

SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Diane Weatherman, Vice Chair

Addrien Marx, Secretary

Gary Pelletier, Treasurer

Walt Hill

Carol Evans

George Frasca



SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Seeley Lake Community Council met on April 6th at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. The meeting started with an apology for no March minutes due to staff secretary transition. Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

Council Secretary Addrien Marx reported that Rachel Parke is replacing Jackie Daniel as Staff Secretary.

Council member Walt Hill reported that the Resort Committee met in March. The Resort Tax will be on the ballot in the November election, The Resort Tax Committee listened to the community and has responded by limiting luxuries to only alcohol and tobacco and defining that resort tax monies go only to water and sewer improvements. A public informational meeting will be held on May 20 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall at 7 pm.

Council member Carol Evans reported for the Air Quality committee. The largest challenge the committee is facing is pursuing funding for a real-time air quality monitor. Federal and State guidelines are requiring more consistent Air Quality monitoring to address concerns.

Council member George Frasca reported the Trail Committee will begin their projects as quickly as ground conditions allow. Volunteers are needed for work on these trails near the airport and on Boy Scout Road.

The Seeley Lake Airport gravel pit issue was again discussed by members of the community and Council. The project will be reviewed again after the County and the State complete their negotiations.

Nancy Heil, Rural Initiatives, gave a

review of the land use plan and changes. The public hearing document is ready and available on the county website, at the Seeley Lake Water District and the Seeley Lake Visitor Center. A question and answer session on the Plan sponsored by Rural Initiatives is Scheduled April 27 from 4-7 at the Seeley Lake Visitor Center.

The Seeley Lake Refuse District Chairman Mark Mizner-Welch reported to the Council the policy and procedures of the Seeley Lake facility. The Refuse board is actively pursuing avenues and making changes for the district to become more financially viable.

President Charlee Hanna of the Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce invited the Council and interested parties to attend the "Economic Stimulus" Social at the First Valley Bank on Wednesday, April 15th-from 5:30 to 7:30. This event was co-sponsored by First Valley Bank.

Council Chair Jon Haufler raised the concern that proposed legislation that is pending in Helena is never promptly addressed or prepared for because local boards seem out of the loop in communications and awareness. The Council needs to work more with the County and state representatives, and this problem will be addressed more adequately next legislative session.

Council members Gary Pelletier, Carol Evans, and Addrien Marx attended a workshop sponsored by the County Commissioners that dealt mainly with legal issues and procedures to stay in compliance with open meeting laws. The Seeley Lake Council members thanked County

Commissioner Michele Landquist for the opportunity to attend this beneficial workshop. County Commissioner Michele Landquist informed the Council of a county blog focusing on legislative topics. The County is trying to be responsive to what is happening in Helena and the Council should have been informed of this blog information.

With unanimous approval the Council agreed to write a letter of support to the United States Forest Service in regard to the Auggie Creek Restoration Fuels Project.

Community member Bill Wall requested the Council write a letter of support in regard to the Seeley Lake Community Foundation's perusal of United States Department of Agriculture grant that would fund a feasibility study for a woody biomass co-gen project in Seeley Lake. The Council approved unanimously.

In final action, the Council approved writing a letter to request information from the Montana Department of Transportation on making the improvement of Highway 83 from Clearwater Junction to Seeley Lake a higher priority for completion.



The information contained in this document is to provide a brief narrative of different infrastructure meetings. No information reported should be considered the final action of the infrastructure boards reported on, it is only to be informative to the community.

On the Seeley Lake Community Council Election, two candidates have filed for the two open positions. The candidates have been declared elected by acclamation. The two filing candidates are Walt Hill and Addrien Marx, both incumbents.

Two filing for positions on the Seeley Swan Medical Center Board are Twyla Johnson and Karen L Pratt. They have been elected by acclamation. Johnson is an incumbent and Pratt will assume the position previously held by Kathleen Maradeo.

The Seeley Lake Rural Fire District has two positions open with four candidates running. They are:

- Donald Bissell, incumbent
- Heath Hanson
- Gary Lewis, incumbent
- John Neibauer Jr

Seeley Lake Elementary has one three year position available with Lisa Holzworth and Rachel Parke running. Lisa Holzworth is the incumbent. Also up for election is a one year position with incumbent Mark Williams running with no opposition.

The Seeley Lake Water District and the Seeley Lake Sewer District are up for election in November. Candidate filings are not available at this time.

To find more information concerning upcoming elections, election district information or other election information, visit the Missoula County Elections Office website at:

<http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/election/default.htm>

Precinct information can be found at:

<http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/election/precinct.htm>

The next election will be held on May 5th, 2009. The polling place for those in Seeley Lake is the Seeley Lake Elementary School.

Missoula County Sheriff's Report

With the weather warming, be aware that pedestrian and bicycle traffic is going to increase. Please drive carefully and watch out for foot and bike traffic. In addition, remember that bicycles and motorized vehicles are not permitted on pedestrian pathways. Enjoy the spring weather and don't forget to wear your seatbelt. Sheriff McMeekin is to make his quarterly appearance at the meeting on May 4th.

Submitted By:
Lieutenant Bradley S. Giffin and Captain Stephen Rugulenski

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **Seeley Lake Rural Fire District**– May 21, 6:00 p.m., Seeley Lake Fire Station
- **Seeley Lake Sewer District**– May 21, 5:00 p.m., Pyramid Mountain Lumber Conference Room
- **Seeley Lake Refuse District**– April 27, 7:00 p.m., Seeley Lake Transfer Station
- **Resort Area Committee**– May 18 9:00 a.m., Barn
- **Seeley Lake Water District**– May 27, 5:30 p.m., Water District
- **Seeley Lake Cemetery District**– May 4, 12:00 p.m., DARLOA office
- **Seeley Lake Community Council**– May 7, 6:00 p.m., Seeley Lake Community Hall
- **Seeley Swan Hospital District**– May 4, 5:30 p.m., Seeley Swan Medical Center Conference Room

Seeley Lake Community Council
Agenda
May 4, 2009
Seeley Lake Community Hall

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- Minutes
 - Treasurer's report
 - Communications
 - Community Communication Project
 - Sheriff's report
 - Old Business
 - Resort Area Committee
 - Trail Committee
 - Land Use Plan-
 - Community Council comments on Public Hearing
 - Draft
 - Other old business
 - New Business
 - Senior Bus
 - Upcoming meetings
 - Special Community Council business meeting
 - Resort Area
 - Air Quality meeting
 - June Community Council meeting
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Don't forget to vote on
Tuesday, May 5th at the
Seeley Lake Elementary.

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