

S.W.A.R.M. Mid-Winter NEWSLETTER, JAN. 2010
Skyview-Willowbrook Association for Road Maintenance
On the WEB <www.sherwoodgates.org>

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting this past August 15 on Brownie's land was a happy success! The community potluck with visiting and a wonderful selection of food was followed by a lively meeting with good discussion about the roads and their funding. It was great to see everyone who attended. We hope to see more of you next year!

Funds: The board is working to reach members who are over 2 years delinquent with their road assessments and will continue with efforts to bring them up to date. Current outstanding assessments are down from \$84,000 last year to about \$65,000 now. Several members with financial or medical hardships have come forward to set up payment plans with the association and this has been greatly appreciated. We understand that times are hard right now and we also are working to stretch every dollar we receive.

• **SWARM 2009 Financial Report** •

2009 Income	1st Gate	2nd Gate	3rd Gate	Combined
Beginning Balance	\$1,027.02	\$2,650.59	\$536.54	\$4,214.15
Deposits thru 12/09	\$2,855.32	\$3,663.31	\$18,526.19	\$25,044.82
Total Income 2009	\$3,882.34	\$6,313.90	\$19,062.73	\$29,258.97
2009 Expenses				
Gravel/Base	\$0.00	\$2,473.02	\$2,735.36	\$5,208.38
Grading/Brush/etc.	\$1,640.00	\$1,120.00	\$12,082.95	\$14,842.95
Printing/Postage	\$94.14	\$94.14	\$282.40	\$470.68
Accountant Fees (*)	\$403.65	\$403.89	\$1,531.46	\$2,339.00
Insurance	\$476.01	\$476.26	\$1,748.59	\$2,700.86
Corp. filing fees, etc.	\$49.93	\$49.93	\$149.79	\$249.65
Misc. Fire Council, etc.	\$23.58	\$23.58	\$70.72	\$117.40
Total Expenses	\$2,687.31	\$4,640.82	\$18,601.27	\$25,929.40
ENDING BALANCES	\$1,195.03	\$1,673.08	\$461.46	\$3,329.57
* Includes regular billings along with one time tax prep and billing				
<i>Treasurer, Linda Jarvis</i>				

Maintenance: Standing water degrades our roads and water flowing across a road can destroy the road in a matter of hours. Because of this we are working to improve drainage throughout the roads this fall and will follow this (if funds permit) with rock in the late winter/spring. All parcel owners can help us by ensuring culverts and ditches along your property are kept open. Ends of culverts that cross the roads and were hidden by brush have been damaged so we will be working to mark them in the future. If you see flowing water onto or across the road, divert it or call one of your local board representatives.

Some Road Saving Techniques

- Get your assessment paid so maintenance can be continued.
- Drive SLOWLY to avoid creating gullies, washboards, pot holes and accidents.
- Ride the ridges to help maintain the road shaping.
- Avoid potholes when possible.
- When road surface is damp, drive on the loose gravel to get it pressed into the road surface.
- Yield to uphill traffic to allow them to maintain constant speed and avoid creating wash-boarding.
- Carry a shovel in case you see blocked drainage and need to open it.
- Trim brush back to the outside of the ditches.

2008 - 2009 SWARM Board Members

You do realize that the SWARM board is made up of your 1st, 2nd and 3rd Gate neighbors, regular folks who *live here, drive these roads and have the same problems and needs that you do*. We are volunteers who *care about the roads and work very hard to ensure they are kept in drivable condition*.

Your comments and an occasional helping hand are always welcomed.

Together we can stretch our precious road dollars as far as possible!

1st Gate:	Craig Mountain	459-3427 or 367-9897
	Valerie Kanonchoff	459-2006
2nd Gate:	Catrina Fish, President	984-6373
	Maggie Graham	984-6610
3rd Gate:	Brian Corzilius, Secretary	984-4634
	Gidon Relin	367-3322
	Linda Jarvis, Treasurer	489-4300 or 984-7445

We would SO MUCH appreciate hearing from you!

Won't you please take a moment to answer the following questions?

1. Did you read this newsletter? (Yea! Tell us.)
2. Do you have any comments or questions for the board?
3. Do you have any specific areas of concern?
4. Have you ever visited the SWARM website? (You can find all our legal documents there, by-laws, board meeting minutes and much more. Very enlightening.)

You can put your answers in a note to include with your check or call Maggie @ 707 984-6610 or e-mail <maggieg@mcn.org>.