

SLEHA

The newsletter of the
Spirit Lake East
Homeowners Association

Where the Moose Run

July 2000

Message From the Board

By Jess Blocker

Let's welcome our two new board members: CHERYL WOLF and DAWN CRABB. They volunteered when we could not muster a quorum to hold an election at our May meeting. Thanks, Cheryl and Dawn. Let's also acknowledge and thank Peter Gunn for volunteering his services as a board member. The BOARD has agreed to aggressively enforce some of our CC&R restrictions, particularly the prohibition against discharging of firearms within

Spirit Lake East. We all agreed to and signed our consent to these restrictions when we bought our property here.

The process of CC&R enforcement goes like this:

1. Identify the property on which a violation is taking place or has occurred.
2. The Homeowners Association sends the property owner a notice of violation.
3. The property owner corrects the violation or contacts the Board.
4. If the property

owner refuses to correct the violation, we



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have no course of action except LEGAL ac-

Meet Your New Editor

My husband, Cainan, and I began searching for a place to move almost three years ago. We had spent more than enough time in our inner-city neighborhood in Portland, OR. Cainan was raised in the woods and wanted to return to similar surroundings. When

we first saw the Coeur d'Alene area on the internet in January of 1999 we knew we'd found our place. We bought our lot in May of 1999 and by August had sold our home and moved out here to begin construction. Cainan and I built our 2300 square

foot log home ourselves! We hired some help here and there to pick up time, but did 95% of the work alone. we completed our project in just eight months. It's amazing what you can accomplish with a bank on your back!

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You can check out our personal website for photos and details of our home building project: www.avirgo.com

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In Portland, Cainan was a remodeling contractor but he hopes to make a new career of creating furniture. We've also been blessed to discover a remarkable line of health products (including an amazing body wrap which *removes fat!*)—Life Force—which he sells on occasion.

I am a Feng Shui and energetic healing practitioner. Feng Shui is the an-

cient Chinese art of placement which allows your home or office to become a sacred space in order that all aspects of life can move forward in positive ways. Simple changes can influence the chi (energy) around you, thereby improving your health, wealth, and relationships. I will be teaching some classes on *Feng Shui in the Workplace* at North Idaho College this fall.

The energy work is a bit harder to explain in this small space. Sufficed to say, I help people heal the vibration of all kinds of dis-ease – mental, physical, and spiritual. It's incredible work and I am incredibly grateful to my creator for the honor of being able to help others in this capacity.

We're both happy to be here in Idaho and look forward to meeting you.

School Bus Update

I am still looking for volunteers to help form a call tree for this coming school year. The purpose is to keep all the parents in Spirit

Lake East informed of changes in bus times, bus routes, and other information that affects our children. The more people we have in-

involved, the shorter our call lists will be. If you are interested, please call me:
Kay White
623-3214



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Respect Our Roads by Debbie Lawson



Now that summer has arrived, all of us want to be outdoors as much as possible. We want to take our boats to the lakes, go hiking in the mountains, and ride our ATV's and dirt bikes through the trails. We want to kick back and enjoy the summer tranquility with our families and friends. These are the main reasons most of us bought

property in SLE. We love watching the diverse wildlife that shares our community, and we enjoy the quiet peace of the area.

As an avid motorcyclist, this is very difficult for me to say. But, in order to maintain this peaceful way of life for everyone here, please refrain from riding your motorcycles,

ATV's, and dirt bikes in our community other than for getting to the trails outside our community and back home. Your Homeowners Association is again receiving complaints regarding the noise and dust created by these activities.

Our protective covenants, the CC&R's, **RESPECT** *Continued page 3*

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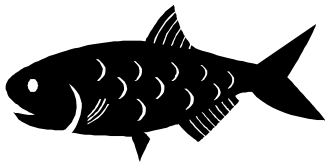
state:
Article IV Section 2C, Subsection 8: Snowmobiles and motorcycles except as provided by Association rules and regulations {shall be prohibited}

According to the wording of our CC&R's, without any Association rules snowmobiles, motorcycles, etc. would **NOT BE ALLOWED ANYWHERE** in our community. (Late last year we were able to approve some rules and regulations regarding the use of motorcycles, ATV's, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles -

a copy is available for the asking!). Completely restricting even ownership of these machines is, of course, overstating the intention of the covenant. The covenants were designed to protect the peace of the community, not restrict our transportation and/or recreation. It is understandable to take your bike or ATV from your house to your favorite trails outside the community using Association roads and being able to come back home the same way. However, please use our roads for

this purpose only. The same applies to your own property. Be courteous to your neighbors and don't ride your property line continuously, or create a general nuisance of noise and dust. Please keep in mind, however, that riding our wonderful machines anywhere within the community (including using Association roads) is a privilege, not a right. It can be revoked at any time if there are too many complaints from other homeowners. There are too many precedents **RESPECT** *Continued page 4*

Recipe for Trout Amandine



Sautéed Trout with Almonds
Serves Two
Time: 30 minutes

I know many of you are sitting on incredible recipes so why not come out and share some of them?

My husband has been catching trout up in the Priest River so I thought I'd pass one on for you fishermen and fisherwomen.

There are countless ways to pan-fry trout. If you catch your own, simplicity is the best!

- 2 whole trout, about 3/4 pound each, gutted and split or filleted.
 - 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or olive oil
 - 1 cup cornmeal
 - 1/2 cup blanched slivered almond
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
 - Lemon juice, to taste
1. Rinse and dry the fish. Melt the 3 Ts of the butter over medium heat in a large skillet. When the foam subsides, dredge the fish in the cornmeal, place in the pan, and raise the heat.
 2. Season with salt and pepper and cook on both sides until nicely browned and the interior turns white—8 to 12 minutes.
 3. Melt 1 T. of butter in a small skillet; cook the almonds, stirring frequently, until they start to brown; about 2 or 3 minutes.
 4. Garnish the trout with almonds, drizzle with lemon juice, and serve.

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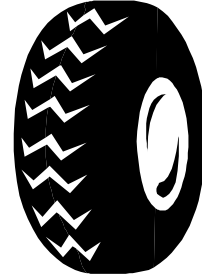
where the courts have upheld motorcycle and off road vehicle (ORV) bans. Please don't let us become one of those communities. Ride responsibly, don't drink and ride, and above all, be courteous to your neighbors.

If you have any question or comments, would like a copy of the Motorcycle/ATV rules, or would like to become involved in working with motorcycle and ORV rights, please write me in care of the

SLE Homeowner's Association PO Box 217
Spirit Lake, ID 83869.

Many thanks, and happy riding!

Debbie Lawson
Treasurer, SLEHA



A Light at the St. Joe Entrance?

Q: Can we get a light at the St. Joe entrance?

A: The entrance of Coeur d'Alene Drive has a light only because power already existed right there at that corner. The same is not true for St. Joe Drive. To install a light at St. Joe would cost \$3000 to \$4000. Please refer below for exact costs. The state refuses to finance even part of the bill, although we mentioned that this is a safety issue (because it is to a private road in a private community). They will, however, allow us to put a light on state property if we use a steel pole (and EXTRA \$3000 expense). If you feel strongly about this matter, please contact any board member. PLEASE! We need your input. If you all REALLY would like to have a light at the corner, and are willing to have the association spend this amount of money, you must let your board know!

Information regarding SLE obtaining a street light at the corner of St. Joe and Hwy. 54

SLE received an estimate from Kootenai Electric on 4-27-00 for a street light at the corner of St. Joe and Hwy. 54.

Here are the figures:

Engineering and Mapping	\$ 150.00
Overhead Transformer	\$ 450.00
Overhead Line Extension	
Installation	\$ 305.00
Line cost (630ft x \$1.25/ft)	\$ 787.50
Poles (2 poles @ \$785.00/pole)	\$1570.00

TOTAL

\$3262.50



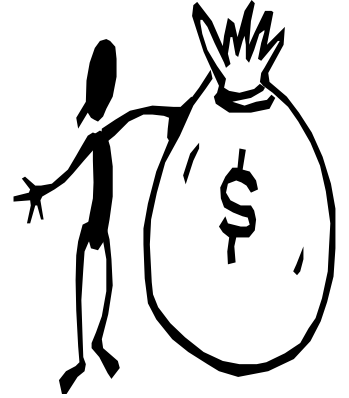
Help Us Keep Our Costs Down!

If you would like to receive a newsletter via e-mail or fax (or would *not* like to receive a newsletter at all!) please let us know. We will be posting newsletters on our web site also if you have internet access. We currently send out nearly 250 newsletters four times/year. The average costs is \$0.55/letter, or a total of ap-

proximately \$135 each mailing plus the cost of paper!

You can contact us by calling Vanessa (editor) at 623-3246 or any board member to let us know your preference. Also, please give us some feedback, and ask any questions or give any comments that are on your mind. We want

to keep you informed, but unless we hear from you we have no idea what information you want to hear. All letters and phoned comments are answered (some may be answered confidentially and not included in any postings), even if it takes until the next newsletter or meeting.



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tion to enforce our CC&R's. This is very expensive and other programs, like Road Maintenance, pay the cost.

On a much more pleasant note, let's show up at our SLEHA ANNUAL PICNIC next

month. It's will take place Saturday, August 12th. The first two were great!

Thanks to those who came out for our spring highway clean up. We will do it again on September 23. Mark your calendar. Then we can

all complete our preparations for hunting season and winter.

Our monthly Board meetings will be held at Dawn Crabb's home at 3090 W. Hayden Drive (Lot 200) beginning August, 2000.

Tidbits

We've added one mile to our Adopt-a-Highway boundary. It now stretches from entrance to entrance.

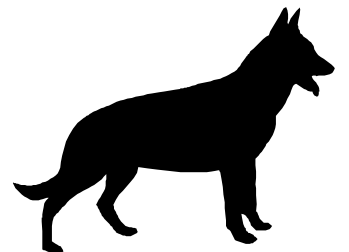
Be sure to get out there and help

keep it clean on September 23rd!

Want to write an article?

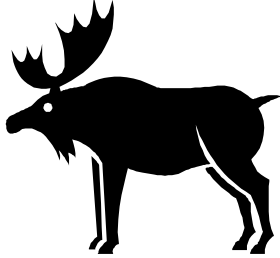
Submit your original articles, anecdotes, or anything you would like others to read to the Association by contacting Vanessa (editor)

We are experiencing an increase in the numbers of DOGS that are running free in our community. Please restrict your dog's uncontrolled movements to your property.



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Letter from the Editor

Greetings, Fellow
SLEHAns!

It's my great pleasure to
bring you this newsletter.

I realize it's quite heavy
in personal input and I
apologize for that. To en-
sure that future issues
are more diverse, I
would like to invite any
and all of you to submit
things (ideas or contents)
you'd like to see in up-
coming issues.

For example:

- ◆ Recipes

- ◆ "Why I Moved Here
to SLE" pieces
- ◆ Jokes and Cartoons
- ◆ Local Information or
History
- ◆ Announcements
- ◆ Complaints

You're welcome to bring
these things by to our
home at 2835 West
Kelso (soon to be 35056
North Kelso due to the
new GPS addresses—any
opinions out there about
that??), leave them in
our green mailbox (no
bombs or explosives,

please ☺) at the corner
of Kelso and Liberty, or
e-mail them to me at
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com](mailto:barsda@freewwwweb.com).

In addition, I would love
some help putting this
baby together, so any
budding writers, editors,
storytellers and/or movie
and restaurant critics
come on by!

I hope this issue finds you
in good health and bright
spirits.

Blessings,

Vanessa Barsda

