

## **Land Use Hearing**

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Interlaken Town Council conducted a Land Use Hearing to give the public a chance to review and comment on the newly drafted Land Use ordinance. There were many comments from the community regarding the new setback rules, fences, landscaping, short term rental ban, building heights, barking dogs, and home occupations. It was noted by the council that feedback of this type from the community is valuable and necessary in order to make Interlaken a participatory community. After the hearing, the land use code (Title 11 "Land Use") was passed unanimously by the council. It was understood that this document would be revised from time to time as we continue to learn and adjust to the needs of our community and the impact of our growth. Future hearings will be held to discuss changes to the code. We are looking for volunteers for the Interlaken Planning Commission. This group will be charged with reaching out to the community for feedback on land use issues, and continuing to monitor and address land use concerns. Contact the Interlaken Town Clerk ([interlakenclerk@gmail.com](mailto:interlakenclerk@gmail.com), 435-565-3812) if you are interested.

With the passage of our land use codes, Interlaken is now receiving permit applications for new home construction, renovations, and demolitions. Interlaken has contracted Epic Engineering, located in Heber, to review plans and perform inspections for the Town. Epic will work with our Planning Commission to ensure adherence to our codes as well as the international building codes. To begin a project, visit our website at <http://www.town-of-interlaken.com> and choose Building at the top of the page. In this section you'll find information about permits, fees, and the application process.

## **New Mayor and Open Council Seat**

On April 21st, an announcement was sent to the community asking for applications to fill the vacant mayoral seat left open when Larry Headley resigned in March. Lisa Simpkins, who was appointed Mayor Pro Tem by the council, was appointed to the full position of mayor at the May 9th Council Meeting. Lisa will serve as mayor at least until a public election in November 2017 determines the next mayor to be seated in January 2018. Lisa's movement into the mayoral position leaves a vacancy on the 5 member Town Council. The Council now has 30 days to fill the position by appointment. The appointee will serve until the position can be filled by an election to be held in November, 2017. He or she may run for election at that time. The winner will be seated January 1, 2018 and will serve for four years.

Your Council asks that any who are interested in being appointed to fill the vacancy to contact Mayor Simpkins ([iksimpkins7669@gmail.com](mailto:iksimpkins7669@gmail.com); 801-560-1331). Please submit your CV (resume/bio) and a brief note as to what most interests you in serving on the council and what you think the priorities of the council should be. The council would like to meet with you to discuss your interest further.

## **Volunteers Needed!!!**

Interlaken is in dire need of volunteers. Please consider helping out on the following committees: Roads, Water, Fire, and Neighborhood Watch. We especially need help with Roads. Along with our residents, our roads and water system are the most valuable assets in our community. We are fortunate to have Jim McCasland as our water master, ensuring the availability of quality water to all. Like the water system, our roads need careful attention and ongoing care. We need volunteers to take charge of our roads. Without routine maintenance and oversight, our roads would become hazardous and a financial liability. Imagine the cost of laying new asphalt throughout the neighborhood! The assessments would go through the roof! Ongoing maintenance is the key to avoiding expensive resurfacing. The Road committee monitors the condition and maintenance of our roads, and works with the Town Council to acquire bids and contracts for necessary repairs. The Road committee also would research improvements and granting opportunities for guardrails, rock walls, erosion prevention and other projects that would improve safety and longevity. Again, please consider joining this important committee. Contact the Town Clerk if you're interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

## **Chipper Day**

Our annual chipper day is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th. Please place your yard waste on the side of the road, and be available to help load it into the chipper. We'll send out more details as we get closer to the date.

## **Message from Mayor Lisa Simpkins**

As the new Mayor of Interlaken, I would like to introduce myself. As many of you do not know me nor do I know you, but hope to get better acquainted. My family and I moved to Utah in 2008 from Michigan. After moving around the Salt Lake Valley trying to find a place to "fit in" we found Interlaken! I have lived in Interlaken since 2013 on Edelweiss Ln. with my husband and we have 3 children. My oldest daughter is a Teacher in Michigan, my second oldest daughter is a Westminster College Nursing student and my youngest son is a UVU Hospitality Student.

When I was approached to join the Town Council, I was very excited to be part of such an amazing movement and I still am. Our town has undergone such a transformation and will continue to evolve with the community's involvement.

Larry Headley, former Mayor was very instrumental in getting us to where we are now and we thank him for all he has done and miss him dearly. A lot has been going on with the Town Council and I would like to update you now.

### **Land Use Committee**

Our Town Council and volunteer Land Use Committee has been working very hard to get the Land Use Codes, Titles and Codes established. Our Land Use Committee has put in many long hours and nights debating and coming up with Codes and Ordinances that, I feel, are the essences of what Interlaken is and will continue to be the beauty of Wasatch County. I would like to thank the following people for their contributions - Bart Smith, Sherry and Asim Bolca, Sue O'nan, Greg Harrigan, Greg Cropper, Steve Wilson.

Titles 1, 2, 5, 9 & 11 have been adopted by the Town Council at the April 18th and the May 9th Town Council Meetings. The Council and myself hope you will take the time to review these and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. All the Town Ordinances are available on our town website (<http://www.town-of-interlaken.com>). Just choose Documents button at the top of the page and follow the links.

### **BHR/Dutch Canyon Subdivision Update**

Several months ago the City of Midway Planning Commission was approached about a new development on the East side of Burgi Hills Ranches. The proposed subdivision eventually wound its way around to connection Dutch Canyon Sub. to BHR (use of Saddle Drive) to Interlaken Drive. As the intent of the City of Midway is to connect all the subdivisions with roads and trails, this will essentially add another access to River Road.

Which brings to light the fact the City of Midway wants to add access down a private road, Interlaken Drive. The Mayor of Interlaken, Council Member Greg Harrigan, and resident/attorney Greg Cropper met with the City of Midway officials a few weeks ago in regards to this issue. We hope to negotiate with Midway and finally settle the "Freedom Agreement" and monies owed to Interlaken from BRH. We will keep you posted.

Going forward as a community, we think it is important to work with Midway, have a seat at the table and help lessen the impact to our Town by the impact of future developments that are close to us. We all know that Midway/Heber Valley is going crazy with new developments, this will only continue. We no longer live in a sleepy little town.

What can you do? Get involved, be informed about your community and things that impact it.

I am very passionate about our "Beautiful Town of Interlaken" and will continue to work to make our town a fiscally efficient, transparent and relaxing place to call home.

Warm regards,

Lisa Simpkins  
Mayor, Interlaken Town