

The 2012-2013 Buckhorn POA Annual Road Committee Report

The 2012-2013 year has been a challenging one for the Buckhorn POA Road Committee. We had a long list of problems and a short list of funding. Poor design by the original developer as well as several years of underfunded and deferred maintenance had caught up with us. Our objective was simple. Get the most benefit possible out of every dollar. Our list of problems included the need for crushed stone on road surfaces, the repair of potholes, the cleaning of ditches, the establishment of ditches, the crowning of roads, the need for rip rap, the cleaning of culverts, roadside weed control and tree trimming. All this with a budget of \$5000.00.

Rather than cover up our problems with crushed stone, we chose to focus on poor and misdirected drainage. We hired Chestnut excavating to clean ditches and culverts, re-grade road shoulders and establish ditches where possible along the entire length of our most travelled road, Overlook Way. We also had Chestnut do the same thing to portions of some of our most troubled side roads such as Blueberry Hill Lane, *Game Trail Way, Buck Rub Way, Whitetail Way and Fawn Place. (*note; one property owner stopped our contractor from completing road work on the portion of Game Trail Way that bordered his property).

We were able to further stretch our budget with the donation of time, fuel and equipment by several of our POA members. The creative thinking of Larry Coats and Amanda Seibenkittel eliminated the need for culverts in 3 different locations by digging ditches deeper to allow water to continue on to an existing culvert. Potholes were filled at different times throughout the year by Brett and Amanda Seibenkittel, Larry Coats, Eric Tyree, Mike Herwald, Ethan Herwald, Steve Irvine, Donovan Anderson, Joe Howard and myself. I (Tom Chalker) bush hogged the sides of all Buckhorn roads and common areas except parts of Overlook Way, Whitetail Way and Fawn Place that were maintained by Eric Tyree, Steve Irvine and Joe Howard. Larry Coats and myself (Tom Chalker) provided redistribution of existing rock along the entire length of Overlook Way with tractors and grading attachments.

Larry Coats, Brett and Amanda Siebenkittel, Mike Herwald, Roger Brown, Donovan Anderson, Joe Howard and Matt Walton came to the rescue in July by cutting and clearing trees that had blown down across our roads as a result of a severe thunderstorm. Amanda and Brett did the same for a recent heavy wet snow storm.

Even though we did not come close to eliminating all of our road and road related problems, we did shorten the "do list," as well as significantly improve drainage along Overlook Way and portions of several side roads.

Overall this group of people was able to stretch a \$5000.00 budget into \$10,000 or more worth of work.

Now that we've explained what we have done up to this point, here's a list of what we would like to do;

1. Phase One. At the top of our list is the application of crushed stone on Overlook Way from the 42 gate to/and including part of Mountain Top Circle and Vista Lane. We would also like to apply crushed stone at the Longdale end from the point at which Overlook Way branches off from the public road to the low water bridge. (see areas marked in red on map) These are some of our most stone deficient and highly traveled roads. We would like to apply 200 to 300 tons of stone at a roughly estimated cost of \$3500.00 to \$5500.00
2. We would like to set up scheduled ditch maintenance and cleaning with Chestnut Excavating to take place a minimum of two visits per year to keep ditches clean and water flowing. The roughly estimated cost is \$1000.00 to \$1500.00 per year.
3. Phase Two. Once phase 1 is complete, and money is available, we would like to apply crushed stone to portions of several roads including Overlook Way, Whitetail Way, Fawn Place, Game Trail Way and Blueberry Hill Lane (see areas marked orange on the map). Though these roads are not as bad as the phase one roads, they are needy. We would again like to apply 200 to 300 tons of crushed stone at a roughly estimated cost of \$3500.00 to \$5500.00.
4. We have several culverts and two bridges that need rip rap (large rock used to prevent erosion). We would like to use 60 to 80 tons at a roughly estimated cost of \$1100.00 to \$1600.00
5. We would like to have a contractor clean ditches, establish ditches, crown/slope and in general improve drainage on ALL remaining portions of side roads that we were unable to do in 2012. Roughly estimated cost \$4500.00 to \$5500.00
6. We still have a need for culverts in several areas. This is near the bottom of the list because of its priority. We do not have any highly traveled areas that are in dire need. At any rate we have generated a list with road names and GPS locations for areas that would benefit from the installation of culverts. Some of these locations may be candidates for heavy ditch excavation that would eliminate the need for a culvert.
7. We have a need for two types of vegetation control this year. Bush hogging/mowing of weeds along all road sides and tree trimming (see areas marked green on the map) along several roads. I am willing to donate my time and equipment to help with the

mowing again this year. I am hoping the get the pot hole gang (and anyone else who can help) together to trim trees. Estimated cost for fuel \$75.00 to \$150.00

All in all a lot of work needs to be done and a lot of money is needed to do it. We realize that this year's budget will not likely cover everything. We need ALL members to realize this as well.

The future for Buckhorn POA roads is looking brighter. After the installation of both electric gates are complete, we hope more money can be directed to our road care budget. Please consider this as well, although no one likes the idea of paying more money for association fees or one time assessments, we must realize that there is a tradeoff. If we are not willing to provide more money for road care, then we will have to continue deferring and accepting less than optimal roads.

Included in this report is an inventory of culvert information and location (several pages) as well as information and measurements pertaining to our low water and wood deck bridges.

Also included in this report is a copy of the Fuel Cost Recovery Request Form. Please read it. It's a good way to get work done at a greatly reduced cost, and keep those who donate, donating.

In closing I would like to thank my road committee members Amanda and Brett Seibenkittel, Larry Coats, Mike Herwald, Eric Tyree, Roger Brown and Donovan Anderson. I would also like to thank Ethan Herwald and Steve Irvine for their help. And last but, not least, I would like to invite YOU to help us make Buckhorn POA a better place for all members.

Thanks,

Road Committee Chairman,

Tom Chalker

P.S. All this information will be available at BuckhornPOA.com. Website Committee Chairman, Andrew Kean has done an awesome job.