducks tested positive.
- 2022: A new outbreak began on the East Coast, spreading west into Utah.
- 2025: As of February 11, 122 birds, a mountain lion, several skunks, and three red foxes have tested positive in 16 counties.

### Human Risk & Reporting

- Current strain poses low risk to humans, though 68 cases have been confirmed, with one reported death.
- The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) requests reports of five or more dead waterfowl, shorebirds, wild turkeys, quail, raptors, or scavengers near waterfowl habitats. Report to a local DWR office or call 801-538-4700.

#### Prevention Measures

##### General Public:

- Avoid direct contact with wild birds.
- Wash hands after handling poultry or eggs.
- Cook poultry and eggs thoroughly.

##### Bird Owners & Farmers:

- Keep domestic birds away from wild birds.
- Maintain strict biosecurity measures.
- Monitor birds for illness.

##### Hunters & Outdoor

- Enthusiasts:**
- Wear gloves when handling game birds.
- Dispose of carcasses properly.
- Report unusual bird deaths

## Other Reminders

### Dog Waste Laws in Utah

In Utah, pet owners are legally required to pick up after their dogs in public and private spaces, including sidewalks, parks, and school grounds.

#### Why it matters

- Health risks- dog waste carries bacteria, parasites, and viruses that can spread diseases
- Environmental Impact – Leftover waste can contaminate water sources and harm ecosystems.
- Community Cleanliness – Uncollected waste creates an unsanitary and unpleasant environment.

#### Penalties for Violations

Failure to clean up dog waste is considered a public nuisance and can result in fines and citations.

#### Be a responsible pet owner

Cleaning up after your dog isn't just polite—it helps keep communities safe, clean, and welcoming for everyone. Show respect for shared spaces while caring for your furry friends!

### Lighting the Way to a Darker, Healthier Sky

Summit County, Utah, has implemented a Dark Skies Initiative to reduce light pollution and protect the nighttime environment. The program aims to preserve star visibility, support wildlife health, and improve mental well-being by promoting dark sky-friendly lighting practices.

#### Key Requirements:

- By December 31, 2024, all outdoor light bulbs in Park City and unincorporated Summit County must be 3,000 Kelvin or less.
- Outdoor lighting fixtures must be fully shielded and directed downward to minimize glare and light trespass.
- Residents and businesses are encouraged to use dimmers, timers, and motion sensors to reduce unnecessary lighting.

#### Why it Matters

- Light pollution disrupts wildlife behavior, including migration and reproduction.
- Excessive artificial lighting can interfere with human sleep cycles and mental health.
- Preserving dark skies enhances stargazing opportunities and maintains the natural beauty of the region.

