Fall is rapidly approaching after a very short summer and it is time to let you know what is going on in Manor Lands. The summer was very enjoyable with mild temperatures and adequate moisture. Let’s hope fall extends itself for a longer period to make up for the lousy spring.

The people who visited Manor Lands were very well mannered and very few incidents were noted by the Caretaker or Board Members. Speeding and careless ATV riding accounted for most of the incidents as usual. For the Manor Lands members who do not have speedometers on their vehicles watch your dust cloud. If you are kicking up a cloud of dust you are probably exceeding the 15MPH speed limit. The increased use of lot decals was noted and appreciated. Temporary decals are available at the Caretakers Cabin for free for guests and members. Remember, that the decals are for your safety and allow us rapid access to a given lot in case of emergency.

We are happy to report that no fire incidents have occurred this year. A new Manor Lands fire pit was built at the Caretaker’s cabin and is available for inspection by people who want to construct one on their lot. Several owners have done this and installed a fire pit on their own lots.

A new backhoe was purchased. We will use it at the burn pit to stack slash and keep the area clean. It will also be used for road repair, snow removal and other tasks. The machine has low hours and should be operational for the next 15-20 years without significant maintenance.

The weather didn’t provide us with a lot of time to do anything during the month of June so the work party was postponed until July. The largest group of lot owners in years attended the event. We had brats, and various salads and desserts provided by the members. Dead trees were removed around the caretaker cabin; the wood was cut and split for winter use. Thistle was pulled and an extension to the overhang above the door at Reynolds station was built. The out buildings at the Caretakers cabin were painted. All the gates have been repainted for winter.

We now have a 1TB backup drive for the computer at the Caretaker’s cabin for Manor Lands Records as well as a volunteer System Administrator.

The fences at the Grey Gate and Black Gate were raised to prevent unauthorized snowmobiles from crossing the fence in the winter. This was a problem last winter that should now be resolved.

A few roads were graded especially Wilderness and Aspen with touch up on other roads. With the addition of the Backhoe we should be able to take on more repairs ourselves instead of contracting it out.

All the permits for the overflow parking lot and moving of the dumpsters were obtained from Summit Co and are approved. The silt fences are installed and work is almost complete on leveling and grading the lot. As you may have noticed the dumpsters have been moved to Manor Lands property. Please dispose of only household garbage in the dumpsters, no appliances or construction debris. The new parking area will be available this winter for overflow parking.

Fire Safety

A big THANKS to all who improved their fire pits this year. We want to invite anyone who has questions about their fire pits to stop by the caretaker cabin and look at the Manor Lands approved pit. Knock on wood, but we seem to have made it through the Holidays without FIREWORKS. Thanks to everyone for making this happen. It’s only going to save our “homes” and property by following the rules.

We want to remind everyone that there are no open fires in Manor Lands. What you can’t burn in your approved fire pit (slash) needs to be taken to the burn area. Please remember when having a fire in your fire pit keep it no more than two feet high and have at least 10 gallons of water next to your pit, or a garden hose if you are on a water system. It’s not
a good idea to burn on windy days and definitely don’t leave your fire unattended. When you leave ensure your fire is “Dead Out”.

We want to make sure that Manor Lands owners know that it is their responsibility to remove all dead fall and dead trees from their property to help eliminate fire danger. Don’t just cut and drop, that isn’t solving the problem. If you have live or dead trees by or close to your power lines Bridger Valley Power will cut them down, call them and give them your lot number.

The beetle kill trees that are still standing are starting to fall on their own. This is posing a risk to Manor Lands members and guests. Dead trees closest to the roads pose the greatest risk to people driving or walking. Please remove these dead trees so we avoid the possibility of one of these falling on anyone.

Thanks again to everyone for helping keep Manor Lands safe from fires. Please just remember if we have a fire in Manor Lands our properties are no longer worth anything!

New business

A suggestion was brought to the Board of Directors that the new equipment shed should be dedicated in the memory of Dale Code. Dale was a former Board President and active member of the Manor Lands community. Sadly he passed away this summer. The Board of Directors voted to dedicate the building as The Dale Code Equipment Building.