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Newsletter of the Blue Lake Owners' Association

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Confused by Your December Statement?

This year we were able to negotiate a reduction in the price of our trash service from Waste Management. As of August the price dropped by \$2.15 per month. If you have had trash service since that time, your statement shows a \$10.75 credit this month. Please adjust your December payment accordingly. If you pay by automatic bank draft, your amount will be adjusted for you. For most, this means that only \$89.75 is due for December.

Next Board Meeting:

December 14th at 6:30 pm.

Gate Code: The code is 8411#. Bathrooms are closed for the season.

Need Help Around the House?

One of our best-ever seasonal employees and long-time valley resident is looking for work through March. Steve Turley is very knowledgeable and capable at fixing, building, or pretty much anything you might throw his way. He's willing to do big or small jobs. Please call him at 390-5809.

Winter Fun

Please remind kids (and dads) to not dig up soil or turf when reconfiguring snow on common areas used for sledding. Also the ice on our pond and lake is NOT safe!! Water currents create areas of thin and unstable ice. KEEP OFF!!!

2010 Monthly Dues = \$102.00

Please remember to change the amount with your bank if you use online bill payment. If your home is vacated for an extended period, please call the office to suspend trash service and save \$16.00 per month.

JW Drive and Highway 82 Intersection

Eagle County has received \$250,000 from the Federal Hazard Elimination Grant program for the JW Drive & SH82 intersection. The grant was originally awarded for \$1M for the construction of a roundabout, however after a more detailed feasibility study was performed the roundabout option did not make sense based upon SH82 mainline traffic flows and an access control plan that would need to be modified. A traffic signal was also investigated, but did not meet the traffic warrants based upon traffic counts performed by CDOT. Two left turn acceleration lanes represent the preferred option as both of these motions presently place this traffic right into the left lane with a speed of 55mph. CDOT and Eagle County staff have met onsite and feel that these improvements can be accomplished without having to widen the highway; the improvements can be made by installing the left turn lanes into the existing medians. CDOT has supplied the county with a preliminary cost estimate. The "upvalley" lane can be installed with the grant funds; installing both the "upvalley" and "downvalley" may require some additional funding.

On November 16, engineering staff met with the commissioners' work session in El Jebel and provided a progress update of the intersection. Topics covered included a recent meeting with CDOT staff on November 4 to "kick-off" the project and understand the grant requirements. At the November 4 meeting, Eagle County expressed interest that CDOT look for additional funding sources for installation of both of the acceleration lanes. The commissioners asked questions regarding the methodology for why a traffic signal was not warranted, and felt that it might make better sense to dig deeper and explore these possibilities for a traffic signal. Engineering staff is following up on the commissioner's request and is investigating additional traffic count data sources. Please feel free to contact Greg Schroeder, Senior Project Engineer for Eagle County, at 970.328.3567 or greg.schroeder@eaglecounty.us with any questions or comments.

Seeking Volunteers for Board Positions

We are still looking for 2 volunteers to fill vacancies on the board. Sheryl Carr volunteered and was welcomed last month. It is a goal of the board to keep meetings under 2 hours once per month. If you'd like to help in the financial oversight and planning of projects in our little piece of heaven, this is a great place to dive in. Please call the office or join us at the December 14th meeting at 6:30 if you're interested. We'd love to have you!

