

# Saddle Ridge Property Owners

## Important information and updates for the members of SRPOA:

- SRPOA WEBSITE: The SRPOA website, [www.saddleridgepoa.com](http://www.saddleridgepoa.com), is again active online. Please take a look at the website and let us know what you think. It is in a basic form right now and is a work in progress, but we are looking to expand and improve it and hope you will help with your ideas, pictures and creative writing skills. We will soon have an e-mail account on the website to communicate directly, but in the interim, please contact Communications Committee Chairman Lynn Hopps or our website administrator Theresa Schehr with any input.
- RECYCLING: The SRPOA board has approved contracting with Woodby Recycling to provide for a recycling program at Saddle Ridge. Six large containers will be placed in the green trash shed near the gate. The system will be "single stream" which means that no sorting will be necessary. Materials currently accepted (subject to change by regulation or available recycling receiver) include broken down cardboard, newspaper, magazines and other bulk paper, metal cans and small scrap metal items, plastic bottles and containers, unbroken glass containers, and Styrofoam. Please ensure that materials are as clean as possible to control vermin. The bins will be emptied weekly on Wednesday afternoon. Josh Woodby also offered to pick up large metal items from your home, such as grills, lawnmowers, or appliances by appointment (865-360-0356).
- BEAVERS and LAKE CARE: A committee was formed by the board to provide recommendations for the resolution of issues on the lower lake and lot caused by the beaver population. They are charged with developing a plan to prevent blockage of the main drain tiles at the dam on the gate side of the lake, as well as prevent and potentially reverse the loss of property at the barn side of the lake lot. Hugh Pearson is the board appointed chairman of this committee, with members including Judy Pearson, Martha Frink, Alex Wyss, Liz Domingue and Lorraine Smith. Please contact any of these committee members if you have information or ideas to assist them in developing a plan that economically protects the safety of our community while being friendly to the wildlife and ecology of Saddle Ridge.
- FLAG DEDICATION and ROADSIDE CLEANUP: In a joint effort of the Beautification, and Welcome and Hospitality Committees, Saturday May 18, 2013, will be a day of dedication and service. At 930 a.m. light refreshments will be served at the area of the lower lake near the gate, leading to a 1000 a.m. ceremony of dedication and a first flag raising at the new flag pole. Following the ceremony volunteers will be asked to work in groups to clear the roads of Saddle Ridge of trash and tree debris caused by storm damage and our harsh winter. Please join us as we honor our country and the men and women who serve us in our military, and stay to help us improve the safety and beauty of our roadsides in Saddle Ridge.

- ROADS: With the improved weather, work has resumed to restore and improve our roads. Road Committee chairman Darin Suggs detailed the ongoing plan for the roads in Saddle Ridge. Burchfield Construction has retained a skilled equipment operator who will provide services up to two days a week to grade and shape our roads, fill the pot holes and maintain our road side drainage. Burchfield Construction will also be providing more intensive work to repair trouble spots that need attention on Chilhowee Loop, Oakwood Road, Waters End, Walnut Flats and several other problem areas. This work will be ongoing through the fall. By the late fall, all regularly traveled roads of Saddle Ridge will receive appropriate gravel to maintain safe vehicle operation, and hopefully avoid most of the issues we faced last winter. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to provide the best service to all of the residents and property owners in Saddle Ridge. Please contact Darin or any other board member with any questions or concerns.
- ANNUAL MEETING and BOARD NOMINATIONS: The SRPOA annual meeting will be held at the Walland United Methodist Church, 309 East Millers Cove Road, on Saturday, July 20, 2013, with breakfast starting at 930 a.m. and the meeting at 1000 a.m. There are three board members whose first three-year term is expiring: Scott Schehr, Nancy Cain and Debra James. All three have agreed to stand for reelection for a second term. Any SRPOA member(s) in good standing may nominate themselves or other eligible members (with their consent) interested in serving on the SRPOA board of directors. Nomination may be made in advance by sending a notice to any board member, so the candidate can be placed on the ballot and any biographical information may be provided to our members prior to the election. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. The members of the board strongly encourage and welcome all nominations.

Active and willing volunteers to serve on the board, as well as those joining the various committees that serve our membership enhance the strength and effectiveness of our association. We encourage all to participate, it is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors, develop relationships and provide service to your community. The rewards are great and your efforts are a source of pride and achievement. The members of the board and the committees are happy to serve you and our community. Thank all of you for your support.

The SRPOA BOARD