

# LETTER TO THE SMWOA MEMBERSHIP

## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 2021

The Board of Directors has prepared this correspondence to provide information to the Association members in an attempt to keep them informed and up to date with current issues affecting us. The Board has received numerous communications from members concerned about the fire hazard in existence in Southwestern Montana. The Board has also received comments from members about the number of new homes being built with rusted metal roofs. Also, there have been comments expressing concerns about the amount of shooting that occurs within the Association's boundaries. Speeding continues to be an issue with drivers on association roads which are posted at 20 mph. Outside lighting is an issue that we all need to be aware of to ensure that our exterior lights do not shine towards adjacent neighbors. Weed management is an issue for some property owners. We are all responsible to control weeds on our individual lots while the Association is responsible for weed control along the road right of ways in the subdivision.

In response to these comments and concerns, the Board prepared a document addressing common sense reminders and posted it on the Association website; [www.SMWOA.org](http://www.SMWOA.org). With a little effort, members can track what issues the Board of Directors are addressing throughout the year by reviewing the minutes of monthly Board meetings, minutes from the annual meeting held in July each year are also posted on the website for members to review.

The website also has the most current and updated copies of the covenants, bylaws and rules and regulations that have been prepared over the years as the interpretations and understanding of the covenants and bylaws have evolved. You can also obtain blank copies of the building permit form for any building or exterior remodeling that you plan on doing on your property.

Snow removal is an issue that year-round residents must address each winter. There are several members that have snow removal equipment that are willing to help their neighbors when snow accumulation reaches a point where it is difficult to drive the Association roads.

Please be aware of the information available to Association members on the [www.SMWOA.org](http://www.SMWOA.org).

As always, if you have a question that you cannot address through reviewing information available on the website you can reach out to the Board of Directors by regular mail or email at:

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