

# TROUT POND NEWS

\*\*\* Happy Holidays from the Trout Pond Property Owners Assn. Board! \*\*\*

## Dues

Enclosed with this newsletter is your Dues bill for 2018. Please review the bill closely to ensure all information is correct.

New for this billing year, TPPOA can now accept credit cards, debit cards, and electronic bank transfers to pay your balance! Through our accounting software Quickbooks, we will send you an electronic invoice that has a link to the Intuit/Quickbooks secure payment portal. Please note, if you choose to use this payment method, we will add the cost of the payment processing to your invoice (3.4% of the amount charged, plus \$0.25 per transaction). If you choose the electronic bank transfer (e-check) option, the fee is only \$0.50, or about the same cost of the stamp you would use to mail us a paper check. As always, checks and money orders by mail, and cash are accepted (though, please do not send cash in the mail).

If you would like to take advantage of this option, please email us at [TPPOACommunity@gmail.com](mailto:TPPOACommunity@gmail.com). Please let us know how you intend to pay, and we will activate your account and adjust your invoice accordingly. Going forward, if you have opted in we will send future invoices by email, which will reduce overhead costs for the Association. For more information on the fees and charges, please visit:

<https://quickbooks.intuit.com/legal/payments/standard-pricing-schedule/>.

## Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on March 3rd. If you have any topics you would like to bring to the attention of the board, please email us at [TPPOACommunity@gmail.com](mailto:TPPOACommunity@gmail.com). We will discuss the topic and let you know the outcome.



***Do you still owe Dues from 2017, or from previous years? Please contact either Juanita Muth at 304-897-5665 or Mark Raggio at 304-897-8101 to discuss payment options.***

***Or, Email  
TPPOACommunity@gmail.com***

***In recent months several homes have been sold —the Board would like to extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors. We look forward to meeting you!***

## Roads Update

In preparation for winter, we had Frazier Quarry dump nearly 80 tons of gravel on the roadways in November. We tried to identify the worst spots on the roads, and hope we covered the vast majority or the barren spots. Mark filled in as many potholes as he could find, with a mix of gravel and polymeric sand, which binds to rock when it gets wet. This was a last minute scramble, as the contractor we were negotiating with was unable to start the project due to lack of help, and the beginning of hunting season. Mark and John stepped in and directed the trucks to spread the gravel. On the upside of the situation, this saved the Association approximately \$1,600 in labor fees.

## Winter Plowing

TPPOA has contracted with Bob Jenks of Bob "B" Excavating for the winter plowing and ice treatment. Bob will plow the roads within 24 hours of a snowfall if the snow accumulates in excess of 4", and he has been instructed to set his plow 2" above the road to avoid removing gravel from the roads. If you experience problems accessing your driveway after he has plowed, please call Juanita Muth at 304-897-5665 or Mark Raggio at 304-897-8101 (Thursday evening through Sunday) to report the problem. Should you be unable to get ahold of either of us, please call Bob directly at (304) 874-3069 and let him know what the nature of the problem is, and where.

**If you have a medical situation that requires prioritization of plowing, please let us know this by calling us as soon as possible.**

## Next Newsletter / Contact Information

We will publish our next newsletter a week or two after the March meeting. We will have a lot of information to share by then, so please make sure we have your current email address! All you need to do is drop us a line at TPPOACommunity@gmail.com. We also ask that you include at least one phone number where we can reach you in case there is an emergency - just this year it was reported to us that a tree had partially fallen on a cabin, but we had no current contact information for the owner.