



Happy Holidays

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As another year draws to a close, it felt like the year flew by! Reflecting on the work accomplished in the community over the past 12 months, it has been remarkable. Our Quarterly Newsletters have been a great way to highlight and share all the work as it happens.

Looking ahead into 2024, we are asking you to take 10 minutes to complete our annual HOA survey. The survey has now been sent out to all residents via email and we intend on using your input and feedback to shape Community priorities and projects for next year. If you have not received the email then please us know at board@bearspawcountryestates.com

To all our neighbours and their extended families, your HOA extends its warmest wishes this holiday season. We hope the holiday gives you a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday working schedules and an opportunity to spend time enjoying the company of family and friends.

Alexis Vince



Community Trees



Neighbours as seen from Kodiak Springs Cove

Congratulations to our Halloween Decoration Winner!



Test Your Knowledge!

According to Guinness World Records, what were the largest snowflakes ever recorded: 5", 10", 15" or 20"?

Submit your answer to board@bears pawcountrystates.com

Snow Removal Tip & Reminders!

It is that time of the year when the majority of our residents are using a snowblower or tractor to clear their driveways. Some of the most common injuries associated with using a snowblower are lacerations and amputations of fingers. Making sure you're following our general snow removal safety tips is a great head start on snowblower safety. These tips specific to snowblower operation will help keep you and those around you safe while you operate your snowblower.

- **Preventative Cleaning** - Before snow gets too deep, inspect any areas where you plan on using your snowblower. Remove any doormats, sleds, boards, wires, news papers, and anything else that can get buried and potentially clog and damage your snowblower.
- **Never Stick Your Hands in a Snowblower!** - If your snowblower jams up, stop the engine and wait at least 10 seconds. Be sure to keep your hands and feet clear of all moving parts. Use a solid object to clear any compacted wet snow or debris from the chute. Never use your hands or feet to clear a clog, jammed augers and impellers can be under enough belt tension to cause serious injury to hands and feet. Be extra cautious and aware of the recoil of the motor and blades after the blower has been turned off.
- **Protect Your hearing** - Make sure you wear ear plugs while operating your snowblower. This is important for people using gas-powered machines, as these typically run above 85 decibels, which is the point at which hearing damage can begin to occur.
- **Proper Supervision** - Snowblowers use either a metal auger or other arrangement of paddles to break down, collect and throw snow. This auger or these paddles get moving with a lot of speed and force. It's important to make sure anytime you're using a snowblower that you never leave it unattended. It's also important to be aware of where your chute is throwing snow. Ice or other hidden objects can be grabbed and thrown by the snowblower, so never direct your snow discharge towards people.
- Please ensure that you are not blowing your snow or creating piles roadway. You should also ensure that you are not blocking ditches or common area pathways.

Community Halloween Party



Thank you to our Board Member Jamie Shewchuk and family for opening their house again to host the Annual Halloween Party. A SPOOKY Time was had by all who attended!

(Note: We have not included children's photos to ensure their privacy)

Community Maintenance

The Board completed a review of our snow removal service provider and we are very pleased with the work of the new service provider so far. Please reach out to the board if you have any concerns with the common area snow removal.



Courtesy
Reminder!

Keeping your driveway clear of snow is a big job. Whether you hire somebody or do your own snow removal, please ensure you are not piling snow onto the public roads.

Are you a small business owner? Do you offer a service? We want to know! Is there something you can offer your community? Can your neighbours support your business? Please share with us!
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Garbage and Recycling



We are fortunate enough to live in a community where we can arrange a garbage and/or recycling service to do local pickups. We live in a very windy place so making sure your garbage and/or recycling is secure to avoid littering the neighbourhood.

- Ensure your bins are not “overstuffed”. If the lid closes completely, trash and recyclables are less likely to blow around or be scattered by birds.
- Put your bins out the morning of collection to avoid exposure to the wind.

Surviving the holidays with pets



The holiday season is stressful for everybody, including your pets. We make changes to our homes, have company over and often have less time to spend with our animals. If you are having a lot of company, make sure your pet has a safe, quiet place to retreat.

Cats:

1. cats are often fascinated with the tree so either limit access to it or “cat proof” it. Choose your decorations wisely and avoid tinsel, fine paper ribbon and fake snow on the branches of your tree.
2. poinsettias are toxic to cats if ingested, so keep them out of reach or better yet keep them out of reach.

Dogs:

1. dogs always enjoy what we are eating, but be extra cautious around the holidays. Keep chocolate, coffee, alcohol and macadamia nuts out of reach.
2. Ensure your dog is receiving enough mental stimulation as well as physical exercise.



Upcoming Events

Save the date: HOA AGM April 11

Community Spring Cleanup: TBD



Gazebo Holiday Lights!



We are pleased to see our community growing! A few new builds have been started in December.

*Warmest Wishes to all our
community members this year!*

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

