



SLEHA GAZETTE

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Message From the President—Robert Lloyd Jr.



Welcome to the New Year and I hope all is well.

We have had a mild winter except for five days around the first of the year. The snow plowing took longer than expected because our truck lost it's brakes. That cost about \$2000 to repair. The road grader was put into service and the wing plow which is used to push the snow berms back broke and was repaired for about \$400. We now have both vehicles ready for the next storm.

Our Road Committee chairman and one committee member resigned along with the Architectural Committee Acting Chairperson. These two chairpersons have sold their houses so before they leave I want to thank them for all their help over the years.

Jess Blocker has taken on the job of getting a new Road Committee up and running as well as helping with the Architectural Committee until new members can be found to volunteer their time.

So once again I ask for your help in filling these openings on the two committees. We live in a great place so lets work together to keep it that way.

Sincerely,

Robert Lloyd Jr., President, SLEHA

We Need Your Help!

As some of you already know, the customary cycle of involvement and apathy is running its typical course here in our Spirit Lake East Homeowners Association. Just two years ago this spring, we had a quorum at the semi-annual meeting, held a real election of board members, and voted on some issues. Folks were volunteering and getting involved, and it began to look as if some progress could be made. Then life happened: job transfers, shift changes, family crises, disagreements, illness, priorities, etc. Of the six board members elected a year ago, only one remains. Most of the remaining positions have been filled with appointees. Likewise, the architectural review committee, the timber committee, and the road committee are now vacant (or nearly so). At last report, Jess Blocker was trying to single-handedly keep things running until more volunteers step up to the plate. Come on, folks; this guy is overworked and underpaid!! A lot of these positions don't require a huge investment of time, and many hands make light work. PLEASE contact a board member if you can help out in any way!!!

List of Volunteers Sought

Like many of you, I would like to become more involved in SLEHA activities and help our community in some way. Unfortunately, I do not believe that I can commit the necessary time to do a good job, and be available for the day-to-day decision making that may be needed (especially for something like the Road Committee). So, in addition to simply giving my overwhelming support and gratitude to those that *do* serve the Association in an official capacity, I propose that we develop a list of individuals who can provide assistance on a periodic basis. For example, I am willing to assist the Road Committee with removing trees that have fallen into the roads after heavy snow or wind storms.

During the January 7th Board meeting, I volunteered to try and develop a list of other folks who may have an interest in helping out in some "unofficial" way. If you have a skill or talent that you think the Board could use, please contact me at 623-3072 or martinda@my180.net and I will compile that information for the Board. What I will need is your name, phone number, and a brief description of what you are willing to do. One way to look at this is to remember the last time you said something like, "Why doesn't someone cut those darn trees off the road!" Or "Why hasn't someone looked into grants for improving the water system?". Well, that "someone" could be you, and your help would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you!

-Dick Martindale

Trail System Proposed

As the parcels in our community continue to develop, the rural "feel" of the area diminishes. That is to be expected, and it is happening throughout the northwest. However, I see an opportunity within our Association that may not be available in other areas. I propose that we develop a simple trail system within the Association that could be used by members for hiking, biking (non-motorized), horseback riding, and cross country skiing. This would be an enormous asset to the community, and would be a great way to get to know our neighbors a little better.

The key word above is "simple". It took less than one day for my wife and I to put a narrow trail around our property: moving logs, cutting brush, and a little chainsaw work. If adjacent property owners put their heads together, a network of trails could be used to go from one end of the community to the other. Trails are safer for children and less impacted from the increased traffic, and provide an aesthetic place for all of to enjoy right out our own back doors. If anyone is interested in pursuing this with me, please contact me at martinda@my180.net or 623-3072. Note: In Idaho, property owners are not liable for personal injury under most normal circumstances. I can provide this information to all that are interested.

-Dick Martindale

Board Meeting Dates

Please note 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). All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Association Dues Are Now Due

SLE Homeowner Association dues were mailed out to all homeowner's a couple of weeks ago. If you have not yet received your billing, please contact Brent Eggersten, Treasurer at 623-6086 or contact North Idaho Accounting at 623-3571. Remember, your dues must be received by the middle of March to avoid any late penalties.

"I'd rather be a could-be if I cannot be an are; because a could-be is a maybe who is reaching for a star. I'd rather be a has-been than a might-have-been, by far; for a might have-been has never been, but a has was once an are."

-Milton Berle

Road Committee Report– Jess Blocker

As some of you already know, our road committee chair, John Holst, resigned recently. He and Joyce have sold their home and will soon be moving away from our community. Joyce leave a vacancy on our Architectural Review Committee. Thanks to John and Joyce both for their considerable contributions to Spirit Lake East.

SLEHA President, Bob Lloyd, asked me to serve s Temporary Road Committee Chair until the Board can appoint a new road committee chairperson.

Our road grader and truck are operational and we have qualified operators for both.

We do need two volunteers for the road committee, preferably volunteers who are in the neighborhood during the day at least part of the time. Volunteers do not have to be road or equipment experts.

We would appreciate and encourage any property owner to remove trees that are on or near the roadway which tend to lean over and into the road when the snow files. Also please remove any tree that is on the road right of way.

Caution

DO NOT attempt to remove trees that could touch any power line.

If any tree appears to present a danger to power lines call Kootenai Electric at 765-1200.

We are also forming a volunteer group to help on an “as needed” basis to do work such as remove trees from the roads after a storm. The names of this group will not be published and will be maintained by the group. For more information about this group and to volunteer contact Dick Martindale at 623-3072.

Homeowner Editorial -Patricia Guzman

Tea to Mr. Tarnowski's letter (SLE Gazette– October 2002). I must say all that to myself at least once a day. But he didn't go far enough. He forgot the biggest violators of all. The teenagers who rip through here on there way to and from school. Their parents are just as guilty as the drivers themselves for not monitoring the child's behavior. Mr. Tarnowski s unfortunately right - it probably will take a serious injury or death to get people to understand that at 25 mph on up our roads are unstable - you can't stop a vehicle quickly enough on rocks like ours. I have two children who are no longer allowed out on foot or on bikes.

f I could catch up to the speeders, I would tell them this: " When you finally hit someone, (and you will) I will be there t the trial to testify just how many times I've seen you speeding." Then it will no longer be just an “accident”, it will how intent and disregard for the law. The bottom line is, the speeders are smart enough to know even if they get topped by another resident, nothing will happen to them. Without the threat of law enforcement's tickets or sanctions by he HOA to Homeowner's whose family or contractors violate the road rules, nothing will change. But I can just imagine he out-cry if all vehicles had to be registered with the HOA so we could all make formal complaints when we see speeders. I'm sure this letter sounds like a rant, but Mr. T, you are not alone in your worries - I do it every day. I just don't have a solution. And it's a shame that other adults in this neighborhood can't see just how serious this could get.

Filler Material– Coffee facts (Hey, give us some submissions– we're desperate for material here!)

- Caffeine takes approximately 30 minutes to affect your brain and lasts for 2-6 hours
- Dripped coffee has almost twice the caffeine as instants
- The US consumes about 1/3 of all coffee worldwide, approximately 400 million cups daily
- The only coffee grown in the US is Kona, which is grown on the island of Hawaii. The coffee is grown in volcanic soil and has the richest coffee flavor in the world
- Leftover coffee and tea can be frozen in ice cube trays than used to cool hot coffee, tea, or in other beverages
- A coffee tree produces approximately one to twelve pounds of coffee cherries form a six year old tree

Adapted from 6001 Food Facts by Dr. Myles Bader

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.

Pampered Chef Consultant:	Lois Tarnowski	623-6225
Stampin'Up! Supervisor:	Randi Malloy	623-5087
Mary Kay Consultant:	Vikki Malloy	623-5101
Wilton Cake Decorating Instructor:	Debbie Lawson	623-4090

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

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

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

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 or in writing to the Association address on the front at any time. Thanks!

Are you affiliated with a business that could benefit residents here in SLE? If so, we'd love to add you to our exchange. Please e-mail us with your brief text advertisement at newsletter@spiritlakeeast.org. We will try to include your submission in the next newsletter.

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, or by mail via the Association.

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

-Anthony J. D'Angelo