



# SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

## GM Corner

By James Hanzelka

With the summer coming to a close, we will be looking at preparing the park facilities for winter. We knew this summer would be challenging with the limited funding, but with the help of a lot of volunteers and a lot of time spent by board members, we were able to accomplish a lot. Getting the irrigation systems online was slow because we were trying to permanently fix problems, not just band-aid them, so we expect that next summer will go much better. We have seen continued improvement on the golf course and the pool, and while not self-sufficient, we did better financially than expected. Taking over the food trucks and a very successful Stansbury Days added to the revenue stream.

Our commitment to park improvements remains unwavering. The Millpond bathroom is on track to be fully operational once it's connected to sewer and water, with the electrical connection being the final step. We're also in discussions with the county to potentially add a parking lot, which would ease parking issues during the winter. The installation of the fishing docks, swim float, and dock by the clubhouse is underway, with funding from Utah Outdoor Recreation and Tooele County Recreation grants. We've also initiated plans to finally complete the long overdue Oscarson Park.

On the downside, the Weed removal boat was still an issue. We did hire a new mechanic and one of his first tasks is to see if we can get the boat operational. We plan to add a smaller boat next year to help with the process. While vandalism is generally down, we have had some individuals transplant fish into the ponds, which has resulted in a fish-killing in one pond. Please do not do this.

## Stansbury Days - Thank You!

Joyce McMullen - Stansbury Days Chair

Thank you for your hard work in making this year's Stansbury Days a success.

We also appreciate the leaders of the various events:

Debbie Condie	Dallas Rasmussen
Sharayne & Craig Packham	Brandon Peterson
Lisa Bergantz	Randall Hinton & Family
Karess Jones	Brandon Armstrong
Lynette & David Gale	Nila Jane Autry
Jessica Johnson	Heidi Steadman
Greg & Meg Payeur	

And a heartfelt thanks to volunteers like Wendy Johanson, Randy & Karen Harris, Jon Smith, and others for their time and dedication to ensuring everything ran smoothly.

## LAKE-FRIENDLY LIVING

For beautiful protection of the lake and watershed

### Minimize Runoff

Runoff carries excess nutrients & pollutants to the lake.

- Reduce cement: opt for stone paths or permeable pavers.
- Reduce lawn to only the area where lawn is used; plant more trees and shrubs.
- Irrigate during cool hours, only when & where needed. Opt for shorter, more frequent cycles.
- Keep yard waste out of lake and storm drains, mow higher, apply phosphorus-free fertilizer\* in fall (or better yet skip it altogether), use pesticides sparingly and only as needed.
- Use vegetative buffer, rain barrels and rain gardens to capture runoff. Vegetative buffers also reduce erosion support wildlife, provide privacy and save time and money in maintenance.\*\*

### Eliminate Polutants

Eliminate pollutants at their source.

- Don't flush drugs: dispose through the Health Dept. or trash.
- Maintain vehicles so as to not leak fluids.
- Conserve water in your home.
- Reduce household hazardous waste: e.g. recycle, compost, use biodegradable products, clean paint brushes in a sink.

\*Lawn care companies and hardware stores can recommend phos-free fertilizer. Phosphorus is the middle NPK number, e.g. 22-0-15.



Stansbury Residents,

We are working hard as the Stansbury Community Cares committee to prepare for September 7th- a national day of remembrance, where throughout the country, communities gather to serve and be served.

Many projects throughout the park have been identified by the agency, volunteers, and through community comments. Many are outdoor needs, but there are several roles that need to be filled in terms of directing volunteers, assisting with refreshments, and others that don't require physical exertion.

All of these are listed on the volunteer website, JustServe.org. Creating a profile is simple and takes just a few minutes. Once a profile is created, filter the search for a 5-mile radius and search Stansbury Park. At this point, you will see all the various projects we are hoping to help with on September 7th, and ideally on an ongoing basis.

Our committee is made up of concerned residents who want to improve this pretty place we are privileged to call home. We have enjoyed getting to know one another as volunteer committee members and look forward to getting to know many of you, too.

- Mary Wilson
- Joline and Rod Walgamott
- Jolynn and Tom Wilson
- Ken Gerald
- Lauren Jones
- Scott Totman

## Volunteers:

- We are looking for a biologist or wetlands expert to volunteer in the care of our beautiful lake

## Stansbury Park Fall Cleanup

**Date:** Saturday, September 7

**Time:** 8:00 AM to Noon

**Meet-up Location:** Downstairs of the Clubhouse

Join us for a community-wide fall cleanup event! We're tackling several areas around Stansbury Park, including Solomon Park, the cemetery, the causeway, the waterfall entrance, the tunnel, Porter Way Park, the amphitheater, and tree removal along Clubhouse Drive.

**Details for each project** will be available on JustServe.org. Some supplies will be provided but please bring tools if you have them available. Look for banners in the neighborhood with QR codes for more information!

**Additional Note:** There will also be a clothing drive for refugees. Drop off your donations at the Stansbury Library.



**Call for Community Volunteers!**

JustServe.org

Stansbury Park Community Cares Projects





## Upcoming Events:

- Food Truck Night every Thursday @ Porter Way Park & Fridays @ the Lake, 5pm - 9pm. For a list of trucks attending, visit <https://stansburypark.org/food-truck/>
- Obnoxious Weed Info Night w/ Q&A - September 5 at 7pm
- Movie Night , showing Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl - September 6 at Dusk
- Stansbury Park Fall Cleanup - September 7, 8am to noon
- Halloween Festival - October 4 at 5pm



# Phragmite Removal



Phragmites are invasive plants that displace native wetland plants, discourage migratory birds, negatively impact water quality, and block sunlight to the aquatic community. If unchecked, these plants could significantly fill in our lake, as seen in the wetlands along Hwy 201. State Law requires that they be eradicated by the property owner.

**Process**

- Spray phragmites with aquatic glyphosate herbicide after “tasselig” but before first frost
- After two months, cut them back
- Repeat the process annually, as needed, until eradicated (2-3 years)
- Replace with native plants or barrier

**Join Friends of Stansbury Lake on Facebook and help us maintain and improve this wonderful asset.**

## Adopt-A-Greenbelt Program

This is an opportunity for neighborhood groups, regular park users, and nearby residents to help maintain neighborhood greenspaces.  
<https://stansburypark.org/get-involved/>



# TAMARISK "SALT CEDAR"

TAMARISKS ARE NON-NATIVE TREES THAT INVADE WETLANDS AND LAKES.

TAMARISKS HAVE OVER-TAKEN MORE THAN ONE MILLION ACRES IN THE WEST.

A SINGLE TREE CAN CONSUME OVER 200 GALLONS OF WATER/DAY, LEAVING A CRUST OF SALT ABOVE AND BELOW GROUND THAT DAMAGES SOIL AND INHIBITS NATIVE PLANT GROWTH.

TAMARISKS HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON WILDLIFE AND ARE NOT FAVORED BIRD HABITAT.

STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT THEY BE ERADICATED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER.

## THE PROCESS

- (1) CUT CLOSE TO GROUND
- (2) IMMEDIATELY APPLY GLYCOSPATE (ROUNDUP) TO THE FRESH CUT

FOR ASSISTANCE,  
JOIN FRIENDS OF STANSBURY LAKE ON FACEBOOK

