

Summary of November Break-ins

By now every Aspenhof Owner must have heard about the break-ins and vandalism in Aspenhof on about November 13 – 15, 2010. Those of you who have subscribed to the Aspenhof Google Group are pretty well up-to-date.

Here is what we know so far: On the afternoon of November 13 an Owner discovered damage to her cabin and notified the Warren County Sheriff and a Trustee who happened to be working nearby. A Sheriff's Deputy responded and, along with that Owner and Trustee, checked nearby cabins. At that time it appeared that four cabins were involved.

On November 14 a message with that information was sent to the Google Group. At 7am on November 15 a Trustee checked more cabins and discovered that several were affected. The Sheriff was called and deputies with a search dog responded. That evening we learned that a suspect with badly cut hands was found napping in a cabin and taken into custody. A deputy said that now 15 cabins were known to be affected.

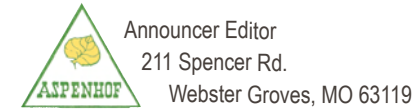
Late on November 15 and early on November 16 there was a flurry of misinformation coming in from several sources. On the 16th I spoke with John Cornell, who is both an investigator for the Warren County Prosecutor and a Sheriff's Deputy. He is the officer who monitors our gate on Labor Day weekend and patrols Aspenhof in the winter. John confirmed some of the information we heard from Owners and advised us that some of the rest was not true. He asked us to withhold certain details until some later time. I was literally writing my message to the Google Group that morning while I was on the telephone with him getting accurate information. John joined the Google Group so he will be aware of our concerns and can address them directly in the future.

John Cornell reminded us that the correct number to call in emergencies is 911. 636-456-4332 is the Sheriff's Department business line, manned M-F business hours. Use 636-456-7088 for non-emergency calls.

The final count appears to be 16 cabins affected. The suspect has now been identified as John Harold Hawk, DOB 26 January 1978, and he is cooperating with the police. He is from the Union, MO area (although claiming a current residence in Joplin) and has several previous arrests for various offenses. He was in custody in Warrenton and had appearances on the docket in December and January. Hawk has now been charged with 15 felony burglaries and a few other offenses and has been transferred to Fulton. His bond has been set at \$150,000 (no 10% allowed). Updates are posted often to the Google Group.

The difficulty the Sheriff experienced in attempting to reach some affected Owners confirms the importance of keeping your contact information updated. I update the Owners Directory each time I receive new data. Most corrections come in with your assessment checks but a few trickle in at other times – or not at all. The value of the Google Group email list as a central, well-defined communications point was confirmed. We strongly encourage all Owners to subscribe at <http://groups.google.com/group/aspenhof> or email me dan@aspenhof.info and I can add your address manually.

Thank you all for being our eyes and ears at Aspenhof. Dan Landiss (#81), Treasurer



Attend the
Spring 2011
Board Meeting,
7:00 pm, Tuesday,
March 22 at
Priory School.

Aspenhof Rules & Policies

- 1) There shall be no open fires at any location in Aspenhof unless specifically authorized by the Board of Trustees.
- 2) All dogs shall be kept on a leash and no dogs shall be allowed in the sand beach area.
- 3) No boats shall be operated in the swimming beach area of Aspenhof lakes. There shall be NO boat motors of any kind (gasoline powered, trolling, etc.). All boats used on Aspenhof lakes shall be numbered with the numerals corresponding to the lot number of the boat owner.
- 4) All lots shall be maintained in a safe condition and all cabins shall be maintained in a prudent and reasonable manner in keeping with the natural beauty of Aspenhof.
- 5) There shall be no excess radio playing or noise in the beach area.
- 6) There shall be no glass, fishing or fishing equipment allowed in the sand beach area or on the swimming platforms.
- 7) No vehicles shall be operated in excess of 15 MPH on the Aspenhof roads.
- 8) All gates to Aspenhof are to be kept locked when vehicles are not passing through the entrance. A valid hangtag must be displayed at all times on each vehicle within Aspenhof.
- 9) Discharging firearms or fireworks is not permitted within Aspenhof, unless specifically authorized by the Board of Trustees.
- 10) No toll calls may be charged to the Aspenhof telephone at the beach.

NEW TAGS

In lieu of recent events, we are updating the look of the tags. The tags will have the numbers preprinted and larger for better viewing. We will have three ways for owners to get their new "DEEP GREEN" hangtags. Listed here, in order of preference:



1. To come to the spring meeting. It will be **March 22nd** at Priory school.
2. Pick-up available every **Saturday in May**. We will be at the beach (or the maintenance shed, if it's raining) from **11:00 am – 1:00 pm**. If you are not the owner of record, you will need a signed letter from the owner for me to release the tags to you.
3. Call me. If you can't make any of the above times, I'll try to set up a time and place to meet you. I will be at Aspenhof most weekends. I can be reached at 314-960-5092 (cell) or 314-968-9379 (home).

--Mark Bremehr, Security

ROAD UPDATE

Our 46 year old roads were in fairly good shape this past season. The roads were quickly repaired after summer storms and winter snows thanks to Jim Marschels diligence. Unfortunately there are several trouble spots that have been and remain quite a challenge. We are continually searching for methods of road maintenance that would benefit our situation. Usage of smaller rock, crowning the center of the roads and a test area where calcium chloride was applied to harden the road surface are some of the methods we are researching.

The bucket of sand at the front gate is for your use to help in negotiating the icy spots at the gate. Please use as needed. Also, please be mindful that the Aspenhof roads will probably be very sloppy this spring due to the heavy snows this winter and freezing/thawing process.



The state highways which we use to arrive at Aspenhof also remain fairly trouble free. Work has been completed on the lane expansions on I-44 between Gray Summit and the Hwy 100 Exit. The new Hwy 100 is open and is a nice drive but beware, they have patrolling it closely and the speed limits seem a bit slow.

Drive safely, slow down and hope to "see you in the woods".

--Dave Kroger

Fishing Derby – Sunday, May 29th



Let's meet on Sunday, May 29 from 8:00 am till 10:00 am, at the Big Lake and fish together. Everyone is welcome at the derby, with kids 11 and under accompanied by an adult. Bring your own fishing pole, tackle boxes and bait. In addition to fishing, the morning will feature snacks and prize drawings.

We are always looking for corporate donations to the goodie bags, like sample size sunscreen, bug repellent, snacks, drinks, prizes etc. Please call or email me to discuss. Suzanne Bremehr, #33, bremehrs@sbcglobal.net 314-968-9379. See you there!



Congratulations to Phil Hutchinson and Barry Romine (cabin 115) who won the 3rd Annual 2-man Scramble at Warrenton Lakes Golf Course in October, 2010. That's 2 in a row for the pair!