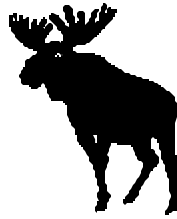




SLEHA GAZETTE



October 2004

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Water Emergency

On Saturday, October 2nd, our large 100 hp pump apparently failed. Most of us were not aware until Monday after the entire reservoir and distribution system also went dry. Beginning about 4 pm on Tuesday, October 5th, Hanson began attempting to refill our reservoir by the use of 4,000 gallon pumper trucks while a new pump, motor, pipe and electrical cable were ordered and began arriving. Many false starts overusing the distribution system caused the reservoir to be drawn down and numerous outages again. The new pump, pipe, etc. were finished being installed on Sunday, October 10th and we apparently have a complete water system again.

This emergency pointed out many problems.

1. This water system serves both SLE and Treeport. We had no phone listings for Treeport. We have now requested same.
2. We have no updated and accurate phone numbers for many of our owners so were not very successful in notifying everyone of the problems. Many numbers are out of state numbers, or disconnected and no longer in service numbers. We also found many with no answering service on their home phone so no message receivable. At our November membership meeting we will be seeking correct phone numbers from everyone.
3. The times the distribution system was on (based on the pumper truck deliveries) we collectively used it so fast, it had to be turned off again. There appeared to be very little caution in use of limited water. People were observed with stock tanks filled and hose still running water and overflowing on the ground wasting water others could have used to shower. Some were observed watering gardens and flowers which appears frivolous after our recent rains.

While the board will attempt to do a better job of notification in similar area wide emergencies, we all need to use more caution in overusing water during such an outage. Limiting length of showers or depth of filling tubs, less frequent washing of clothes or other type heavy water usage would all help and could have made distribution more plausible and lasting had not the tank been drained so fast.

Mike Schmidt
President, SLEHA

**The Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Association General
Membership Meeting to be held Tuesday, November 9, 2004
at the Timberlake Jr./Sr. High School Commons Area.
The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.**

If you can not attend this important meeting,
please assign a proxy (see page 7 of this newsletter)
to a trusted neighbor for voting purposes.
*If you live out of the area, please consider assigning your vote
to a board member or a trusted SLE neighbor.*

SCHOOL BUS ACCESS TO SPIRIT LAKE EAST: By: Jess Blocker

If the school buses are to run thru SLE during the winter we need to have an understanding with the school district as to what they and SLE need to do to make this possible. To accomplish this we need to start now. The Road Committee will make arrangements for clearing snow from roads, sanding if required, etc.

Parents, or other volunteers, must get involved now and help. We need a contact person or group for the school to call if it is not safe for the buses to run in SLE, and a phone tree to notify individual parents or someone to collect their children. First, we need to know how many children there are and where they plan to catch the school bus. We may need to move or add some bus stop shelters, create a parking space for parents waiting for their children, or decide we don't need school busses running in SLE.

Whatever we do, it has to start now, not after the snow flies and the busses stop running. Perhaps the Board could have one Board member be a focal point to coordinate efforts for this project. According to Tom Taggart of Lakeland Schools transportation, the current plan is for the buses to only come as far as the Circles from mid-November until spring break.

There are to be further meetings and more negotiations between the district and SLE representatives, so this may change. Please attend the November semi-annual meeting to hear the latest.

Access Closure to Treeport

In 1980, Hanson Development deeded our road system to the SLE Homeowners Association. In 1988, North Kootenai Title, as Trustee for Hanson, again deeded said road system to the Association. Even though a lawsuit was filed in 1996, Hanson created two easement areas in 1997 placing access points from Treeport in Bonner County to our private road system. Further, no northbound access across said easements is noted in any recorded documents, but only southbound from Bonner County public roads into our road system. THERE IS NO APPARENT RIGHT FOR THIS ACTION AS NO INTEREST IN THE ROAD SYSTEM EXISTED.

In the past several years, increased building activity and the recent seal coating of the Treeport roads by Bonner County has substantially increased traffic on our private roads. It has also been noticed and mentioned by residents of Treeport. As their roads are public, Treeport has no control over excess traffic using those roads as well as our private roads, as sort of "Route 66". The SLE Board of Directors has been studying the situation. After numerous meetings, examinations of all recordings, several different plans, and lots of testimony, the board voted 5-0 in our October meeting to close one (1) of those access points. The St. Joe extension, at our north end near Sandpoint Circle is being permanently closed.

On the 26th of October, we are receiving six (6) ten foot New Jersey traffic barriers such as seen on the freeways. A fourteen (14) foot gate will be placed in between. This will still guarantee FIRE and EMS access through a special lock with a master key for all those personnel. Proper highway type signs stating "NO OUTLET" will be placed on our highway 54 access points, at the gate itself, and one for Treeport to place at the Clagstone access. We hope this will eliminate the improper use by many people beyond this area.

AGENDA
SPIRIT LAKE EAST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2004

- I. Call to Order
- II. Minutes of September and October meetings
- III. Treasures Report
- IV. Committee Reports
 - ARC Committee
 - Timber Committee
 - Road Committee
- V. Any Item NOT on Agenda (limit 5 minutes)
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Access Closure
 - b. Water Study- results and recommendations
(hopefully, an engineering company representative will be available)
- VII. New Business
 - a. Water Sub-Committee report--options or alternatives
 - b. CCRs and other REGs --need for updates?

Bugs, Bugs, and More Bugs!

Timber Committee Report by Lowell Hayes

Timber harvest leaves material on the ground. Your slash piles, unless burned or otherwise disposed of, provide excellent habitat for bark beetles. The north and east portions of the subdivision has a lot of beetle activity. By the time you notice the yellowing of the pine needles the bugs have gone to other trees. Please take care of your slash. Now is the time to finish disposing of that slash if you have not do so.

Dog complaints

by Lowell Hayes

We have received several complaints about barking dogs. One person had been contacted by another about his dog barking all day. However, I was helping this person on his lot over several days and the complainants dog barked the whole time I was working. So make sure your dog is not causing problems before you contact another about theirs.

I do hear dogs throughout the day when working outside on our property. There are some that bark most of the day. Others only when someone or some animal approaches their owners property. I also hear an occasional howl in the evening by possible one of the wolf dogs that a few owners have. To me it is no problem however to others it is. Please think of your neighbors and try to quiet down your pets.

Water Problems?

Many of us experienced a problem with our water service recently, and many of us who are involved with the board, committees, or newsletter received calls from residents who were wondering what was going on. Here are the numbers that were included with your most recent Spirit Lake East Water Company quality report:

Hanson Industries 509-922-5252 (business hours only)

Emergency: 509-868-5929 Jim Kruger

or 623-4063 Eric Redman

Please call these numbers the next time; the rest of us usually don't know any more about it than you do.



You can also check the front page of the SLE Website at [www. Spiritlakeeast.org](http://www.Spiritlakeeast.org). The site is updated as soon as your webmistress receives any information. Also, if you ever find out anything that hasn't made it to the site yet, please e-mail us at sle@spiritlakeeast.org with the information that you have.

With your help, we can improve communication in our community and keep everyone informed in case of emergencies.

Check out the SLE Website at www.spiritlakeeast.org

Roads Report

By: Jess Blocker

As of October 1st we are preparing for our Fall grading and Winter snow removal. All of our equipment is serviceable and ready. As soon as the Fall grading is complete we will mount the wing on the grader for plowing snow. By October 9th we plan to have the snowplow mounted on our plow truck, the sander on our sanding truck, and sanding material stored in the barn.

We still need your help to remove brush and trees that are encroaching on our roads, particularly those that are hiding traffic control and street name signs. You don't need anyone's permission to clean up your roads. **ONE LAST REQUEST: PLEASE, DO NOT PUSH SNOW FROM YOUR DRIVEWAY ONTO THE ROADWAY! IF YOU NEED TO MOVE SNOW ACROSS THE ROAD, MAKE SURE IT GOES BEHIND THE BERM. THANKS.**

Dirt Bikers: PLEASE READ!!!

There have again been complaints about dirt bikers speeding down our roads. Please remember that dirt bikes *are not allowed* in Spirit Lake East. Several residents have observed (and chased) young persons on dirt bikes going at speeds in excess of 45 mph. This is dangerous, and it causes unnecessary wear and tear on our roads. Our teens are expected to obey the speed limits and the CC&Rs, just as much as are the adults .

If you want to ride your bike, please go outside the neighborhood. When you're in the neighborhood, be respectful of the speed limit. Also remember, motorcycles are not allowed in SLE according to our CC&Rs. It takes just one person getting upset enough at your speeding and noise to take you to court, and as a rider you, and the rest of us riders, will lose. Please don't take the chance, and please don't allow a judgment against motorcyclists in our community. Live to ride. Ride to live.

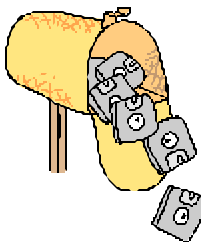
Bunco, Anyone?

The ladies of Spirit Lake East are looking for more Bunco players!!! We meet on the second Wednesday of every month, at 6:30 p.m., usually at the home of whoever is hosting the game that month. We need more players who are willing to commit to regular participation. Ladies who prefer to be on the substitute list are also needed. If you're interested, please call Sue at 623-2392 or Lois at 623-6225.

NOTICE:
Left behind at annual picnic: stainless steel bowl with plastic "Glad" lid., and two serving spoons. Call John and Carol at 623-4012

Electronic Newsletters—

article by Debbie Lawson



Many thanks to all of you who have responded to our plea. In the last few 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 now 61 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.

Where's the Neighborhood News and Exchange?

Because of weight restrictions of the added proxy envelope and our hopes to save all of our homeowner's money, we did *not* include the Neighborhood News and Exchange in this newsletter. We didn't want to spend the extra 23 cents/homeowner, or approximately \$53 for the over-weight mail.

The newsletter published on the SLE website will contain the NN&E if you are interested.

There were no changes to the NN&E since the Summer edition.

New Physician in Spirit Lake

Spirit Lake has a Physician. There hasn't been a Physician in town for close to 12 years. Don Baker, M.D. moved to Spirit Lake and lives in town. He is Board Certified in Family Practice. He is accepting new patients and all insurances. Walk-ins are welcome. The office is located on highway 41 and 5th Ave., across the street from the Post Office. Immunizations, General Practice and acute injury care is offered.

Dr. Baker is very respectful of the good fire & injury response team the Spirit Lake fire department provides. He also regards highly the health care professionalism of Judy Gerstenberger, Spirit Lake's school nurse.

Homeowner Editorial

By: Tony Tarnowski

Well, we had a serious failure of our water system in early October. I hope it is many years before it happens again. I will not write about the possible sale of the water system. As of today, I know nothing more than you and it is Oct 4th. I have no water pressure either. Unlike many of you, I still have water. I stored extra water for such an event. A pump does not fail often but the power to those pumps fail several times a year. It is easy for each of you to store away enough water to last several days.

How much water you store is up to you. Estimate 2 gallons per person per day minimum. This is only enough for drinking, cooking and very limited personal hygiene—forget about flushing the toilet. You can buy water at the store. You can get several 5 gallon collapsible jugs or clean the 2 liter soda bottles and fill them yourself. Refill every 3 months or so and you will be just fine. Fifty gallon barrels are available in Athol for larger amounts of water. This is for flushing and washing. I would recommend you get a good ceramic filter if you use it for drinking. A large barrel will need to be kept above freezing in the winter.

I grew up in rural Minnesota. The REA was not very reliable throughout the 60s and early 70s. The power went out for extended periods several times a year. My father always kept us comfortable during these inconveniences. The hand pump on the well gave us water. The old house was heated with wood. The kerosene lanterns and the white gas lanterns provided light. A small gas range was in the basement for cooking. The extra gas range was handy to cook the selected holiday beast. This allowed the kitchen range to cook the items that needed more attention. Many of today's gas barbeques have stove units that you can use. [Please, don't do this indoors.-Editor] Along with the liquid gas camp stoves, some run on propane. These propane units are easier for the novice to use.

I guess I strayed there a little. My point is to be prepared for these inconveniences. We could have another ice storm like 7 or 8 years ago. Terrorism could force us to stay at home and restrict travel. Mt. St. Helens could blow. The ash cloud could short out the transmission lines. It is up to you to decide how long you can do without water and power. My greatest concern is for those of you with young children and their comfort. If you have any questions, I would be happy to help you.

Would you like to advertise in the SLE Gazette?

Distribution is to all SLE residents, so you will reach more than 300 people with no work on your part!

Advertising rates are as follows:

Business card ad: \$3.00 1/4 page ad : \$5.00
1/2 page ad : \$10.00 3/4 page ad : \$15.00
Full page ad: \$20.00

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. Please remember all artwork and advertisements will be printed in black/white.

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. Deadline for ads for the January newsletter is January 7, 2005.

Homeowner Editorials and Articles may be submitted to newsletter@spiritlakeeast.org or may be mailed to:
Newsletter Editor
PO Box 217
Spirit Lake, ID 83869

All editorials must have the author's name.

The SLE Gazette reserves the right to edit or reject any material submitted.

Advertise your business FREE on the Web!

SLE offers residents free vendor advertising on the SLE website. Visit the vendor site at: http://www.spiritlakeeast.org/Neighborhood_Info/vendor.html Scroll down to the bottom of the page, complete the form, and (usually) within 72 hours your ad will be posted for all to see!

The next SLE Gazette will be published in January, 2005.

**Please submit any and all articles and/or advertisements
to the newsletter editors**

NO LATER THAN JANUARY 7th, 2005

**for publication. Submissions can be sent to
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Cake Decorating Instructor: Debbie Lawson 623-4090
Piano Lessons: Lois Tarnowski 623-6225
Tomlinson Black Realtor Kristine Smith cell: 691-5852 kristines@tb.com
 home office/fax: 623-2893
GMAC Realtor Sue Fox cell: 818-5282
 home office: 623-3137

Max's Tractor

Tractor work \$35 per hour. Field mowing, landscaping. Brush and slash clearing, low impact logging, snowplowing. Call Bob Max at 208-623-3023 or cell# 208-659-9255

Laborers, Pet Sitters, etc. Available

Do you plan to be gone for the holidays? Going away this winter? Do you need someone to feed your animals, water your houseplants, or pick up your mail while you're gone? Do you need help with those dreaded household cleaning chores? The Tarnowski children (ages 12 & 16) have experience in these areas, and would be pleased to help out for a small fee.

For Sale- Dump Truck

1966 Chevy 5-6 yard dump truck. Runs good. Good tires. Everything works. No special driver's license needed. \$4000. Call John Mamuscia at 623-4012 or (cell) 661-4992

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

Your Free Ad Could Go Here!

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

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@spiritleakeast.org.

Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Association

PO Box 217

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 9th, 2004 meeting. _____
property owner initials

The assignment of this proxy is for the meeting to be held on or about November 9th, 2004.

Homeowner

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness

Signature _____ Date _____

You may mail this proxy in the enclosed SLE addressed envelope marked "PROXY" to SLE PO Bo x 217 Spirit Lake, ID 83869 or give it directly to the person to whom you have designated as your proxy vote. The proxy must be received on or before November 9th, 2004 to be valid. Proxy must be available at the General Membership Meeting on November 9, 2004 to be valid.