



Winter 2023
Glacier, WA

Community Club Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

For information and event registration visit snowlineecc.com.

Annual Dues

Invoices were sent December 5. Email accounts@snowlineecc.com if you didn't receive yours. Payment can be mailed or paid electronically and must be received by January 31.

Fishing Derby

Saturday May 25, 2024
For kids 12 and under

Chipping Event

Date TBD



The backdrop will remain in the clubhouse through the holidays if you want to get some photos.

Holiday Party By Sharon Westling

The annual children's holiday party was a great success on November 25. Thank you to all who registered their children on the website - it helps so much in planning, as Santa brought a gift for each of the approximately 35 children. Parents and kids alike loved the craft tables and Santa arriving in Glacier's new fire engine, driven by our own Chuck Soles. We served grilled cheese, brauts, coffee, hot chocolate, chips and cookies.

Thanks to Richard Thompson for assisting Santa, Rich Lawrence for the beautiful photos, Alyson Brennan and her daughters for the fun crafts, the Westling and Goosman families for cooking and serving food, Chuck and Evan for making everything festive and beautiful, and Glacier Fire District for the use of the fire engine/sleigh, and the other volunteers who helped make this a fun day. If you're interested in volunteering to help with the social committee please email sharon@snowlineecc.com.

Roads & Grounds, Capital Projects

By Todd Schuh

Snow Removal

When snow starts to accumulate around 2-3 inches, plowing begins on all Snowline roads. Once the snow stops, sanding happens. We need 3-4 feet from the road edge to plow. People and pets should stay 20 feet away from the moving plow. Cars need to park within property lines, which can be as much as 20 feet from the road edge. Our plow needs an additional couple of feet from the road edge to stack the removed snow.

Snowline staff do not plow individual driveways. Check the Snowline bulletin board and local Facebook groups for vendors who provide this service.



Brush and Tree Trimming

The road edge brush and tree trimming project is underway. Snowline will not be removing any trees or brush from individual properties. In instances where branches extending over the roads come from adjoining property, we will reach out to property owners for permission to remove those branches prior to doing the work. If we do not get permission, then the branches will be cut at the property line which could be unsightly and affect the health of the tree. If your lot is affected we will be reaching out via email in the next 2 months, and we ask for your prompt response to avoid project delays. Any work you approve will be done by licensed contractors and at Snowline's expense.

Easements

With the brush and tree trimming project underway please be aware of where your property line abuts the road edge. The Snowline road edge property is much wider than the actual road. The road is not perfectly centered in this easement, so some lots have more road frontage than others. This road edge property is owned by SLCC. A simple rule of thumb is to locate your utility water box on your lot. This is very close to the actual property line, and snowline owns everything from that box to the road. Vehicles and obstacles must remain out of this area during winter months and while the brush project is underway.

Credit & Debit payments

Snowline is now set up to accept credit card and debit card payments at the front office. You can use this service to pay for gate cards, fines, dues, and Snowline merchandise. There is a service fee for each transaction.

Snowline Office hours

Starting in January, the office located by the clubhouse will have designated office hours. Although the office will not be open daily, we will have hours on both weekdays and weekends. Please utilize these office hours for any business you need to conduct, instead of asking the staff to take care of it while they are working on the grounds. Snowline has 2 full-time employees with many things that need to be accomplished throughout the day. You can also email Chuck at manager@snowlinecc.com to resolve your issue or to set an appointment outside of the scheduled office hours.





2024 Property Assessments

Every year 1/6th of the properties in Whatcom County are physically inspected and reassessed, as well as all new-construction. The remaining 5/6th of the county's properties are adjusted based on the statistical update from analysis of sales of similar properties.

In 2024, assessors will physically inspect properties in Snowline. Appraisers will be driving clearly marked white county vehicles, will be wearing their county badge, and will knock on the door to introduce themselves if they step foot on your property. If no one answers, they will leave a door hanger to alert that they have visited your property. Appraisers will measure and photograph the exterior of structures, including buildings and decks. After the inspection, some time is required to update information on your property. You may see staff working in their vehicle. Valuation is based on the condition of the property on January 1, 2024 or July 31, 2024 for new construction and will be used to calculate the property taxes due in 2025. You can learn more about this process here: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/177/Assessor>.

Community Compliance By Jon Russell

Short-Term Rentals

Snowline owners must complete Cabin Rental Registration (Form 3) prior to beginning renting so we have billing and emergency contact information. Additionally, the Snowline Rental Registration (Form 2) must be completed with each guest transaction so we have information to support the security protocols. Form 2 must be provided prior to guest departure date. Forms must be submitted electronically and can be found on the Snowline website.

Although most owners who rent submit these forms properly, many do not. Owners who fail to submit forms, electronically and in a timely fashion, will be issued a warning letter the first occurrence, requesting the registration forms and fees. Repeated failed registrations will result in fines in addition to the registration fees.

September - 26 unregistered guest transactions

October - 15 unregistered guest transactions

November - 14 unregistered guest transactions

Citations and Warnings

Violations and warnings are increasing as we enter the holidays and ski season. Let's do better. Here's a tally of recent incidents and fines:

9/26 Double gate entry. Fine \$200

9/26 Speeding warning.

10/5 Recycle center warning.

10/21 Disturbing the peace warning.

11/7 Speeding warning.

11/16 Lot cleanup warning.

11/20 Theft (In process).

11/21 Gate bollard hit. Fee \$75

11/24 Illegal parking and road blocking. Fine \$800

12/1 Illegal parking warning.

12/5 Double gate entry citation. Fine \$200

12/7 Double gate entry with breakage. Fine \$260

Tickets are issued to the Snowline member - not the guest who may be staying at that cabin. Fines increase with each occurrence for a given lot. Visit the member section of Snowline website for the complete list of rules and fines.





2023 Annual General Meeting

Largest participation in club history.

The 54th Snowline annual general meeting (AGM) had excellent attendance and participation on October 21, with 78 member lots represented in person and 93 represented via proxy. Additionally, the club offered a listen-only virtual option for those unable to attend in person. The 2022-23 Board of Directors presented reports from the activities of the past year, including a pre-AGM briefing on the draft governing documents and budget review. The AGM concluded with a member happy hour that included pulled pork sliders, beer and wine. The AGM minutes are available in the Member section of the website now. A number of thank you's:

- Chuck Soles facilitated the virtual meeting.
- The AGM election board (Melissa Ahlers, Bev Albinet, and Rich Lawrence) for processing registrations, proxies and ballots.
- Parliamentarian Rob Weston ran the meeting.
- Pat Westling, Marcel Laforce, Patrick Eelnurme for the happy hour food and drinks.
- Many who helped with the post-AGM cleanup.

Gate Card Audit

Watch your email inbox for news coming on the gate card audit that will take place January-June 2024. The goal is to reconcile all the gate cards in the system to members and contractors, then cancel those we can't identify an owner for, to increase community security.

Rules & Regulations By Derek Rubio

Working with Snowline's legal council, revised covenants and bylaws were updated and mailed to members in 2023. Ballots were collected through November 30. Both revised Bylaws and Covenants failed to pass:

- Snowline has 287 Member-Owned Lots, we received 190 ballots (66% participation)
- Bylaws 105 Yes, 81 No; needed >50% of owner lots or 144 to pass.
- Covenants 103 Yes (35% by property), 82 No (need >50% of real member-owned property).

As a result, the 1997 Covenants and 2019 Bylaws remain in effect, supported with the Rules and Fines, last updated in July 2022. These governing documents are available in the Member section of the Snowline website. We appreciate everyone's participation in this important community decision. This committee will review the feedback and keep the membership informed of next steps.

Meet the 2023-24 Board of Directors

The board meets the 3rd Monday of each month, and maintains the following committees: roads and grounds, forestry/fire risk, capital projects, sustainability, architectural, member communications, rules and regulations, social events, information technology, and community compliance. Email derek@snowlinecc.com if you'd like to attend, either to address the board or simply to audit the meeting.



Snowline Board of Directors: Rob Weston, Sharon Westling, Jackie Eelnurme, Jon Russell, Todd Schuh, Derek Rubio, Marcel Laforce. Not pictured: Christina Hemmen, John Ennes.