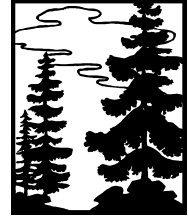


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The Newsletter of the Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Association
April 2008

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Spirit Lake East Homeowner's
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PO Box 217
Spirit Lake, ID 83869

Website- www.spiritlakeeast.org

Phone: 208-623-6810

New Contact Phone Number for SLE

208-623-6810

Your SLE Board has instituted a new way of communicating. This new communication system includes all board members and committee members as well. We now have one main number to call. It is a voice-mail system and will be checked daily and any messages will be passed on to the appropriate board member or committee chair to return the call or act on a request.

Also this voice mail system will be used to leave messages for our residents in case of an emergency such as a power or water outage. The message on the voice mail will let you know what we know about the situation. Just call the new number and listen to the message. If there is no special message then you know we don't know any more than you do at the time.

Also, Mike Schmidt is planning a Communication Center to be located at each entrance to SLE. The Board can put up announcements such as the board meetings and residents can place notices such as lost and found.

We hope this will make things a bit easier for all involved and help us communicate to all of you in times of need.

Special Meeting Notice

The board of Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Assoc. Inc. is calling a **Special Meeting** for a vote on a proposed Roads Assessment. This meeting will be held May 13, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Timberlake High School just before the regular semi-annual meeting.

“Many members have complained that our roads are in need of serious repair. Your board agrees and we want to stress the importance of collecting this small assessment presently. Without these funds our roads will continue to deteriorate to the point of being barely usable.”

A copy of the Proposal is included with this newsletter. Please read it and if you cannot be at the meeting send your Proxy with your vote on the roads assessment. This vote is not a quorum vote. The special assessment can be approved by 2/3 of the votes of the members, in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

CC&R's Article II, Section 4 D – Special Assessment.

Position of President for SLE Board

As many of you know Mike Cover our president has resigned. Bill McNamara has volunteered to fill the empty spot, but we have no official president at this time. The board members will take turns with the duties of president. Dave Sincerbeaux has filled in since Mike left and will stay a couple of more months, then another board member will take over the duties until the November meeting, etc.

Interested in Natural Gas Service in SLE?

After speaking with Cindy Murphy on Friday, we thought it would be a good idea to let you know that the phone number in your newsletter and online should be changed. And instead of using my name or Rick Berger just give out the phone number **only**. That number is **1-877-GAS-TEAM**, (1-877-427-8326). We have set up this number specifically for gas expansion projects. The personnel answering this number has specific instructions to handle these calls.

SPECIALTY HOME SERVICES
Repair – Maintenance – Remodeling



Pat Bethke
7412 Division St.
Rathdrum, Id. 83858.

Phone: 208-687-9036

Cell: 208-818-8349

Advertise in the SLEHA Gazette

Ads in the SLEHA Gazette are a great way to let your neighbors know about goods and services that you have to offer. It's just \$20 for a full page, \$10 for a half page, \$5 for a quarter page, and \$3 for a business card size. Paid ads are available to non-residents also.

Remember, residents can **advertise** free on the website.

Resort Update

March 30, 2008

At the November Membership Meeting there was brief discussion of a “resort” being located just east of Spirit Lake East where Priest River ends on Highway 54. At the time we thought it was a Bed and Breakfast type business, and no one was much concerned. Subsequently, we learned that what was actually planned was a 35 slot RV/Tent Park with a manager’s headquarters and a residence for the owners. This was something to be concerned about indeed! The Board felt strongly that this could be very detrimental to Spirit Lake East property values due to the noise, potential for trespassing into our development by their *guests* on recreational vehicles and cars, and the nuisance to SLE residents living near the border with this proposed business. We only found out there was a public hearing regarding this case about two days before the date. Still, we managed to get a number of SLE residents to attend; and together with other concerned citizens in the area there were about 25 people who testified passionately against this business being granted a provisional use permit.

Due to this participation and input, the hearing officer has recommended disapproval of the permit to the County Planning Commission. BUT – it’s not over yet. The official word will come from the County Planning Commission. They are meeting in April 2008 and the permit request is on the Agenda. This is where you come in. We strongly encourage you to participate by giving input to the commission. Tell them you do not want an RV Park sitting on the borders of Spirit Lake East. Even if you do not live near the affected border, this “resort” would still adversely affect your property values. This development plans for 35 slots, with room for expansion. They do not plan to have a dump station, so where are these RVs going to dump their sewage? They tell us there are dump stations within reasonable driving distance, but the potential for pollution is strong. They tell us they only plan on being open from May to November. But from what we learned from the hearing officer, there is very little enforcement of those conditions. Who is going to pay to put up and maintain a fence between them and us, to prevent their guests from using our roads? These were all issues that participants talked about at the hearing. One woman, who is very active in the area in opposing irresponsible development, came all the way from Harrison to testify that Spirit Lake East homeowners should not have this kind of a business plopped right on their doorstep.

To give your input you may do any of the following:

Refer to Case CUP07-0004 Knoll Conditional Use Permit

Mail: Kootenai County Planning Department
Box 9000
Coeur d’Alene, ID 83816

FAX: (208)446-1071

Email: mpalmer@kcgov.us
eanderson@kcgov.us

Spirit Lake East Board Member

Kathy Gray

Neighborhood News and Exchange

Stampin'Up! Supervisor: Randi Malloy 623-5087

Mary Kay Consultants: Vikki Malloy 623-5101
Marsha Cover 818-2006

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

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!

Pet Sitters, etc. Available

Going on vacation this summer? Do you need someone to feed your animals, water your houseplants, or pick up your mail while you're gone? Bethany Tarnowski (age 16) has experience in these areas, and would be pleased to help out for a small fee.

Laborers available

Joel (16) and Ethan (13) are willing to do odd jobs such as raking, mowing, shovelling snow, stacking firewood, etc., for a small fee. Please call them at 623-3901.

Spirit Lake East Water Contact Numbers

Hanson Industries 509-922-5252 (For billing issues etc)

Emergency:: 208-687-0802

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.

Stolen Vehicle

We had a home at 15269 Coeur d Alene Drive. We moved out of it and put it on the market. We took our plow to the new house and we would bring it back to the Spirit Lake East home to plow. We plowed the driveway and had to leave the truck because it overheated and the battery was dead. We had the plow already put in the bed of the truck so we could move it. I went over on May 12th and the truck and plow had been stolen. We filed a police report and have had no information on this. If you have information about this truck and plow, please call us at the numbers below.

Thank you

Barbara & Tyler Wilson

208-691-7699

208-691-7698



Feeding can Kill

I know many of us want to help. This was a rough winter for the critters and some residents put out hay and other feed for the moose. But, it can kill them. The hay, especially alfalfa, is way too rich (hot) for them. It causes severe bloating and possible death. I felt terrible last night when a moose came into the woods behind my house. It was so thin, big head, skinny neck with hip bones poking out. I could have cried and had I not known I would have immediately gone and gotten some hay, but I didnt want to take the chance of making things worse. I spoke with Dan at Fish and Game (769-1414). I had heard feeding them could kill them so I called to get more information. He said yes, it can kill because the feed we give over-loads their system and they cant handle it. He said the only safe feed is pruning your trees and piling that for them or Cedar bark is good as it has the best nutrients. Hay does not have the nutrients they need. Fish and Game would prefer we not feed at all, but if you cant resist, please, before feeding wild critters research what they can eat first, so we dont do more harm than good.

Thank you.

Cindy Murphy, Treasurer



See more moose pictures on the SLE website!

Roads Assessment

For thirteen of the twenty eight years this subdivision has existed, the board did not make the 3% dues increase allowed by the CC&Rs. We are woefully behind on even keeping up with inflation. Your Board of Directors is again making a plea for residents to accept a special assessment for one (1) year only, in order to establish a minimum dedicated road fund. All money received from this one year assessment will be placed in a separate account. It can be used ONLY for road maintenance, operator hours, improvements, equipment repair, purchase of parts, materials, fuel and other related road needs.

Proposal

Monies to purchase a dump truck to replace the present dump truck used for snow plowing which is on its last leg and will not handle another winter let alone what we need to use it for this summer. \$23,000 - \$25,000 at auction or by sealed bid for State or County equipment.

Monies to hire an excavating company to bring in a screen so that we can screen our own material to put on our roads. It will not be fractured rock, it will be pit run. This material will cover 9 miles of road, 3 inches thick, 20 feet wide (9,000 yards of material). It will be screened from material at the Association Barn property and stockpiled there and used as needed. An estimated cost for this process is \$19,560.

In order to accomplish this, the board has determined that a one (1) time special assessment of \$180 per parcel would raise enough money to accomplish both of these tasks in time for summer.

Please attend the Special meeting (6:30 pm at the high school) we have planned just before the regular membership meeting on May 13, 2008 and vote to provide funds for the betterment of our roads. If you are filling out the proxy form on the back side of this paper, please indicate below how you wish to vote so your proxy assignee knows your preferences.

Road Assessment Vote

_____ For the above road assessment

_____ Against the above road assessment

Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Association

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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, _____,
(print your name) being the owner of record of

Tract number _____, Spirit Lake East Development do hereby execute
(your lot number)

and deliver an assignment of proxy to _____
(print name of the person who will vote in your place)

for the following:

1. Proxy to be executed at the Special meeting on May 13, 2008 for the vote on the road assessment. My vote on the road assessment is attached _____
(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 **May 13, 2008**. _____
(property owner initials)

The assignment of this proxy is for the meeting(s) to be held on or about **May 13, 2008**.

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