

SLEHA GAZETTE

October 2001

November General Membership Meeting November 14

Wednesday, November 14 is our semi-annual Homeowner's Association meeting. This is your chance if you have any issues concerning the community that you would like to have addressed. If you would like to have an allotted time to speak at the meeting, please contact Dawn Crabb and have your name added to the meeting agenda. Usually the meeting is on the second Tuesday, but a scheduling conflict with the school forced us to postpone the meeting for a day. If you can not attend this meeting, please mail in your proxy (included in this newsletter) so you may have a say in Association business.

Contact Information

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<i>President– Bob Lloyd</i>	<i>623-6070</i>
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COMMITTEES

<i>Architectural Review</i>	
<i>John Mamuschia (Chair)</i>	<i>623-4012</i>
<i>Joyce Holst</i>	<i>623-3201</i>
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<i>Roger Benoit</i>	<i>623-3058</i>
<i>Roads</i>	
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<i>John Holst</i>	<i>623-3201</i>
<i>Tony Tarnowski</i>	<i>623-6225</i>
<i>Timber</i>	
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<i>Newsletter Editors</i>	
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Message From the Board

Robert Lloyd Jr. President, SLEHA

To start, I want to wish all our members a very happy holiday season. As most of you know, the majority of the Association's dues go toward road maintenance and snowplowing operations, I keep getting complaints concerning the condition of our roads, so I submit the following:

1. Road Committee Budget- \$15,000
2. To pave our 26 miles of roads according to Lakes Highway District standards in order for them to be taken over by the District would cost an estimated \$45 per foot, which comes out to be about \$6.2 million dollars
3. Should the roads remain under the control of the Association and the membership wants them improved, we must come up with a way to increase the Road Committee's budget. The only way I know of it to increase the Association dues to cover the work you want done.

Last month an account was opened and earmarked for future road paving. The balance is \$400. The idea is to start at the entrances off Highway 54, pave one mile at a time and turn it over to the Highway District. As we continue to grow, the traffic will increase which means higher maintenance costs and more dust.

One last note of caution. Please slow down! The posted speed limit is 25 MPH and the traffic circles are one way. The traffic circle has the right of way. Let's not get someone hurt or killed before we take note of the rules of the road.

I think SLE is a great place to live, so let's all work together to keep it that way.

Road Committee Progress Report

The new blue street signs as required by Kootenai County have been installed at the entrances to Spirit Lake East. We will be replacing the other signs when they become damaged or missing.

The Association has sold the old road grader and 62 International Dump Truck. We have put the money received from the sale of the old equipment and added it with \$10,000 that the Association approved to purchase a 1992 Ford 7000 Dump Truck. The truck has been equipped with the old snow plow and is ready to plow the snow. We will have the truck at the November homeowner's meeting for all to see.

The old 1972 Ford Dump Truck has a 5 yard sand spreader in the bed. We have stock piled sand and we are ready to sand our roads when they become icy.

As you may or may not know, our road grader operator, Bob Schaefer, has resigned. We are in the process of interviewing several people to replace him and we will have a new operator by the time it rains so we can smooth our roads before the snow flies.

Article contributed by the Road Committee

Road Improvement

The road committee is in the planning stages of doing an improvement project on our roads. This may involve re-shaping the road surface, removing or crushing the large boulders and rocks in the roadbed, stabilizing the roadbed and adding some type of dust control agent. This project should be within our current budget and with board approval. We hope to start a 1-mile test section (Coeur d'Alene Drive to and including Spokane Circle and St. Joe Drive from Hwy 54 to and including St. Maries Circle) starting next Spring or early Summer.

We would also request that the homeowners who have been oiling in front of their property for dust control to please contact a road committee member to discuss an alternative method that may be applied at a lower cost and help us out in our long term road improvement project.

Thank you and if you have any questions, feel free to call your road committee members. They are working for everyone's benefit.

Article contributed by Bob Max, John Holst, Tony Tarnowski and Wilhelm Napier

ATTENTION: Someone Is Stealing Our Street Signs!

It costs our Association approximately \$25.00 pr sign. It also makes it very difficult for anyone not familiar with our subdivision to find out what street they are on. When minutes count in an emergency, missing signs could be a life or death situation. Please, if you see someone tampering with our signs:

1. Report it
2. Get a vehicle description and a license number
3. Get a description of the person(s)
4. Call 911 and a road committee member or board member

Thank you.

Article contributed by the Road Committee

We Need Your Help

We, the road committee would like to make some improvements to our equipment barn. We'd like to , make a secure room inside for an office, record storage and a place to hold monthly board meetings.

If anyone has any extra building materials lying around and would like to donate them to the Association, it would be very appreciated. The following materials are needed:

Rebar, wire mesh for concrete, a sliding patio door, metal studs, bat of insulation, windows, romex wiring and electric baseboard heaters.

Thanks in advance to all that can donate!!

Article contributed by the Road Committee

Weeds versus Money

“Spring”: It seems so far away during this sun-filled fall. Those of us who have tried to keep the noxious weeds under control have been very grateful for Kootenai County's “Cost Sharing” program. But things have changed! Now you must belong to a neighborhood cooperative program. That co-op may be reimbursed up to 80% of moneys spent on materials (with receipts).

Why did I begin with “Spring”? Because to belong to the co-op next spring, you must sign up by the end of February. So if you plan to spray (best in the spring for knapweed, toad flax best sprayed in fall) and you care to share the cost with the county, now is the time to sign up.

If you have questions and/or would like to apply for neighborhood cooperative cost share funding, call John Holst at 623-3201.

Article contributed by John Holst

Board Positions Open

Due to circumstances of life, two more of our elected board members have found it necessary to resign. The board is now in search of someone to fill the positions of member-at-large (term expires May 2003) and Treasurer (term expires May 2004). The Treasurer should be someone with experience in bookkeeping procedures and preferably be computer literate. If you are interested in serving in either of these positions, please contact any Board member.

E-mail Addresses— Contact the Association Via E-mail

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roads@spiritlakeeast.org— mails to all road committee members with e-mail addresses

arc@spiritlakeeast.org— mails to all ARC committee members with e-mail addresses

newsletter@spiritlakeeast.org—mails to Association Newsletter Editor

audit@spiritlakeeast.org—mails to all audit committee members with e-mail addresses

ARC Area

I see people coming into Spirit Lake East to build their new home and they don't know what to do first. I would like to suggest that they get in touch with the Architectural Committee first before they take out their building permit. We can give them some helpful hints to make their projects easier. For example:

1. Locate the four corners of your property
2. Locate your water meter
3. Locate the utility companies
4. Get approval to remove trees
5. Get your building plans approved by the Architectural Committee

These are just a few of the items that need to be addresses. The ARC has also made up a Welcome Package for new homeowners. The package includes:

1. County building permit
2. Septic tank application
3. Application for electric power
4. Timber exemption forms
5. ARC request form for house approval
6. Postal service movers guide
7. Telephone book
8. The latest copy of the newsletter
9. Information regarding the Spirit Lake East Water Company
(and all of this in a Home Depot bag!)

-Article contributed by John Mamuscia

Importance of Street Numbers

One day I was talking to a fireman about Spirit Lake East. He said when they have an emergency call in Spirit Lake East they can not always find the callers house.

Think of this happening:

911: How may I help you?

Caller: I need medical help

911: Do you have your street address at the entrance of your driveway?

Caller: No– I keep forgetting to put my address out front.

Please neighbors– put your address at the entrance to your driveway.

-Article contributed by John Mamuscia

Protecting Your Home From Wildfires

Site Factors:

Access: A properly maintained safety zone and water supply may be useless if fire vehicles can not get to your home. You should consider whether or not fire vehicles can get into your driveway and near your residence. A properly displayed house number will assist emergency crews in quickly locating your home.

Ground Contour and Slope: Level ground with adequate clearing slows the spread of wildfire. Homes on steep, brushy slopes are difficult to defend against fast spreading wildfire. Homes on steep, brushy slopes are difficult to defend against fast spreading wildfires. Narrow, steep draws act as chimneys in accelerating the spread of wildfire.

Vegetative Cover and Landscaping: Tree thinning reduces fuel continuity necessary to support wildfire spread. Ground clearing and pruning helps reduce fire intensity and spread. Larger green belt areas (such as lawns) helps restrict spread to structures.

Construction and Development Factors:

Address Signing: Address visibility is crucial in speeding fire department response time.

Utilities: Overhead powerlines are susceptible to encroaching vegetation, and increase the threat of fire starts. Underground power lines and telephone lines are protected from fire, as well as limiting potential for fire starts. Clearly marked water supplies in rural subdivisions are critical for rapid suppression efforts by fire departments.

Home Construction: Open or exposed decks are ignition points for flying embers. Wood shake roofs are a major contributing factor in rapid ignition and spread of structure fires within the wildland/urban interface area. Non-flammable roofing and siding materials are important considerations in safeguarding your home.

Additional Fire Protection Measures for Homeowners

Poor roads make fire vehicle access difficult, particularly during the winter weather. Single entry and exit roadways create traffic bottlenecks during emergency fire operations. Firewood and other flammables must be stored away from structures.

-Article was reprinted with permission from the North Idaho Fire Prevention Cooperatives of Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone and Benewah Counties from "Wildfire and the Suburban Home." For further details, please contact Spirit Lake Fire District, at 623-5800.

Treasurer's Report

Since we are currently without an official Treasurer, these are the most recent balance statement and income information directly from the accountant. Anyone interested in the Treasurer position, please contact any board member.

BALANCE STATEMENT (September 30, 2001)

ASSETS

Bank Balances	\$43,088.08 (As of 9/30/01)
Accounts Receivable	\$6480.33
Deposits Receivable	\$12.00
Maintenance Bldg & Equip	\$57,157.11
Equipment	\$83,526.99
Buildings & Prop. Improv.	\$12273.28
Total Assets	\$202,537.79

INCOME

Sale of Assets	\$5831.00
Lien Fees Assessed	\$525.00
Treepport Road Use	\$325.00
Membership Dues	\$38317.00
SBA Special Assess	\$7348.50
Weed Costshare	\$1366.26
Interest Income	\$1446.79
Donation	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total Income	\$55359.55

LIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes Payable	\$355.89
Washington Trust Bank (grader)	\$7351.13
Loan Payable- SBA Loan	<u>\$81,800.15</u>
Total Liabilities	\$89,507.17

EXPENSES

Wages	\$4020.50
Payroll Taxes	\$594.25
Legal Fees	\$579.00
Taxes	\$401.97
Fees & Publications	\$100.16
Fuel	\$2099.82
Auditing/Tax Preparation	\$65.00
Accounting	\$2200.00
Office Supplies	\$765.82
Rental	\$166.00
Equipment Rental	\$1546.30
Materials & Supplies	\$165.98
Small Tools, etc.	\$63.29
Road Maint. (gravel, oil)	\$185.78
Off Road Maint (Weed control, etc)	\$2301.91
Maint. & Repair (truck/grader)	\$119.49
Maint. & Repair	\$114.83
Maint. & Repair Ford	\$197.94
Maint. & Repair Grader	\$169.23
Maint. & Repair 85 Intl.	\$284.08
Maint. & Repair 92 Ford	\$150.00
Truck/Grader (License, fees)	\$80.88
Reimburse Mileage	\$305.37
Bank Charges	\$103.82
Utilities	\$337.31
Advertising	\$373.06
Insurance (W/C, liability)	\$4587.34
Interest/Service Charge	<u>\$604.61</u>

Total Expenses:
\$22683.74

Agenda

Semi Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

November 14, 2001 7:00 pm
Timberlake Junior / Senior High School

Call to Order	Bob Lloyd	7:00 pm
Minutes –May 2001 Membership Meeting	Dawn Crabb	7:05 pm
Establish Quorum	Bob Lloyd	7:15 pm
Treasurer’s Report	Bob Lloyd	7:20 pm
Committee Reports		
Audit Committee	David Haught	7:30 pm
Road Committee	Bob Max	7:40 pm
Architectural Review Committee	John Mamuscia	7:50 pm
Timber Committee	Jeff Malloy	8:00 pm
Article IV Section 2.C.8 Committee	Wayne Burton	8:10 pm
Old Business		
Board 2001-2002 Plan	Bob Lloyd	8:20 pm
Fund Raising	Bob Max	8:30 pm
New Business		
Fire Dept / Sheriff Presentation	Bob Lloyd	8:40 pm
Vote - Authorization to Purchase 2 nd Plow Truck	Bob Max	8:50 pm
Meeting Adjourn		9:00 pm

Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Association

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ASSIGNMENT OF PROXY

ARTICLE II., Paragraph 6, of the Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Association By-Laws state: "Any membership may be represented and voted by the owner or by a proxy given by the owner to some person other than the owning member. All proxies shall be in writing, shall define the tract or land portion to be represented by the proxy holder, shall refer only to a particular meeting, shall be dated no longer than three months before the meeting and shall be available and presented at the meeting where exercised."

For the purpose of any Association business wherein a members vote is required:

I, _____, being the owner of record of
(print name)

Tract number _____, Spirit Lake East Development do hereby
execute (your lot number)

and deliver an assignment of proxy to

(print name)

for the semi-annual meeting to be held on or about November 14, 2001.

Homeowner
Signature _____ Date _____

Witness
Signature _____ Date _____

Neighborhood News and Exchange

The purpose of this column is primarily to let our neighbors know what local services are available right here in Spirit Lake East. Depending on the response, pro and con, I would be including short ads as space permits.

-Lois Tarnowski, Editor SLEHA Gazette

Snow Plowing

The best snow plowing is done with a front loader with a big bucket. This will allow the snow to be put where you want it— away from the driveway. Please call Ralph at:
Home: 623-3335 Cell: 640-4789

Attention Snow Birds!

If you are going south for the winter and need a reliable person to look after your home while you are away, please call John at: Home: 623-4012 Cell: 661-4992

Max's Truck & Tractor

37 HP 4X4 Kubota Tractor. 6 yard dump truck.
Landscaping, retaining walls, ponds, forest cleanup. Topsoil, rock and gravel delivery.
Snowplowing \$35 per hour for all SLE Residents
Bob Max, owner/operator
33038 N. Sand Creek Dr. Spirit Lake, ID
208-623-3023 or Cell# 208-659-9255

P.C.M. Builders

Custom homes, Remodels
Framing, Siding, Decks
Specialized interior log finishing
Free Estimates!
Pete Sell, Builder
32926 N. Sand Creek Dr.
Spirit Lake East, ID
208-623-4309 or 208-660-9352

Help Wanted in SLE

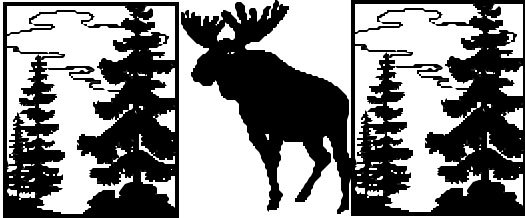
Full time job picking up beer/soda cans on the roadsides. Many rewards, you get to keep all the money you collect by turning in the cans to the recycle company. Contact John at 623-4012.

Are you a SLE resident who would like to have your ad included in the next newsletter? Should we include ads for business owners outside of SLE? Or do you think there shouldn't be any ads, local or otherwise included in the newsletters? Let the editor know! Contact Lois Tarnowski, Editor, at 623-6225 or via e-mail at newsletter@spiritleakeeast.org

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Letter From the Editor

In recent weeks, several Spirit Lake East residents have contacted me regarding the problem of speeders in our community, and have requested to have the issue addressed in this newsletter. The most commonly-mentioned culprits include: 1) a couple of teenage drivers who go so fast, no one can even get their license plate numbers to find out who they are, 2) construction-related people who fly in and out of Spirit Lake East, coming and going from local jobs, or fetching forgotten materials from town, and 3) people who zoom around the one-way circles, going the wrong way.

Currently, the board is looking into various speed limit enforcement options, and I hope to have more information available to you by the next newsletter. Meanwhile, please remember that we do have a 25 mph speed limit posted here in our community. If you have teenage drivers in your home, please remind them of that fact!! If you hire a contractor, plumber, well-digger, etc. to work in SLE, please remind them of our speed limit. These are narrow roads, and there are many children out here, walking or riding bikes, especially just before and after school hours. And there are folks who like to ride their horses along the roads, too. Let's not wait for a serious injury or fatality to happen before we pay attention to the rules and/or use common sense.

-Article contributed by Lois Tarnowski