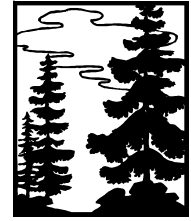


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The Newsletter of the Spirit Lake East Homeowner's Association

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UPDATE ON PROPOSED RV/TENT PARK ADJACENT TO SPIRIT LAKE EAST

At the November membership meeting there was a brief discussion regarding the fact that a Scott and Debby Knowles had applied for a conditional use permit to open some sort of "Resort" next to SLE at the end of Priest River Drive. At the time we thought it was a Bed and Breakfast. No one saw any reason to be concerned. We were subsequently contacted by some non-SLE homeowners to inform us that the permit was in fact for a 35 slot RV and Tent park, with plans to expand it in the future. This was something to be concerned about indeed!

As a result, board members Cindy Murphy and Kathy Gray attended the County Planning Commission hearing on December 6th along with several other homeowners. We had very little time to notify people, but still we had an impressive turnout to testify against approval of the conditional use permit. There were also a number of other people present from surrounding areas who were strongly opposed to this use of the land. All in all – there were only 2 people, including the applicant, who were in favor of this RV/Tent park. There were approximately 25 opposing it who stood and testified.

I learned on Jan 4th that the hearing officer has recommended disapproval of the application. This is good news! But – it will still go before the County Planning Commission and they have the final say. The County Planning Commission office says

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RV Park (Continued)

that will probably happen in April. I believe we should let the County Planning Commission know that we do not want an RV/Tent park sitting on our border. To convey that message strongly, we need to contact them in large numbers. Therefore, the Board will be sending out a form letter with a stamped envelope for you to sign and send to the Planning Commission if you wish to participate in assuring that they disapprove this application.

It was very clear at the meeting that the applicant did not care a bit for his neighbors' opinions and in fact he accused SLE Homeowners of stealing timber from his property and trespassing repeatedly. He also does not intend to have a dump station onsite which leads to all kinds of problems. There is also the strong possibility that it will basically turn into a trailer park. All things that would do nothing but harm our property values. There is also the issue of how do we keep his "**Guests**" out of SLE? What would be more tempting than our 30 miles of roads for recreational use or a straight shot to the paper company and state land behind us? When we send out the letter for you to send to the County Planners, we will lay out the potential problems of such a business on our doorstep in more detail. At this point, we wanted to give you a heads up as to what's happening and what action we have taken to try and protect all of our interests.

Be watching for this letter, and please participate! We will try and make it as easy and painless as possible. You will simply have to sign your name, address, and put it in the mail. I know that OUR participation in the hearing made a difference in the hearing officer's recommendation. Now YOU can all help make the final difference!

Kathy Gray

Road Report

Happy New Year! It's that time of year again...Snow on the roads.

We graded the roads in the Fall. We purchased two new plows. We mounted one on the Grader and one on the Dump Truck. The advantage to these two plows is that they articulate left and right. The old one only moved the snow one way. This has helped us tremendously to keep the roads as snow free as possible. We've hired a second experienced operator who is also a mechanic and welder. We purchased a new welder in order to do our own repairs instead of hiring a mobile welder at a higher price. Come Springtime we will be building a screen that will be mounted on the Dump Truck so we can make our own material. It will not be top of the line material, but will be cost effective. Our Loader is now up and running. It will be used as part of the screening process.

Now, a few friendly reminders. Please do not push snow out on the roads. The snow that you push out will only end up in yours or your neighbor's driveway. It also narrows the roadway. We feel that owning a minimum of 10 acres allows plenty of space to dispose of the snow off of your driveway. **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!** We've already had one serious accident. Road conditions should determine the speed that you travel. Snow packed, icy roads are not major highways. Both of the drivers of these vehicles said they were going the posted speed limit. ? We don't want you to be next.

Do you have a response?

Be sure you send it to the right place. Email addresses for board members are listed on the web site and so is the address for the newsletter and web master. If you want information added to the newsletter or web site, be sure you indicate the intended use. Otherwise, your email will be ignored. All rants and attacks will be deleted immediately.

Moose Stickers

Hi everyone!

Remember those MOOSE STICKERS??? In 2004 we sent out Moose stickers to all residents. As new residents move in I try to send their moose stickers and say welcome to the community, but I don't hear about everyone that moves in. Also many existing residents may have purchased new vehicles and need more



stickers so here they are, included with your newsletter. These are a bit smaller than the originals as we had complaints that the 4" sticker was too big, so it is now 3".

For those of you who were not here in 2004, the reason we decided on stickers was for the safety of our community. This way it is easy to identify those vehicles that belong in the community. We 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 there is no sticker we might take note of the license number. Nine times out of ten it is probably someone lost, but we have the number 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.

Please place the sticker on the inside of the windshield on the lower passenger corner.

We are sending each owner 2 stickers, but if you need more just let me know.

Cindy Murphy, Treasurer – 623-6479 or e-mail cindy@nightvisions.com.

Thank you for helping to protect us all!

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.

Problem Cats

A large, yellow-and-white tomcat with a splotch of color on its nose has been roaming around in the vicinity of the intersection of Priest River Drive and Coeur d'Alene Drive. It seems to be too well-fed and too tame to be a genuine stray. It sprays on people's porches and basement windows (ooh, such a lovely aroma!), and gets into fights with other cats that are neutered/spayed and minding their own business at home. If this is your cat and you care about it, please be responsible and get the critter neutered before its nine lives are all used up. I can't speak for my neighbors, but if it comes to my house again, it will probably be abruptly relocated to the Humane Society, where you can get it back if you really miss it.

Thank you.

Lois Tarnowski

Neighborhood News and Exchange

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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 winter? Do you need someone to feed your animals, water your houseplants, or pick up your mail while you're gone? Bethany Tarnowski (age 15) 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.

Snowplowing

Gus Ferguson 818-4119

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.



**Please slow down!!
This could happen to you!!**



This space available

Be part of the community!

Share news, advertisements, and information.

**Send your comments, ideas, and inspirations to
SLE@SpiritLakeEast.org or call 623-6517 or 623-6225.**

**One easy call or email will get your information on the
web and/or into the next news letter.**

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