

SLEHA GAZETTE

The newsletter of the
Spirit Lake East
Homeowners Association

Where the Moose Run Free

OCTOBER 2000

Message From the Board

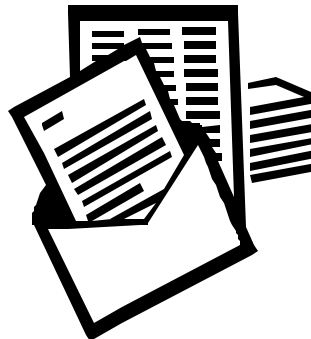
By Dawn Crabb

Thank you to all those that came out and participated in the Highway Clean-up on Saturday, September 23rd. Thanks, also, to everyone that helped put together another wonderful SLEHA Annual Picnic. We all had a great time visiting with our neighbors. It's safe to say we have some terrific cooks in our neck of the woods!!

Just a reminder that **the Semi-Annual Association meeting is coming up in November.** The Board is considering a

\$300.00 one-time assessment. This assessment will be used to replace the 35-year-old dump truck. The Road Committee has laid out a comprehensive plan, which addresses the need and financial benefits to this purchase. Numerous items, such as the old grader and truck, can be sold to defer some cost. This amount will be billed and collected in the same manner as the yearly assessment. Please be sure to attend the meeting to give us your input.

Also, just a friendly reminder to watch for the school buses and the kids walking to and from the bus stops. You never know what's around the corner!
Finally, now is a good time to do your slash burning!!



Your Opinion Counts

By Debbie Lawson

We'd like your suggestions on a rather important matter. Our CC&Rs were written nearly twenty years ago. Do you feel it's time to update them? The board would very much like your input on this issue. Is there anything you feel should be added? Deleted? Modified? Are they perfect the way they are?

No changes can occur without your approval. We would need a full quorum present and a two-thirds majority vote to modify our existing CC&Rs.

Please submit your suggestions, recommendations, and comments (no vulgarity, please) in writing (anonymous if you prefer) to SLEHA,

P.O. Box 217, Spirit Lake, ID 83869, or e-mail to sle@micron.net no later than December 1, 2000.

If there is an overwhelming response, particularly on a single issue, the Board will put the suggestions on the May general meeting agenda.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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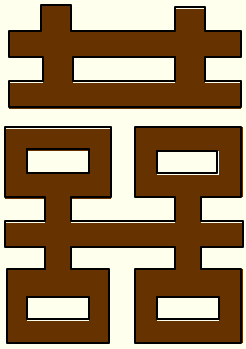
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I hope to have our newly revised websites up sometime this month.

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Shameless Self-Promotion

Normally, I don't discuss this out of context as I don't feel much inclination to push or hype such things. However, quite a few people have contacted me to ask, "What is Feng Shui?" so I thought I'd take a bit of space to explain. My sincerest apologies to anyone offended or annoyed (and please see my article on page 5 about how to stop me).

In brief, it is an Asian practice of energy alignment dating back over two thousand years. When properly applied, it allows your home, office, or garden to become a sacred space in order that all aspects of life can move forward in positive ways. Simple changes can influence the qi (energy) around you, thereby improving your health, wealth, and relationships. I have studied with various masters for over five years and it is something I believe in quite strongly. I do private consultations several times a week. I

will also be teaching some classes at North Idaho college (see below) and will be giving a (free, I believe) lecture at Kootenai Medical Center as part of their Holistic Health Series. It is at 6:30 p.m. on December 13th and I will be discussing Feng Shui and Health. I hope to meet some of you there.

SBA Project Closes by Debbie Lawson

We are finally finished with the SBA road project!

In 1997 Spirit Lake East was offered a low interest (4%) disaster relief loan in the amount of \$108,000 from the U.S. Small Business Administration. This money was to be used solely to upgrade our roads from the harsh 1996-7 winter. In November of 1997 a special meeting was called and the full membership voted to accept the loan. Each homeowner's share, over the course of 30 years, was to be \$26.18/year.

The monies from this loan have

been used to add much needed stone to our roadways, as well as installation of drywells, culverts, and other road improvement projects. More information about roadway improvement can be obtained from Don Walter, Road Committee Chairman, at 208-623-5906

to
 Attn:
 Walter
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 SLEHA
 Don
 P.O. Box
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Or send an e-mail to
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Included in this newsletter is an itemized list of what the money was used for. If you have any questions about the work that has been done, please contact Don Walter. If you would like more detailed information or would like copies of any Spirit Lake East Balance Sheets, Income statements, or itemized check listings, please contact Debbie Lawson at 623-4090, write to SLEHA at our P.O. Box, or e-mail at SLE@micron.net.



Where Did the SBA Loan Go?

TREASURER'S REPORT

Money Spent During the Current Budget Year

March 1, 2000 through February 28, 2001.



Kootenai County Dog Ordinances

Regarding BARKING DOGS (comment from homeowner)

I too am getting fed up with the dogs that bark for no reason at all. Ever since some people moved in a place not far from me, there have been dogs that bark all the time. Last night, we had our windows open for fresh air and all we could hear were the dogs across the road barking. They start barking at various times and continue until very early in the AM -- last night, it was 4:30 AM before they shut up. Talking to the owners about their dogs is like talking to a stone wall. In the past, I requested that the county ordinances for dogs be published in the SLE Newsletter, as of today it has not been done.

As of today, here they are. I apologize, homeowners, but I weeded the document down to include only the information of the most importance and relevance:

Ordinance 66. An ordinance establishing levels of animal control within Kootenai County; establishing requirements and setting fees for licenses; providing for impounding of dogs not in compliance; defining violations to be abated; establishing a leash law; establishing requirements for kennel licenses; and prescribing penalties for violations. **Section 7** No owner or keeper of a dog shall allow or permit the dog, whether licensed or not, to be or remain upon any street within the county or upon any premises other than the premises of the person who owns or harbors the dog unless it is maintained on a leash no longer than ten feet in length.

Section 9 The penalty is \$25.00 plus any civil damages. The second offense is \$50.00 plus any civil damages. The third and subsequent offenses (in a one-year period) is \$100 and damages. In addition, if your dog is picked up (on the road, at the neighbors, etc.) it will be impounded. You have three days to pay the fine and retrieve

your dog or he's now a new candidate at the dog pound.

Ordinance Number 76 Whenever it shall be stated in writing by three or more persons having separate residences or who are regularly employed in the neighborhood, that any animal is a nuisance by reason of habitual howling, barking, whining or other noises, or in any manner causes undue annoyance, the Animal Control Authority shall serve notice upon the owner that such nuisance must be abated. Failure to abate such nuisance, shall be deemed a violation of this chapter. Nuisance is defined as anything which is offensive to the senses and which interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. This section applies to any animal maintained, kept, or permitted to be upon any premises, public street, roadway, sidewalk, alley, park, playground, or within any structure within the county.

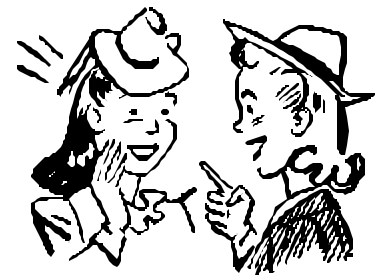
Please keep control of your pets so that your aggravated neighbors don't feel they have to put these ordinances to the test. Thank you!

Keep Me From Talking About Myself

If you've heard more than enough about Feng Shui then consider submitting something of your own. Complain about barking dogs, discuss the

barking dog symphony you're composing, submit recipes made with road oil overspill or even make an announcement about an anniversary, birth, or

graduation in your family. The due date for submissions for the January newsletter is Wednesday, December 20th. I'll be looking for yours!



ATTENTION PARENTS

If anyone would like to volunteer to help on the phone tree for the school bus, please contact Kay White at 623-3214.

Tidbits

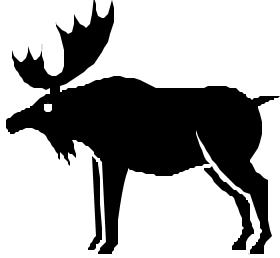


WITH GRATITUDE

To the anonymous donor who made it possible for us to have a light installed at the St. Joe Entrance. This generous soul donated \$1631.25—**half** of the cost of the \$3262.50 light. It was installed sometime in mid-August. Ironically, it was my husband who sent in the request long before I ever took over this newsletter, so we're particularly thrilled. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

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Letter from the Editor

Greetings SLEHAns!

I hope you're enjoying the glorious autumn weather we've been having. Cainan and I have spent the last few weekends gathering firewood in preparation for winter. Did anyone else see the snow on September 21st? Yikes!

Otherwise, Cainan has been studying hard for the National Home Inspector test. After October 15th he will be licensed and insured and ready to launch his new

business performing real estate home inspections. After more than a decade in the building and remodeling trade, he's looking forward to the (slight) switch. I've been working like crazy—both at my 8 to 5 corporate job and with my healing and energy work. Better lots of work than none, I suppose!

I hope we all remember to take a moment to be grateful this Thanksgiving that we were spared any fires up here in Northern Idaho. So many people lost

so much this summer. After what we went through to build this thing, I am *all the more* grateful it's still here.

I would like to reiterate, once again, a plea for submissions. Currently, this newsletter is something of the SLEHA Board/Vanessa show. If you have ANYTHING to add (even criticism) please get it to me at spiritlake@mail.com

Enjoy the holidays!

Stay Warm!

Blessings,



