

DEARBORN MEADOWS LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

24 Shoquist Park Lane
Cascade, Montana 59421
March 15, 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Association board members, Dan Ginnaty, President, Greg Madson, Vice President, and Colleen Nichols, Secretary/Treasurer, invite you to attend the annual meeting scheduled for **Saturday, May 25 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Dearborn Volunteer Fire Department**. The full agenda for the May meeting has not been set at this time, the board is open to suggestions for topics of discussion. If you have topic recommendations, you are welcome to submit them with your dues payment or at dearbornloa@dearbornloa.org. Please submit your ideas to benefit the community as soon as possible and include either a phone number or email address to allow us to contact you should we need to discuss your submission.

Weather permitting, there will be a picnic/gathering at Shoquist Park following the meeting. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a community. For those attending with last names A to L, please bring a salad to share and those with last names M to Z please bring a dessert. The Association will provide fried chicken. Please bring your own beverages. We hope to see you.

The Association website address is **www.dearbornloa.org**. The website provides access to last year's meeting minutes, fiscal year 2023 financial reports, current bylaws and so much more. Landowners can also remain in touch via the Dearborn Landowners Association Facebook page. The website and Facebook page keep our community up to date on volunteer activities, roadwork, and other community topics.

Last summer's road work involved many volunteers, neighbors hired to provide equipment and experience, and numerous loads of gravel delivered by Wirth Construction of Wolf Creek. The work completed would have been impossible without the dedication of several landowners. The work will be ongoing this year. The board will continue to assess the roads to identify the areas requiring the most attention.

Cascade and Lewis & Clark Counties have no cost Bio Control bugs for several invasive plant species. Contact your county weed district by early April to get on the list. Cascade County has a reduced cost herbicide program for Dearborn Landowners offering 50-60% off retail prices open to landowners in Cascade County.

Included in this mailing is an envelope for owners to send in their annual dues. The Bylaws were amended at the 2023 Board meeting to \$100 per landowner unit. Landowners with multiple parcels pay \$100 (although additional funds are welcome).

The Associations' main objective is to maintain a viable road system. The funds received are used primarily for road maintenance with less than 5% used for overhead (e.g., office supplies, mailings, website, etc.). No money is paid to board members or volunteers other than to cover money expended on behalf of the association.

We appreciate your dues being paid by May 15, 2024. This allows us to include the paid dues in the financial report that will be presented during the meeting and to formulate a budget for roadwork. Landowners that have paid dues may vote, offer constructive input to topics and decisions that pertain to the association at the meeting. The board asks for 2 hours of your time in the interest of our community. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and picnic on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

Respectfully,
Dearborn LOA Board