



Hebgen Lake Estates

Summer 2026



Stay in the Know

To ensure the best communication, please update us with your best email, address and phone number.

Annual Meeting: September 20th, 6pm at the Povah Center.



Weed Control Reminder

Keeping noxious weeds under control is an important responsibility of the Owners Association, and the HOA will continue addressing noxious weeds in shared spaces, but weed control on private property is the responsibility of each homeowner.

If weeds are left unmanaged, they can spread beyond lot lines and create larger issues for the community. Please take care of any problem areas on your property as early as possible.

Thanks for pitching in to keep the neighborhood looking its best.



Respecting Open Spaces & Private Property

As we head into spring, we've had a few reports of vehicles—including construction equipment, snowmobiles, and ATVs—being used on open spaces and vacant lots within the community.

We want to keep things relaxed and neighborly, but it's important to remember that these areas are either privately owned or designated open space, and are not intended for vehicle use. Please contact owners directly to use their lot to access your property.



Website Updates - hebgenlakeestates.org

The Board has been working to improve both the HOA website and the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) process to make information and applications easier for homeowners to navigate.

As part of these efforts, we have created a new document designed to help simplify the ARC process for everyone. Updated forms, guidelines, and supporting documents can now be found on the website under the “Zoning & Documents” page.



Pet Courtesy Reminder

We all love our dogs—but let’s make sure we’re being good neighbors too. Please pick up after your dog every time, whether you’re out for a walk or in common areas.

Please ensure that pets are not a nuisance to neighbors and are kept under control at all times. Pets should not be allowed to roam freely within the community.

Please note that if a pet is reported as at large and the county is notified, a \$50 fine may be issued in accordance with applicable regulations.

Thank you for helping keep the community safe and respectful for all residents.

[Dogs at Large - Gallatin County Ordinance](#)



Covenant Enforcement

The HOA is responsible for upholding the community's covenants and ensuring they are applied consistently across all properties. Maintaining these standards protects both the appearance of the neighborhood and property values.

The Board is currently considering an amendment to adopt a Montana "waiver clause." This would ensure that failure to enforce a covenant in one instance does not waive the Association's right to enforce it in the future.

The intent is to create a clearer, more consistent approach for everyone. We'll share more information soon and welcome homeowner input as the process moves ahead.



2026 Board Election

Running our HOA takes neighbors willing to step up and help support the community we all enjoy. As we look ahead to the next Board election on **September 20th during our Annual Meeting**, we encourage homeowners to consider getting involved. Serving on the Board is a great way to help shape the future of our neighborhood, contribute ideas, and work together to maintain and improve our community. If you are interested in serving or would like to learn more about what's involved, please reach out — we'd love to hear from you!



Fire Pits

Given our location in a high fire-risk area, fire safety is a top priority for the community.

Fire pits must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). They should be located at least **25 feet from any structure**, including homes, sheds, fences, and decks. In addition, there must be a **minimum 5-foot cleared area** around the fire pit, free of flammable materials such as dry grass, brush, or firewood.

Burning of trash or other household waste is strictly prohibited at all times.

These requirements are in place to reduce fire danger and protect all residents and property. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in following them carefully.



RID - Rural Improvement District

Gallatin County has hired Morrison-Maierle to prepare the 2026–2027 RID maintenance assessments. These annual assessments help fund long-term road maintenance and improvements within our district.

Each year, assessments are reviewed based on:

- Current funds available
- Planned maintenance and improvements
- Additional repairs needed throughout the year

Funds are collected annually to ensure enough reserves are available for future maintenance projects.

Planned maintenance for our district this summer includes:

- Dust Abatement
- Road Grading

Wildfire Preparedness: Defensible Space

As part of our ongoing wildfire risk reduction efforts, homeowners are encouraged to maintain defensible space around all structures. Defensible space is the buffer area around a home that helps slow the spread of fire, reduce ember ignition, and improve safety for residents and firefighters.

A common framework used in wildfire-prone areas includes three zones:

Immediate Zone (0–5 feet from structures)

This is the most critical area. It should be kept free of flammable materials such as dry vegetation, firewood, debris, and combustible mulch. This area should be primarily non-combustible surfaces such as gravel, rock, or irrigated, well-maintained landscaping.

Zone 1 (5–30 feet from structures)

This area should be kept lean, clean, and well-maintained. Remove dead vegetation and reduce fuel continuity by spacing shrubs and trees. Tree branches should be trimmed away from roofs and structures, and ladder fuels (vegetation that allows fire to climb from ground to trees) should be minimized.

Zone 2 (30–100 feet from structures, or to property line where applicable)

This outer zone should be managed to reduce fire intensity. Grass should be kept mowed, dead vegetation removed, and trees and shrubs spaced to prevent continuous fuel loading.

Maintaining these defensible space zones is one of the most effective ways to reduce wildfire risk in our community. We appreciate all homeowners taking proactive steps to protect their properties and neighbors.

Fire Protection Services in Hebgen Lake Estates

The Hebgen Lake Estates Fire Station is an unstaffed facility; however, it houses a 2,000-gallon pumper truck that can be deployed for fire response within the community.

Primary fire response to Hebgen Lake Estates is provided by personnel from Fire Station 1 in West Yellowstone. Under normal road and weather conditions, the average response time to HLE is approximately 17 minutes.

To help ensure timely emergency response, fire department personnel assigned to Station 1 are required to reside within 30 minutes of the station.

Mark your calendar!

We have our monthly board meeting on the second Wednesday of each month via GoogleMeet. Join us using the link below:

<https://meet.google.com/niv-ffbu-dkn>

Annual Meeting

September 20th at 6pm

Meet at the Povah Center

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