

**Smith Ranch Property Owners Association**

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**2016 Newsletter and Association member meeting invitation**

**Dear Property Owner,**

This year, the Annual Meeting of the Smith Ranch Property Owners Association will be held on Saturday June 4th, at 2pm. We will have a pot luck lunch at 12:30. Bring a dish, beverage and a chair and come join us! This year, Johnny Baxter has offered to host the annual meeting at his place on Lot 15. To get there, just get on Main Rd, veer left at Yancey Creek Rd, veer left onto South River Road, and proceed a short distance to lot 15. The meeting agenda will include road repairs, taxes, current concerns and any new business will be discussed. New owners/ members are especially encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone!

**Roads**

Last year, we requested bids from several contractors, and ended up using a new contractor to do the road work. We would like to hear your thoughts on the quality of the work performed. Once again please SLOW DOWN and avoid accelerating on the hills to avoid creating the washboard effect. Please let any visitors or contractors know that they need to go slow and watch the blind curves.

There will be a volunteer workday on Saturday, June 25. We will discuss details at the meeting.

**Fire**

We have been blessed with abundant rain over the last year, but this land has been hit hard by drought, and many areas are filled with dead cedars. It's a good idea to clear as much of the dead cedars as you can to reduce the fire risk. As we head into the summer, please adhere to burn bans and be careful with your barbeque as well.

**Leadership**

There are two board member positions up for election this year. The goal is to have a representative from all of the ranch areas, so if you are interested in serving, please speak up at the meeting.

We are sad to announce that we are losing our long-standing treasurer, Dave Viguers. The Treasurer plays a very important role in the SRPOA, so please consider volunteering for this important position. We wish Dave and Sandy well as they settle into their new hill country ranch near Llano, and want to thank Dave for all of his hard work over the years.

**Why Join?**

The Smith Ranch Property Owners Association exists primarily to maintain Main and Yancy Creek Roads from the end of CR1287 to the river, and to pay taxes and insurance for the common areas. Your membership dues are used for this purpose. Board members and officers are strictly volunteers. There are approximately 170 property owners, and only 80 SRPOA members. Seem a little unbalanced? We think so too! If you are a current or new SRPOA member- thank you! If you know any property owners who are not SRPOA members, encourage them to join up and pay their fair share of the road expenses! You can also tell them that the common areas are owned by the SRPOA and the insurance only covers members. There are many good reasons to be a member, so please join in on the fun, and we will see you on the river.

Sincerely,

*Russell Duke*

President S.R.P.O.A.