

SLEHA GAZETTE

January 2004

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Accomplishing Goals=Total Involvement

Article by Mike Schmidt, Board Secretary

According to Article, II, Section 4, item C, of our CC&R's, the yearly dues per tract were to be \$100.00 per year until January 1, 1980. After that date, the Board was given authority to increase said dues by 3% per year over the preceding year. The problem is that past Boards neglected to do anything for some thirteen (13) of the ensuing years. ***We are now at the point in dues we should have reached for 1991.***

The big road issue at the November membership meeting brought up the fact that, while NOT wanting a major LID lien against our properties for paved roads, the majority of people do want better maintenance, dust control and snow removal services. The Board is faced with the problem of how to accomplish these goals. In 2002, we began a five (5) year road program which dug up the two entrance roads and circles, crushed the large boulders, relayed the ravel and compacted it then put down a dust control agent. This cost us some \$16,000. While this improved the areas, we did not have funds to continue to re-water the dust agent, nor did we have funding to continue the program set out to the next portion of the roads, the bus route along Liberty.

As a solution, the Board is suggesting we levy an additional assessment of \$40.00 per year, per tract, for the next two (2) years, along with the normal 3%, to bring us to the fiscal level we should have already reached had preceding Boards accomplished the yearly levy authorized. This \$40.00 would amount to about \$3.25 per month or the cost of a 6 pack, package of cigarettes, or gallon of milk.

To take this action will require a 2/3 majority vote or 199 lots approving this proposal. It is proposed to be on our agenda for the May membership meeting and, if approved, involve calendar dues for 2005 and 2006. While no one likes to suggest spending money, the Association seriously needs to address issues such as better maintenance and a continuation of the road improvements already begun as well as building up a fund for major expenditures if equipment breaks down or requires replacement.

Please give this proposal serious consideration and plan to attend the May meeting or present a proxy with your approval.

Message from the President :

Article by Robert Lloyd, Jr.

Dear Spirit Lake East Homeowners Association Members,

I am looking forward to the New Year as I am sure all of you are but please remember :

- A. We need Road Committee Volunteers
- B. We need Architectural Review Committee Volunteers
- C. We need candidates to run for the SLEHA Board of Directors which will be elected at our May 2004 membership meeting.



This is a great place to live and to keep it that way we need good people to stand up and be counted.

My Best to All.
Sincerely,
Robert Lloyd Jr.

SLE Safety Committee Report:

Article by Cindy Holbrook

The Safety Committee is still in the process of being formed. We are waiting for further directions from the board regarding what the responsibilities of the committee will be. Watch this newsletter for further updates. If you would like to volunteer to be on this committee, or if you have any suggestions or ideas, please send them to:

Cindy Holbrook
Safety Committee
P.O. Box 926
Spirit Lake, ID 83869



Community Stickers:

Article by Cindy Murphy



At the last general meeting it was suggested, by Kathy Gray, that we have stickers printed for our vehicles so it is easy to identify those that belong in the community. We have had a few instances of vehicles appearing to 'check out' homes here. We have had a few robberies and 'questionable' persons knocking on our doors. With the stickers, if we see a car 'cruising', we can tell if it is a neighbor, maybe looking for a lost dog. But if the car does not have a sticker we might want to note the license number. Nine times out of ten it is probably someone lost, but we have noted it just in case. Also if our children are out walking and a car stops, they can tell at a glance if it is a neighbor.

Those who attended the last board meeting were asked what type of sticker they would like to have. It was decided to go with a 4 inch circular sticker for inside the windshield so it doesn't get scraped off with the snow. The sticker itself is white with a black moose in the center. Reflective stickers were much more expensive, but the white should be somewhat reflective anyway. We ask that you place the sticker on the inside of the windshield on the lower passenger corner.

We are providing each owner with 2 stickers. The stickers will either be mailed or delivered. If you need more than 2, send \$.50 per sticker to your Treasurer and she will send them to you. (SLE – Cindy Murphy, Treasurer, PO Box 217, Spirit Lake, ID 83869)

Thank you for your participation. You may also call Cindy for questions regarding the stickers at 623-6479.

Road Committee Report

- Article by Jess Blocker



First, I'm happy to report that we now have two more Road Committee members; Scott Good and Stacey Hughes. Scott has an excavating company and considerable experience with road equipment. He has resided in the neighborhood for several years. Stacey is a heavy equipment operator. He is currently building a home here and temporarily resides in Spirit Lake.

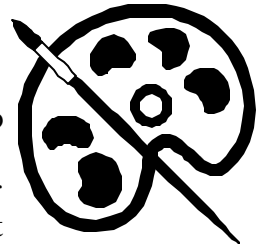
Thanks for your cooperation with our snow removal operation. We have had few equipment problems this season, such as our sanding truck losing a carburetor and being out of service when we really needed it. It now has a new (or rebuilt) carb and is operational. Our new snow plow is working very well.

We still need all your help in removing trees and brush that are encroaching onto the roads. Spring really is not that far away.

Weed Control: Anyone wishing to join our weed control cooperative this year please contact Jess soon at 623-6001. Our application has to be submitted to the weed control office by Feb 27, 2004. The weed control office is looking to reimburse participants 80% of the cost of weed control materials this year. Only cooperative members--not individuals-- will be reimbursed.

Meet Your Neighbors: Local Artist Rozanne Thompson

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Rozanne Thompson and I am an artist who likes to paint murals, which is my first love, and also rocks, wood, etc. I painted on wood for years as a tole painter and also took oil painting classes. I've lived here for about 8 years with my husband and to of my four children. I painted murals on about eight schools in California, which included hallways and gymnasiums. I can paint nearly anything if I have a picture to follow. I have a portfolio of all my work and encourage all to see a sample of my art on Main Street in Spirit Lake at the small park: The Legend of Spirit Lake. I have also painted at the Chevron gas station at the end of Hwy 41 on Seltice in Post Falls. I've also done boulders and homes. If you are interested in a creative room I'll show you some designs. My phone number is 205-623-4071.



Editorial

by Lois Tarnowski



At the November semi-annual meeting, I was surprised at how many people didn't know what was going on within our association, and how many assumed the board members didn't know what was going on, either. The possible sale of the water company to another owner is a classic example. I have been attending board meetings for three years now. I started attending them when I had a specific concern, and continue to attend because I want to be informed. Board meetings are open to all members of our association, and that means YOU, the property owner. If you really want to know what's happening, you need to attend the meetings, which are the first Tuesday of every month, in the Community Center. Sometimes I am astonished at how little happens there, sometimes I am amazed at how much the board has to deal with, sometimes I am shocked at the amount of flack they have to put up with, sometimes I'm the one rocking the boat! So if you are content with only a little information, attend the semi-annual meetings. If you want a little more, read this newsletter every quarter. But if you really want the inside story, show up at the board meetings. It would be great if we had to rent a bigger room!

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www.spiritleakeast.org

High Speed Internet Available to Spirit Lake East Residents– Article by Kris Kramer

DSL is here it SLE!!!

I have DSL installed in my home office on Priest River Drive. I encourage all who are interested to have their line tested. I suggest contacting your local Internet Service Provider. It took me about 1 month to work out the kinks to set my line up but as it is rolling out the process should be better.



At first, I received inconsistent information from the phone carrier as to whether or not I could get DSL, which depended on the department I talked to, but my ISP helped work out the kinks.

I have found if you contact the phone company's internet department through the internet or the number provided online you are typically told it is not available in Spirit Lake. I am told DSL hardware has just been built out into Spirit Lake, Rathdrum, Bayview and Athol and is not well published.

Initially my line tested okay for the Gold Service which allowed for 1.5 Mbps/384kpbs (download/upload speeds) but by the time installation came my top speed is only 190kpbs/382kpbs, however I chose the Bronze plus plan for 384kpbs/384kpbs.

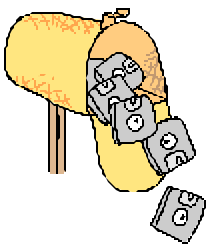
I have bugged Imbris, in Coeur'd Alene, for high-speed internet options since last Spring so I felt obligated to solicit them for DSL service. I went through Jim Mundy @ 292-5000. Jim was extremely helpful in setting up my service and twice arranged a 3-way conference call with Verizon to resolve issues. I am in no way soliciting business for them but wanted to let you know who had successfully worked through this problem. I believe my father-in-law has gone through Icehouse for his service and may have service by the time this article comes out.

Again, call your ISP if you are interested or contact me for more information or questions. Home: 623-6006 or e-mail me at: kramer@imbris.com.

Note: Please re-contact me if you are unable to qualify for DSL. I am still facilitating the goal to obtain alternate high speed broadband service through Password or an affiliate.

Electronic Newsletters–

article by Debbie Lawson



Many thanks to all of you who have responded to our plea. In the last summer and fall newsletters, we asked all residents to let the newsletter editors know how they would like to receive their newsletters. We have so far had 28 homeowners preferring traditional snail mail and 26 who would prefer an electronic (e-mail) newsletter.

We urge everyone in the community to let us know how you would like to receive your newsletter. Currently, if you do not tell us your preference, you will continue to receive your newsletters in the mail. This service may stop, however, if the price of postage/paper becomes more prohibitive unless you *specifically request* traditional mail service. You can also request to *not* receive the newsletter.

We encourage everyone to sign up for electronic newsletter service. It costs approximately 7¢ a page plus 37¢ postage each time we mail out a newsletter. For an average 5 page newsletter, this amounts to 72¢ per homeowner. For every 100 homeowners, this is \$72.00. If all 300 lots receive them in the mail, the cost is then \$216 per mailing. Multiply this by 4 newsletters a year, and the \$864 is a fair chunk of change that could be used for many other community projects.

You can sign up for electronic newsletters by contacting your newsletter editors at newsletter@spiritlakeeast.org or sign up on the web site, front page, at www.spiritlakeeast.org.

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Advertisements in the Neighborhood News and Exchange (NNE) are free, as space permits. The NNE ads may not contain any graphics or unique fonts (simple text only).

Paid advertisements may contain any graphics or artwork desired. Artwork must be camera ready. It is greatly preferred to have your advertisement electronically sent in a gif, jpg, png, or tif, graphic format. You can e-mail your advertisement to newsletter@spiritlakeeast.org or send a non-returnable CD or 3.5" floppy with the advertisement to Deb Lawson PO Box 308 Bayview, ID 83803-0308 or call 623-4090 for more info.



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Do you plan to be gone for the holidays? Going someplace warm for January? Do you need someone to feed your animals, water your houseplants, pick up your mail while you're gone? The Tarnowski children (ages 11 & 15) have experience in these areas, and would be pleased to help out for a small fee. Also, for \$10/hour, we will bring our Rainbow vacuum to your house and vacuum your carpets if you don't have time to clean. Please call us at 623-6225.

Part time work available: Spend two days to 2-3 weeks at a time (depending on the job) in Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, or Washington inspecting fire dampers. Job requires physical agility. We pay expenses and \$10/hour. 623-4600.

Want to be financially free? Give me a call. Sue Fox 623-3137 cell 818-5282. A great opportunity!

For Sale— Dump Truck, etc.

12 yard dump truck and 10 yard pup. Call John Mamuschia at 623-4012 or (cell) 661-4992

Dump Truck Services Available

Your neighbor John has recently purchased a dump truck to be able to haul rock. If you can use his service please call him at 623-4012 or (cell) 661-4992

Prayer and Share Meeting Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Come pray and share good fellowship with your friends and neighbors of SLE. The whole family is welcome... young and old alike. Persons of all faiths welcome. Singles, married, divorced, or just want to listen. It doesn't matter who you are; a pastor, preacher, or if you are seeing to know more about God.

We're just neighbors, the Walker's (Roger, Pat, and Daniel) willing to share God's love affair with our neighbors. No donations taken; we are not a denominational group.

We come together weekly; pray for your needs: finances, physical and healing requests. Refreshments are available, they're FREE! These prayer meetings are open to everyone of the Spirit Lake Community...we all need God's help in everything we do.

If you can't attend, please call our payer line and we'll include your requests in our daily prayers. CALL ANYTIME 623-6220. Share your hopes and dreams, your success and your journey God has for you. PRAYER IS MIGHTY! It's okay to bring your Bibles, hymn books, news articles of interest, etc. to share with your SLE neighbors. EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M. AT 32112 N. TAHOE DR. Call for directions, questions, or prayer. 623-6220

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