
SLEHA Gazette

A Newsletter of the
SPIRIT LAKE EAST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 217 Spirit Lake, ID 83869

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Wanted Board of Directors Candidates

At the next Semi-Annual meeting in May, you will have an opportunity to vote for three positions to the SLEHA Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for these positions. Each candidate must be a SLEHA homeowner and must have lived in the Association at least 1 year. If you would like to be considered, please contact one of the Board members listed above or send your name, address, and telephone number to:

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Subject of the Month

In each issue of the SLEHA Gazette we will include an article addressing a specific issue of concern as stated by one or more Association members. This month the issue is **Road Equipment**.

The snowy winter of 1996 has taken a heavy toll on our snowplows and grader. The old Galion 4-cylinder diesel grader is tired and needs constant maintenance and repair. Phil Potts, lot 133, along with other volunteers, worked hard and effectively repaired the governor, transmission and other components keeping major breakdowns to a minimum, so far.

A tireless and extensive effort was made by Don Gutierrez, Road Committee Chairman, to keep the equipment moving where it was needed the most, acquire parts, plow snow, and support and supervise one crisis after another.

The dedicated effort of our equipment operators, Jay Linden and Dan Auer, made it possible for residents and school buses to travel in and out when conditions were quite nasty.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR THE HARD WORK!!!

Breakdowns and slow moving, old equipment reduce our available cash rapidly during a normal winter and much more during this hard winter. In the spring, we can expect heavy maintenance expenses on the roads as the thaw takes its toll and hours are put on the grader. Liberty Drive near Priest River was raised with fill material and graveled before freezeup last year. There are other bad sections identified for the summer of 1997. Reliable equipment is key to accomplishing these tasks.

1997 is the year to replace our grader with a bigger, stronger piece of equipment that can travel the roads quicker and push the snow back further, as well as maintain our roads much more efficiently in the non-winter months.

A membership vote is required to accomplish purchasing an asset of this value. In other words, at the May semi-annual meeting, a 45% quorum of members and proxies voting on a stated motion is required. In the case of a mail out vote, a 75% response is required.

We can't take action without participation and input! Please get involved in this matter and get the most out of the dues you pay each year!

Road Committee

If you or anyone you know has some road maintenance experience and would like to volunteer on this Committee, please submit your application to the SLEHA Board c/o P.O. Box 217, Spirit Lake ID 83869. Missing or damaged road signs or road condition problems should be reported to Don Gutierrez, 623-4907.

Driveway Plowing Alert!!

We have just been given the go ahead by our insurance carrier. Our equipment can be used to plow Association members' driveways! We have not worked out all the details yet, but will have them in place by the time a need arises. We do know this much - 1) Don Gutierrez (623-4907) will be your contact, and 2) you will be billed for the service - the driver will not accept payment. Billing will be handled through our accountant. We are happy to be able to provide this much needed service!

School Bus Shelters Vandalized

The Spokane Circle bus shelter was recently vandalized. Punched holes as well as graffiti marked the sides. Also, the Kelso shelter was knocked over and lumber under it was stolen. There are children who count on these shelters to protect them until the bus or their parents pick them up. If you or your children know who is vandalizing these shelters, please contact us.

Power Outages

Kootenai Electric Cooperative (KEC) has requested that individual homeowners contact them immediately if they experience a power outage. KEC indicated a power failure on your road doesn't necessarily mean an outage on the next road over. It can be limited to a single line. Please help them help you by reporting power interruptions as soon as possible. Call 7651200.

Mail Boxes

The post office has, again, asked residents to remove the snow in front of their mailboxes. For the mail to be delivered throughout the extended Spirit Lake delivery area in a reasonable time, our mail carrier must be able to stay in his vehicle, open a box, and drop in the mail. This is becoming impossible. Some boxes are not visible to the carrier, therefore mail is not delivered. Each homeowner is responsible for their own mailbox and its surrounding area. "Flagging" your mailbox will be an additional asset.

Moose Alert!

Priest River, Newman Dr, and Tahoe Dr seem to be favorite places for moose this year. They have been spotted lying in the middle of the road or ambling down the road at their own pace. Children tend to get very excited when they see wild animals and want to pet them. As a reminder, they should be instructed on what to do should they find themselves on the same road with these or any other interesting but dangerous animals.

SLEHA Board

Monthly Meetings All residents are invited to attend our monthly Board meetings. They are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center in Spirit Lake. It is important to your Board to have your support and involvement. Please come with your input and ideas. **Get involved!!!** We need members to volunteer on Committees and other important activities as they come up throughout the year. Remember, it's your community, and effective change can only come about with your involvement! Please contact any Board member.

News Items

If you have any newsletter articles or comments, please send them to Willi Hanson c/o SLEHA, P.O. Box 217, Spirit Lake ID 83869.

Your Board wishes you a Happy and Joyous New Year!

