

# SLEHA GAZETTE

October 2002

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## Message From the President—Robert Lloyd Jr.

I have two major issues to bring up to the residents of Spirit Lake East: First, we need more residents that are willing to participate in the running of the Association. We need Board members and committee chairman as well as general members. We also need a quorum at our semi-annual meeting in November so that business can be conducted. The Board needs your input on what you want to see accomplished in the future. This is a nice place to live so lets all work to keep it that way.



Second, most of the Association's dues goes to maintain the roads and quite frankly we will need additional funds as the traffic increases. We are adding an average of ten new houses a year. In the very near future dues will have to be increased. Right now we have an unheated shop with a dirt floor. We are also short one dump truck for snow plowing. The dust during the summer months is getting worse due to the increased traffic.

Think about these things and let the Board know what your thoughts are at the November meeting. I look forward to hearing from you.

One last note, I want to thank the Road Committee for their fine effort this past season.

## Semi-Annual Meeting to be held November 12th, 2002

The next semi-annual meeting of the Spirit Lake East Homeowners Association will be Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Timberlake High School Media Center. All SLE homeowners are encouraged and invited to attend. This is your opportunity to be involved in the decision-making process regarding Spirit Lake East. According to our bylaws, members representing at least 45% of the total memberships owned by all members must be present, in person or by proxy, in order to constitute a quorum. Without a quorum, no business can be accomplished. Your presence is important!! Please make every effort to be there, or send your signed proxy (enclosed) with a neighbor!

### Agenda

Call to order 7 :00 PM ,establish Quorum  
 Minutes  
 Treasurers Report  
 Committee Reports, Audit, Architectural Review, Timber, Road  
 Old Business  
 New Business  
 Adjourn



## Road Committee Report

Last winter was a tough one. The new truck proved to be a good investment, though we had many problems with the big adjustable blade, due to poor design. Miscellaneous things kept breaking, adding unplanned expenses on repairs and running the grader while the plow was inoperable. To make things work right, mid-winter we had to change from the snow blade to the roll over plow. This worked out very well.



As you probably remember, day after day the first snows never gave us a break. Snow was wet and heavy bringing down trees. Many of them came down across the roads. Thanks again to those who helped clear the roads of downed trees.

By spring we had set-up, and began the road improvements. Repair work was done on our equipment barn and we managed a few improvements outside. More are in the works. Without rain, grading this summer was not possible. Fall grading, in some of the rougher areas, will start when it rains.

On a brighter note, we are happy with the improvements made at the entrances. The goal was to re-contour putting a crown back, crush the larger rocks too close to the surface, and experiment with how the magnesium chloride works to glue the road fines together and also aid in controlling dust. Rain reactivates the mag-chloride and we did not have enough of that, but overall we are pleased with the investment.

What equipment we have is good shape and set to go for grading and/or snow. We are looking for a second truck and snow blade. As we go into the winter we should have a much smoother transition from fall to winter this year.

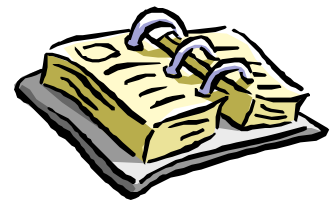
For various reasons your road committee members change. One of the reasons worth mentioning is the criticism received when things are not going as well as expected. As we go into the fall and winter, please remember that the committee is comprised of a group of SLE members that *volunteer their time*. They have regular jobs, busy lives and pay their dues just like you.

Our dues dollars go directly to the hard core costs of getting work done. It is our goal to get the most from our very limited dollars and make decisions that will save money in the future. We stay within our budget and try to spend it with good sense, but it does get spent. If you have a valid project in mind, experience or constructive suggestions please show up at a general meeting or board meeting and share your ideas.

Always Susceptible to Criticism,  
Your Road Committee

## Volunteers Needed for SLE Board and Committee Member Vacancies

There is currently a board position open for and Member-at-Large. Also, the Timber Committee Chairman position is open. Road Committee help is desperately needed. Other positions may be available. Committee help is always needed. If you would be interested in filling any of these positions, please contact any Board member.



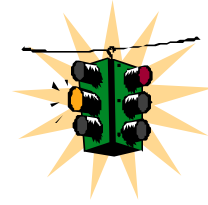
## NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING DATE!

Please note that, beginning in February, our Homeowner's Association Board meetings will be held the first **TUESDAY** of each month, at 7:00 p.m., in the Spirit Lake Community Center (at the old school building). Members are welcome to attend the meetings.

## SLE Resident Editorial

To all of the people I see going slowly on our roads, I wish to say; "Thank You."

Now for the rest of you, put your ear close to this page and let me whisper;



# SLOW DOWN!

Every year we have more families moving into our community. Many of these families have young children. Across the road, a new family will start building next year who have five children under 8 years. Down the road, a new family is almost done with their house who have five children under 10 years. I have seen two of the boys bicycling down the road to visit their grandparents. During the school year children are dropped off and must continue home on foot.

Is it going to take the death of one of these children at the hands of a negligent driver to get you to slow down? It might, for a week or so. I do not want to witness a child being hit or have one of my children witness a dead child in the road. One of these children being hit will not be "just an accident" as you know better.

Every day I see many of you and your young adults fly by in excess of 40 mph regardless of road conditions and weather. The speed limit of 25 mph is not the lower limit, it is the *upper* limit when road conditions are ideal. Ideal road conditions are a straight stretch of dry freshly graded road allowing adequate time to stop short of any obstacle or pedestrian in the road. Passing is discouraged because it is particularly dangerous on these road and passing puts you in excess of the speed limit. Flying around a corner or over a hill will not give you adequate time to stop or avoid a child on the road. Children are not always aware of what goes on around them and meander back and forth in the road. One might suddenly panic and pull in front of you thinking it is safer on the other side.

The road committee spent a lot of your money in attempt to improve the two main entrances. Now a lot of the road dirt is moving back to the ditches because of your racing around the corners. Many of you cry about the poor road conditions but do not do the easy part by slowing down. Why should any more money be spent on the roads if you are going to abuse them?

Do you enjoy eating road dust? I don't. I am aware we live with dirt roads but it is amazing how little dust is raised when your speed is less than 20 mph. I have kept my speed between 15 mph and 20 mph as a courtesy to my neighbors. At these speeds it takes about eight minutes from the deepest part of our community to get to Hwy 54. What is your hurry? What difference will two minutes make? I will be on the roads again for my exercise and these walks will be after dark this time of year. I do not want to get hurt or eat the dust you raise.

You do not live in a vacuum where you think you can do as you please thinking your actions do not affect anyone else. You live in a community of neighbors and friends. This community has some rules you all agreed to live with when you moved here. None of the rules are a hardship and they contribute to a peaceful life here. By driving more slowly you will keep the roads safe for our children and adult pedestrians, and less dust will make for a more pleasant time outdoors.

As a concerned member of this community  
Anthony (Tony) Tarnowski

## **A Message from the Road Committee**

As a whole the road committee was pleased with the improvements at both entrances. The crown is back on the road so water run-off should be better, minimizing the amount of standing water and potholes next spring. The first part of the five-year plan the road committee submitted is complete, but funds remaining after winter will determine the next action.

As we go into winter we hope to have normal maintenance and grading, but your speed, your kid's speed, your contractor's speeding, etc. is having a very negative impact on our roads. Gravel roads cannot hold up to higher speeds and the dusts you see behind your vehicle are the road fines that make the surface smooth. The fines are the plastic that holds the gravel together. With the speeds we observed this summer, we are wasting our time and money. To combat the speed, the road committee has discussed not re-grading the St. Joe and Coeur d'Alene Drive. Other roads also have speeding problems, but have much less traffic. During our spring improvements we lost orange cones and signs. This and garbage on our roads is not a good sign or reflection of our community. The duration of the improvements and how much has to be spent depends on you.

The board has also discussed a raise in fees to provide more service, but better roads equals higher speed from what we've seen. This is a no win, everyone loses situation. If you are interested in being part of the decision making process please attend a board meeting. As always your comments are taken into account, preferably if in written form and both your name and lot number on them.

## **Just a Few Notes About Speeding**

There are a great number of large truck and semi's driving through our community. Many of these large vehicles come through uninvited. One witness reported a semi load of crushed cars speeding through on Kelso at 5 a.m.! Speculation is that it is cutting through to avoid Clagstone. Are there any recommendations out there to help stop this problem? Would closing off access to Treeport permanently be the solution? Will gates at the entrances and contractor requiring escorts to travel on our roads be the requirement in the near future?

On a similar note, the growth of our community requires a great number of cement trucks, dump trucks and trailers on our roads. These heavy trucks and extra axles raise far more dust than even the speeding cars. Would you please demand that these contractors reduce their speed to less than 20 mph and that passing is hazardous and discouraged. Five more minutes travel time is not going to make that much difference and it will make living here that much easier.

## **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

## Neighborhood News and Exchange

Several SLE-based services were advertised in the previous issue of this newsletter, along with a request for your input regarding this column. This column will continue to be a place where you can let your neighbors know what local services you have to offer. Unless some other policy is adopted, short ads will be included as space permits.

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<b>Avon Representative:</b>	Tana Loibl	623-4773
<b>Pampered Chef Consultant:</b>	Lois Tarnowski	623-6225
<b>Stampin'Up! Supervisor:</b>	Randi Malloy	623-5087
<b>Mary Kay Consultant:</b>	Vikki Malloy	623-5101
<b>Wilton Cake Decorating Instructor:</b>	Debbie Lawson	623-4090

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### 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

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### Laborers, etc. Available

Are you planning a vacation this winter? Do you need someone to feed your animals, water your houseplants, pick up your mail while you are gone? The Tarnowski children have experience doing these things, and would be pleased to help out for a small fee. Please call them at 623-6225

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### 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

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## Submissions and Comments Needed

It's difficult to update our community website and write a community newsletter without any input from the community. Please, please, please submit your comments, concerns, gripes, hopes, anecdotes, ANYTHING (tasteful, of course!) to the newsletter editors via e-mail at [newsletter@spiritlakeeast.org](mailto:newsletter@spiritlakeeast.org) or in writing to the Association address on the front at any time. Thanks!

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## Community Comment Question

The condition of the roads are an important topic to everyone in the community. What do you suggest to help improve the condition of our roads?

Send your comments to SLE Newsletter Headquarters by contacting either Debbie Lawson or Lois Tarnowski via e-mail at [newsletter@spiritlakeeast.org](mailto:newsletter@spiritlakeeast.org), or by mail via the Association.

**Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Association**  
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 Spirit Lake, ID 83869

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 following:

1. Proxy to be executed for the election of the board of directors only. \_\_\_\_\_  
property owner initials
2. Proxy to be executed for any voting that may be required at the semi-annual meeting to be held on or about November 12, 2002 meeting. \_\_\_\_\_.  
property owner initials

The assignment of this proxy is for the meeting to be held on or about November 12, 2002.

Homeowner  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## FireSmart Mission

To increase awareness of wildfire in the wildland urban interface. To help homeowners learn about the potential risk of wildland fire, and how to protect their homes by creating a survivable space.

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY**  
Kootenai County Local  
Emergency Planning  
Committee

With Support From

- Idaho Department of Lands
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Fire Plan
- Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services
- Kootenai County Disaster Services
- Idaho Department of Commerce

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## FireSmart Frequently Asked Questions

### What is FireSmart and what is its purpose?

FireSmart Kootenai County is a program of the Kootenai County Local Emergency planning Committee (LEPC). Funded in part by Kootenai County Disaster Services, Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services, bureau of Land Management, and the Idaho Department of Lands—using National Fire Plan funding. Its purpose is two-fold:

1. To increase awareness of the risk of wildfire in the wildland urban interface areas of Kootenai County.
2. To help homeowners learn how to protect their homes by creating a survivable space. This includes two activities:
  - a. Where appropriate, provide a one-time service to reduce dangerous fuels from around homes, and
  - b. To educate homeowners on other things they can do— in addition to fuel reduction— to protect their home from wildfires.

### How do I know if my property qualifies?

Property within the forested wildland urban interface may qualify.

### What do I have to do to participate in the program?

Call the FireSmart office and ask for a *Request to Participate form* (included in this newsletter). Once this is completed, an appointment will be set to visit your home and develop a work plan. During the visit we will evaluate your property and make recommendations on what can be done to create a survivable space around your home. Most likely this will include both things you can do yourself— such as cleaning pine needles from rain gutters and placing screens around low decks— and a plan developed specifically for your site to reduce dangerous fuels within 100 feet of your home, which the FireSmart program funds.

### Who does the work and how do I know they know they are qualified?

All plans are reviewed and approved by the FireSmart program manager, Larry Isenberg. Mr. Isenberg has over 27 years experience in forestry and fire management in North Idaho and is well-known for his attention to detail and care for the land he manages. All FireSmart contractors carry the required insurance and bonding. Once the plan for your home has been approved by both Larry and you— and a fair market price to do the work has been established— you will have three options for completing the work, as outlined briefly below:

1. We contract with one of the FireSmart approved contractors to do the work (we pay them)
2. You hire your own contractor to do the work (we reimburse you for the approved amount)
3. You do the work yourself (you are paid the approved amount)

Payment will be made only after an on-site evaluation has been conducted and FireSmart assures the work has been completed as outlined in the plan.

For more information regarding FireSmart please visit  
<http://www.id.blm.gov/snapshots/firesmart.pdf>  
or contact Lori Barnes at 772-6704.

# FireSmart Kootenai County

## Request To Participate

**Complete the following information and return this form to:**

**Larry Isenberg, FireSmart Kootenai County  
1415 Maverick Lane  
Post Falls, Idaho 83854**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address if different than mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fire District: \_\_\_\_\_ # of acres \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your situation (example —one home on three acres with lots of thick brush...)

Directions to your property (if necessary):

As explained on the FAQ sheet, you have three options for the work. Please mark which you think would be your choice:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will do the work myself
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have a contractor I would like to do the work
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like a FireSmart contractor to do the work

Do you have neighbors who might also benefit from participation in the FireSmart program? \_\_\_\_\_

Working with a group of neighbors increases the effectiveness of the fuel reduction effort. Would you be willing to invite a few of your neighbors to your home for a short informational presentation on the program? \_\_\_\_\_