



SLEHA GAZETTE

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The next General Membership meeting will be held on November 8th, 2005 at the Timberlake Sr. High School The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend. If you can not attend this important meeting, **please assign a proxy (see the last page of this newsletter) to a trusted neighbor for voting purposes.** Business can not be carried out without a quorum of voting members. 45% of all lot owners must be represented, either in person or by proxy, for any SLE business to be conducted. Your vote really counts!

By now, everyone has received Hanson's reply to the DEQ disapproval of our water system. In the letter, they state they are repairing the tank on the outside only, where the DEQ has stated interior repair was indicated. Rather than a larger generator capable of running the entire water system, only a small generator capable of pumping the reservoir is being placed in service. A prolonged power outage would merely empty the tank and we would have no water again. They have stated another main well pump has been obtained and in place should the main well pump fail again. Basically, they have made minor corrections to long-standing problems enumerated in the Welch-Comer Engineering study. As Hanson has attempted to sell the water company on two (2) separate occasions, and as he has sold his remaining properties and has no further interests here, it is likely that we will continue to be subject to additional problems form time to time.

It is also probable that Hanson may seek a rate increase to compensate for the October '04 outage and new expenditures claimed. Collectively, we need to make a decision on whether we wish to obtain the water system and be in control of our own destiny. The Board of Directors and the Water Committee formed after last year's outage and water study, feel we have gone as far as we can go without a major indication from all users to proceed.

Page 5 of this newsletter has a short questionnaire (two questions). We would like your opinion as to how we should proceed. Page 6 contains a member's voting proxy. If you are unable to attend the general meeting on November 8th, **PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR PROXY** or give your proxy to a trusted neighbor who will be able to attend the meeting.

Desperately Needing A Road Committee Chair!

We need a volunteer for the road committee chairman and at least 1 more road committee member by the end of October! All current members work full time which makes it very difficult for us to keep up with equipment and road needs. Winter is quickly approaching– without a road committee, we will have difficulty with our snow maintenance.

General Meeting Agenda

The main focus of this meeting will be discussing what we should do about our water supply. A DEQ member has been invited to attend the meeting to answer homeowner questions.

There will also be a Board Member appointment, as Bob Lloyd will be leaving the northwest after many years of service to our community.

We desperately need a Road Committee Chair and road committee members before the upcoming winter. Many thanks to Jess Blocker for his decade of service to the Association.

SLE Newsletter Editor Needed

It's been quite a few years, and now we feel it is time to pass the hat. This will be the last newsletter where we get to play editors.

Anyone who has any interest in volunteering your time and energy to the quarterly newsletters, please contact any Board Member well before the January newsletter deadline.

As always, contact information is on the front page.

Deb Lawson & Lois Tarnowski

Timber Committee

There have been a few lots that have made their arrangements with certain timber or logging companies without knowing what will be the results of the logging operations on their lots. Some of these have had bad experiences; however that is not always the case. The Timber Committee can give advice to you at no costs whatsoever to you and could save hard feelings among your neighbors and your own regrets at a bad job. You can contact me at 623-2064 for this free advice.

Lowell Hayes

Timber Committee, Spirit Lake Homeowners Association

4-Wheeler Damage

There are getting to be more 4-wheelers in the subdivision. You may have noticed at the intersection where these machines have spun around and slid from side to side as they go down the roads causing some damage to the roads. I have noticed a few spots where the oil seal was broken on the roads from one of these machines (on Priest River Drive). Have you been checking on what your "kids" are doing on these machines? We all have to pay to keep the roads graded and pay extra to do the oiling in order to reduce the dust that occurs from traffic. The Association has only so much money to operate the grader and at the high cost of diesel these funds are less and less able to keep up with grading and plowing the snow in winter.

Shooting Guns in SLE

Hunting season is starting again. However, there have been residents practicing their skills all summer within the community. Please be advised that the discharge of firearms within SLE is a violation of our CC&R's (Article IV, Section 2, Subsection C1) . We may live pretty far apart, but ten acres is still less than 1000 feet from your property to your neighbor's property. Not only is the noise from the firearms disturbing to your neighbors, but it also poses a safety risk. There are a number of places in the area where you can improve your aim. Please don't practice in the middle of our residential neighborhood. Find a safe place where there is no chance of anyone getting accidentally hurt.

Reminder:

The SLE Board meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Spirit Lake Community Center. ALL members are invited and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings.

A Couple of Quick Notes**Spirit Lake East Water Contact Numbers**

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

Emergency: 509-868-5929 Jim Kruger or 623-4063 Eric Redman

If you experience extremely low water pressure, under 20 psi (just a dribble from your faucet), please make a note of the time and the date, and contact the

Department of Environmental Quality at 769-1422 to let them know it happened.

Be sure your house numbers are displayed and clearly visible on your mail box, house, and at the end of your driveway. In case of a fire or medical emergency, missing numbers may keep emergency personnel from finding you promptly.

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

Some More Quick Notes:

For some years, a school bus stop building has laid in the ditch, unused, at the corner of St. Joe and Kelso. Be advised it has been cleaned and patched up and is now at St. Joe and Newman (Bus Route) where it can hopefully serve residents again.

We are receiving another group of complaints regarding loose dogs. A large brown and large black dog are seen up and down Kelso from Coeur d'Alene to Liberty. Two bulldogs and two smaller dogs are scaring women by growling and barking over on Hayden. Please watch your dogs and not allow them to roam free all day if you're at work.

Another problem is that 4 wheelers and off road bikes are running all over our roads. Please be aware, our roads are NOT public, do not meet road standards and our entrance signs plainly state neither are allowed. Keep to your own property as our insurance does not provide protection for thinking the rules only apply to others.

-Mike Schmidt

Become Involved With the SLE Water

If you are concerned about the water problems, take action:

1. Attend a monthly board meeting to let the board know that you support their efforts to correct this situation.
2. Measure the water pressure at your home when it appears to be low. These devices are cheap and available from Home Depot, Ziggy's, Old West Hardware and other hardware stores.
3. Complain to DEQ, specifically Gary Gaffney at 769-1422, every time there is an outage or extremely low water pressure. We need to all make them aware of the problems, so they know that the problems occur everywhere in SLE and happen frequently.

Volunteer with SLE

SLE is always in need of volunteers. Currently, there are positions open for nearly all committees, including for committee chairpersons. We are now without any newsletter editors, as both well-seasoned editors have retired. Volunteers are needed to help with property clean-up, roadside clean-ups, filling in potholes, removing tree branches from the roadway, and hundreds of other small tasks that just plain need to be done by someone. That someone could be you!

If you would like to volunteer any of your time and considerable expertise, please contact any board member. It is very likely that there is a task that would be suited perfectly for your talents.

Neighborhood News and Exchange

Stampin'Up! Supervisor:	Randi Malloy	623-5087
Mary Kay Consultants:	Vikki Malloy	623-5101
	Marsha Cover	818-2006
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
Creative Memories	Monique McEvelly	cell: 660-6118

Laborers, Pet Sitters, etc. Available

Going on vacation this winter? Do you need someone to feed your animals, water your houseplants, or pick up your mail while you're gone? The Tarnowski children (ages 13 & 17) have experience in these areas, and would be pleased to help out for a small fee.

Prayer and Share

We are Roger, Pat, and Daniel Walker. Every day our family prays for Spirit Lake East. If you have special needs or requests for prayer, we will be glad to pray with you and for your family and friends.

Call us at 623-6220.

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

Are there any QUILTERS in Spirit Lake East? I just moved to SLE and am interested in either starting a daytime quilting friendship circle that gets together once a month or join an existing one. If you're interested or have any info, please call Gina at 623-6164.

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 to newsletter@spiritlakeeast.org. We will try to include your submission in the next newsletter.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

Collectively, we need to make a decision on whether we wish to obtain the water system and be in control of our own water OR allow Hanson (or another water service company) to control our water system. The Board of Directors and the Water Committee formed after last year's outage and water study, feel we have gone as far as we can go without a major indication from all users on how we should proceed.

- 1. Should we sit down and begin determining facts and figures (with Hanson) as to our probable costs to purchase.** *(circle one)*

YES

NO

NOTE: This is NOT a vote to buy the water system, but merely to gather information and costs involved.

- 2. Should we continue with Hanson and let him sell the water company to another private For Profit company?** *(circle one)*

YES

NO

Please either attend the November 8th, 2005 general meeting at
Timberlake High School at 7 p.m.

OR

Send in your proxy (see reverse side of this page)
either by mail or with a trusted neighbor
who will be attending the meeting
with your yes or no responses above.

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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 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 8th, 2005 meeting. _____
 property owner initials

The assignment of this proxy is for the meeting to be held on or about November 8th, 2005.

Homeowner

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness

Signature _____ Date _____

You may mail this proxy in the enclosed SLE addressed envelope marked "PROXY" to:
 SLE PO Box 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 8th, 2005 to be valid.

Proxy must be available at the General Membership Meeting on November 8th, 2005 to be valid.