

Tollgate History

1973 – The Annual Meeting held at the Gallery Restaurant. Dues were \$84 a year and lots were selling for \$2,950 to \$4,300.

1974 – The Annual Meeting was held at Black Butte Ranch the average attendance was 10 property owners and lasted 30 minutes. The roads weren't paved, the speed limit was 15 mph on main roads and 10 mph on cul-de-sacs, a security gate was proposed, only 10 homes had been constructed, shuttle busses provided transportation to Mt. Bachelor, Association Dues were \$84 a year, water fees were \$9 a month, there was a \$15 fine for dog at large, lot 23 sold for \$3,500 (2005 - \$169,500), there wasn't a fence around the pool, last one to use the pool each day was to add 2 cups of chlorine, dogs would occasionally take a few laps around the pool, tennis court was installed, the Rec Hall was left unlocked, Santa would pass out gifts to the kids at the Annual Christmas Party, there was a Tollgate Ski Club, Tennis Club, Cooking Club, the Tollgate Tailgaters would take several trips a year caravanning in their motor homes, telephone service was finally installed, the great majority of the lots had mountain views and it was not uncommon to have cougar sightings. The office burnt to the ground sometime after 1974.

1975 – Furniture for Rec Hall was purchased – couch, loveseat, coffee table, 2 game tables, a floor rug and ping pong table.

1980 – Pool house roof fire on Memorial Day caused by the heating system. Tollgate petitions to become a part of the Sisters Rural Fire Protection District - taxes would be \$1.98 per thousand.

1981 – Dogs running loose were such a problem that Deschutes County Dog Control Department was patrolling Tollgate.

1982 – A committee was formed to establish a playground equipment area. A Fuel Management Plan was developed to reduce natural fire fuels.

1983 – Eighth addition was completed. Property owners could contract the association tractor for \$15 an hour. Representative Troop was receiving numerous letters from property owners requesting a solid yellow no passing line at the Tollgate intersection. There were dust problems due to our graveled streets. Fire number signs were installed on all developed lots.

1984 – Special Assessment of \$89 per lot for the left turn lane. 800 trees were planted by Tollgate volunteers alongside the Tollgate entrance road. 144 square feet of oak flooring was donated to Tollgate – anyone know where it went? Santa and elves showed up at the Christmas party. A payphone was installed in the postal box area as few residents had phones.

1985 – Tollgate would plow your driveway for a fee. A Neighborhood Watch Program was established. Tennis court was resurfaced for \$2,590 – in 2007 it was \$5,600. Children under the age of 13 were charged a user fee of 50 cents if they were not accompanied by an adult when using the pool.

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1986 –Property owners were charged a \$20 user fee for the pool season or \$1 per visit. Bridge and pinochle were played in the Rec Hall on Friday afternoons. Special assessment of \$40 per lot for pool repairs was passed. 50% of the lots had houses on them. Newsletters were delivered by hand to Tollgate residents. Sisters Rural Fire Protection

District leased common area for fire equipment substation. A \$20 special assessment to pave ½ mile section of Lariat was passed – Ballot heading read – Will the Tollgate dust bowl finally end?

1987 – Purchased Tollgate Water Company for \$105,000. They discussed purchasing a generator for \$30,000 – the generator was not purchased until 1999 for \$29, 210. Tollgate Tailgaters had their first expedition to Beverly Beach. The Rec Hall remained unlocked for residential use. They raised funds for a piano for the Rec Hall – where is the piano? Tollgate received 1,000 ponderosa seedlings.

1988 – Tollgate purchased solar heating for the pool for \$11,000. Tailgaters went to Diamond Lake and Leavenworth. Fire on the common area of Lariat and Buggywhip. Gray Toppers Luncheon Group met on the third Thursday of each month. You were charged \$10 for use of the chairs when renting the Rec Hall.

1989 – Tailgaters go to Portland visiting the zoo, OMSI and go shopping then later they went to Big Lava Lake for fishing and the Cascade Locks KOA. Adult swim aerobics class was organized. No burning regulations were implemented during the summer months. Cul-de-sac paving program was approved - Tollgate would pay for base rock and property owners paid for asphalt. Babysitting Co-op, Rec Hall book exchange, Youth Activities Group, Art & Craft Group and Horseshoe tournament were established.

1990 – Cross Connection Program was first discussed. Newspaper boxes were installed by the fire numbers. Board started negotiations with cable supplier.

1991 – More trees were planted in our common areas. Dumpster was placed by office for residents to use during spring clean-up. Postal boxes were installed in a room attached to the Rec hall bathrooms – rental price was a onetime fee of \$30. Tollgate Families United Group was established.

1992 – Tollgate fine for unlicensed dogs was \$250. Ponderosa seedlings were again planted in the common areas.

1993 - Pool was resurfaced and new equipment installed - \$23, 288. Bike path from Tollgate to Sisters High School was defeated. CC&R Revision Committee was appointed. Tennis court located on the west side of the pool was converted into a basketball court. Right turn lane was approved. Securing our Water Rights was a major concern.

1994 – Lead and Copper Water Testing implemented. A Special Assessment of \$50 for pool and road expenses was passed.

1995 - String line survey was required for all new construction. Five year Plan was appointed for long term financial planning. Large Tollgate Signs were installed on the highway. Wellhouse 5 was upgraded then starts on fire two weeks later. CEC substation transformer catches on fire. Recycling box at Rec Hall built by Gale Larson.

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1996 – Cross Connection Policy was adopted. Cougars were a problem. Disaster Plan was adopted. Well House one is upgraded. 20 fire hydrants were installed and new insurance rating of 5/9 was established.

1997 – Road Repair Special Assessment of \$510 per lot was passed. Fire fuel removal was requested of all property owners.

1998 – Cross Connection Program was mandated by the state of Oregon. Lariat loops were chip sealed. Grant was received from Oregon National Guard to remove bitterbrush from our common area.

1999 – The Proposed CC&R Amendment of 1993 finally passed. Wellhouse one failed and was repaired for \$9,000. Asset Review study was completed and 10 Year Plan was adopted for future repairs and replacements. Received an addition grant from Oregon National guard to remove bitterbrush from our common area – total cost to Tollgate was \$4,350. Deschutes County Sheriff's Department had a special meeting addressing our speeding problem. No Shooting ordinance was established. Generator was purchased for Wellhouse one in the amount of \$29,210.

2000 – Property owners were mandated to remove fire fuels from their properties. Secured fire exit through the Forest Service off Wagon Wheel Road. Pedestrian Bike Path Special Assessment failed by 31 votes. Office gets first fax machine. Handicap parking was created around the Rec Hall and Postal box area. CEC substation was vandalized. Noxious weed eradication program was adopted. Postal shelter was built.

2001 – Landscaped around tennis court. Animal Allowed Amendment ballot failed. Water System Master Plan was created. Tollgate Tailgaters is now a group of owners dealing with horse issues.

2002 – Property owners were assessed \$260 for a Cross Connection valve installed at their curbside. Received a grant from the Oregon Department of Forestry to thin the trees in 41 acres of our common area. Second attempt of Pedestrian/Bike Path Special Assessment failed by 38 votes. Feeding the deer was banned.

2003 – Oregon Forestland Urban Interface Fire Protection Act, Senate Bill 360 was mandated. Upper Lariat loop renamed Lasso.

2004 – Cross connection device installation was completed. Pedestrian Bike Path Special Assessment passed. Tollgate Ahead signs were installed on Hwy 120.

2005 – For sale or rent sign board installed next to map sign. Birdhouses are allowed on the common area. Installed pedestrian/bike path.

2006 – Tollgate quilt was started. Steve Mathews donated the benches for the pedestrian/bike path. Tollgate was evacuated due to the Black Crater fire. Tollgate was commended for our Fire, Life Safety Program and our residence cooperation during the evacuation.

2007 – Received Oregon Department for Bark Beetle Mitigation grant. Purchased generator for Well 5 - \$34,910.

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2008 – CEC upgraded the substation. Senate Bill 360 Compliance Inspections. At the annual picnic \$2,500 of donated gift certificates were raffled off.

2009 – Pool was resurfaced and re-plumbed. Website was developed.

2010 – Received a Project Wildfire Sweat Equity grant. When FEMA and Deschutes County Forestry inspected our subdivision they were impressed by the amount of fire fuels removed and property owner participation. Received Deschutes County Safe Sidewalk Award. Adopt a Highway Program was organized thanks to Joe Gunterman.

2011 – Received our Water Rights Certificate. CC&R Review Committee was appointed.

2012 - 42 lots or 10% of our properties have a structure with a shake roof. We have 23 undeveloped lots. Article 7 CC&R Proposed Amendment changes were amended. Playground Equipment Special Assessment failed. Started installation of the split rail fencing on the entrance road.

2013 – Replaced pool house, split rail fencing installation on entrance road was completed. We became a Fire Wise Community.

2014 – We had epic snow fall in February - over 4 feet of snow in 4 days. We were visited by 4 Black Angus steers from the Reed Ranch – I guess the grass did look greener from our side.

2015 – Pool pass and monthly luncheon were reintroduced.

2016 – Replaced the maintenance building. Received Sweat Equity FEMA Grant to reduce fuels in high fire risk area. The contractor hauled 5,326 cubic yards to the land fill and between contracting, grinding and fees the project costs \$63,234.00. Tollgate residents put in \$149,683 worth of match. Sisters Camp Sherman Fire Department inspected our properties for Project Wild Fire and Senate Bill 360 Compliance.

So many things have changed in Tollgate but two things remained the same each year... SPEEDING and DOGS.