

MESSAGE FROM MITCH February 7, 2021

Neighbors,

We are over a month into 2021! Like most I have talked to, I'm glad to see 2020 in my rearview mirror. While there were certainly some good things that happened last year, there always seemed to be storm clouds on the horizon. But now it is behind us and here in ElDorado Heights it is time to start looking forward as a community to things like road work, boat docks, new home construction, the spring Members Meeting and Board elections.

As you have likely read in our Board Meeting Summaries and my President's Messages, the Board (primarily Lisa) has been working on getting the Board's financials in good order and ready to transfer to future boards in an easily understandable format. We continue to work on that and will keep you informed as we go. In the meantime, you can review the Association's monthly financial information in the Members Only Section of the website.

As we build our level of confidence regarding our available funds and as you continue to ensure your 2020 dues are paid, the Board is considering needs for the upcoming season. As I think was made clear at our last Member Meeting, roads are the highest priority. The Association's Roads Committee (led by Jason) has been working hard to ensure that all options for road improvements are considered. While options are still being considered, the work in 2021 will likely be focused on improving Favorite Gulch Road – at least as much of that critical roadway as we can afford.

The Lake Recreation Area is also an area of potential budget expenditures in the coming year. Mike is leading the Board's efforts on this important part of our community. As you know if you have been down there during the summer, space for docking your boats is becoming limited and as the community grows so will this problem. Mike has obtained the necessary government approvals to extend the walkway along the inlet towards our property line. This expansion will allow us to add between 2 and four additional docks that can handle 2 boats each. The Board is currently considering an option that would find a suitable split between boat slips that are open for temporary or day use and boat slips that homeowners could "rent" for the season. This is a work in progress and you will hear more in the near future.

Security is another area of concern for the Board – both in the neighborhood in general and around the community areas like the Lake Recreation Area and the Mailbox Area. As some of you may have noticed, we have had two acts of vandalism in the community mailbox area. Frankly, I can't imagine what goes through someone's mind when they do something like destroy a mailbox, but that doesn't change the fact that it is being done. As a community, we have invested a lot to really clean up our mailbox area and make it something we can all be proud of. The Board is discussing options to ensure that actions like this are minimized and that our community investment is protected. Similarly, while we have yet to see any real problem at the Lake Recreation Area, it is a community investment that deserves protection. Lastly, we have also had reports of thefts and suspicious behavior in the area that deserves attention. More to come on this.

My last point focuses on building our community from within. We all know that Eldorado Heights is a beautiful place and it is easy to slip into the solitude of our homes and property and simply enjoy the view. Over the last 7 or 8 months as your President, I have witnessed and written about numerous wonderful activities and occasions here in our community where neighbors have stepped away from simply enjoying the view and participating in activities that help to make us a “community.” I know that these activities have been enjoyable to all who participated and are extremely important to new arrivals to Eldorado Heights who want to become part of our community. Carla and I have moved 12 or 13 times in our career and the welcome of our new neighbors was always critical as we were trying to get our feet on the ground. This is especially true when someone is moving into a community as remote as Eldorado Heights. I would like to challenge us all to occasionally pull ourselves away from just enjoying living in Eldorado Heights to welcome others that want the same thing. I have always found that a helping hand seems to multiply over time.

One last point of business. As we get closer to the May Annual Member Meeting, all of us need to start thinking about Board Membership. As you may recall, the consensus from our last meeting was that Board Members would serve one-year terms. In my opinion, this is a good approach for Board membership. However, this means that we need to be considering membership for the coming year. The Board will be organizing a nominations committee and will be reaching out to everyone about this in the next few months. Please give this some thought.

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