

June 23, 2018

**TO ALL NPOA HOMEOWNERS**

**RE: New Gate at NPOA Dumpster Site**

**Background:** As homeowners have undoubtedly noticed, the use of the NPOA Dumpster Site (“the Site”) has over the years become increasingly subject to abuse, both by some homeowners themselves, and also by contractors, gardeners, outsiders and other unauthorized dumpers. Construction debris, old mattresses, discarded furniture, and large electronic waste items are frequently found there. None of this is authorized. To deal with this situation, NPOA and NCSD determined that the only viable solution was to install electronic gates at the Site, limiting its use to Northstar homeowners and their authorized guests.

The new gates will be activated starting on Monday, July 30th. The gate will be accessed utilizing the same key cards as you use for access to the NPOA Rec Center. New cards will not be issued. (Of course, replacement cards are available in the case of loss, with the usual replacement fee of \$25 per key card.) Hours for use of the Site will be the same as in the past, from 7am to 8pm.

**Rules for Authorized Use:** The following rules for authorized use of the Site are not new. They have been in effect for many years, but have frequently been ignored. They are simple and straightforward:

- The Site is to be used only by Northstar homeowners and their authorized guests, including renters.
- The Site is not for construction use or construction debris. Key cards are not to be given to contractors by homeowners. Contractors are required to dispose of their waste at other local disposal sites which are intended for this use, and on projects requiring NPOA design and construction approval, street side dumpsters are required or waste is to be hauled away regularly from the home.
- The Site is only for disposal of normal household waste and recyclables.
- The Site is not to be used for disposal of old mattresses, furniture or other similar large items. These types of items should be taken to the regional waste disposal center at Highway 89 and Cabin Creek Road. For additional information go to [www.wasted01.com](http://www.wasted01.com)
- The Site is not for disposal of E-Waste or hazardous materials. Again, the regional waste disposal center is available for such items. We may, on occasion, provide specialized dumpsters for E-Waste disposal around the summer holiday weekends, in which case notice of this will be sent to homeowners.
- Yard waste should not be disposed of at the Site. NCSD provides a service during the summer months for collecting and disposing of pine needles and similar compostable yard waste.

**Enforcement of Rules for Use:** As the posted rules at the Site have long stated, violation of these basic principles will subject offenders to fines, and for repeated offenses, may result in loss of privileges to utilize NPOA facilities. NCSD and NPOA will address such situations on a case by case basis after notice to violators. The new gate system includes cameras which will permit us to identify cars or trucks which dump unauthorized materials, and the entry system at the gate will identify the card used in such cases.

We hope everyone will cooperate with these simple rules and we can finally eliminate the misuse of the Site which we’ve seen in recent years. As always, please make sure to lock the dumpster bins to prevent access to our neighborhood bear population.