

SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Seeley Lake Community Council met on March 2 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. The meeting was started with review and approval of the February minutes followed by review and approval of the Treasurer's Report.

Council Secretary Addrien Marx reported the Council's communications received since the February meeting. Marx reviewed the work completed by the Council assistant, Jackie Daniel, for February and told the Council and audience that only one newsletter was released in February due to the absence of Daniel. Daniel is leaving as the Council Assistant and the Council has released a request for proposals for this work. Proposal information can be found on the back of the newsletter and also on the Council website.

Missoula County Sheriff Mike McMeekin attended as a guest of the Council to discuss options of adding information from the Sheriff's Department to the Community Communications Program. Options discussed were quarterly reports at Council meetings by Sheriff McMeekin, getting reports in each of the newsletter for calls in the Seeley area and annual call summaries. Also discussed was a process for getting any critical information out to the community in a rapid manner through the website.

Council member Walt Hill reported that the Resort Committee met on February 23rd at the barn. Among items discussed were luxuries and if Seeley Lake residents could be exempt from the Resort Tax. A community meeting is tentatively planned for the middle of April that will consist of a question and answer session. The committee discussed bringing in people from other areas with a Resort Tax to speak at the meeting. The committee would like to emphasize that they will not be the ones deciding what will be taxed, members of the Resort District will.

Council member Carol Evans gave a report for the Air Quality committee. The biggest hang up for the committee at this time is finding funding for a real-time air quality monitor. Current testing is done sporadically and then sent in to get the data. A real-time monitor will allow data to be immediately collected so people can take voluntary action on they days when levels of particulates are getting high.

Tim Elsea was on the agenda to address the Council concerning the proposed moving of the County's gravel storage to next to the airport. Elsea did not attend the meeting. After comments from the community, the Council voted to write a letter to the County Commissioners and Department of Public Works in support of not putting in gravel storage next to the airport.

Haufler reported that Rural Initiatives is still working on changes to the Land Use Plan before it goes up for public comment. Updates will be given to the Council when available. The current update can be viewed on the [Seeley Lake Regional Plan](#) page on the Council's website.

In continuation from the Infrastructure Board reports from the February meeting, Marx read the report sent in from the Seeley Lake Sewer District. A contract for the Preliminary Design and Construction has been completed. This included an update of the 1993 Preliminary Engineering Report. This document can be viewed at the Seeley Lake library. The entire report from the Sewer District can be viewed on the [Sewer District webpage](#).

Mary Ann Morin gave a report on behalf of the Seeley Lake Cemetery District. Morin reported that the Cemetery District averages about eight burials a year. The challenge for them is water. Of the three wells dug, only one supplies water. The Cemetery

District trustees are appointed by judges. The District is governed by State laws, not County. The completed report can be viewed on the [Cemetery District webpage](#).

The Council voted to write a letter in support of the adjusted proposal for the Mount Henry Estates subdivision. The new proposal was adjusted from 5 lots to 3 to conform with the proposed Seeley Lake Land Use Plan.

Dan Larson addressed the Council and community on issues between Larson Disposal and the Seeley Lake Refuse District. Dan Larson feels that those in the District who used Larson Disposal during the time Larson was dumping in Missoula should not have been charged the \$125 a year fee when they were not using the Seeley Lake Transfer site. Another issue Larson feels that his customers need to be aware of is the Refuse District billing them because the yardage is not calculated correctly in his opinion due to the trash being compacted before it is taken to the transfer station. He feels that people have gotten bills from the Refuse District with no explanation which has caused confusion. Other issues brought forward by Larson will be addressed by the Refuse District during the April meeting of the Seeley Lake Community Council.

Council Chair Jon Haufler addressed the rest of the Council about how the Council should be more aware of proposed legislation that specifically mentions Seeley Lake. The Council would like to work more with the County to get more information.

A final action taken by the Council during the meeting was to approve writing a letter in support of Pyramid Mountain Lumber's request for community support. Pyramid would like the state to establish a fund to help family owned mills in Montana.

2009 INFRASTRUCTURE BOARD POSITIONS

The Seeley Lake Community Council Election has been canceled and the two candidates that filed for the two open positions have been declared elected by acclamation. The two filing candidates are Walt Hill and Addrien Marx. They are both incumbents who were up for reelection this year.

The hospital district election has also been canceled. The two filing candidates will be elected by acclamation. They are Twyla Johnson and Karen L Pratt. Twyla is an incumbent who was up for reelection this year. The other position was Kathleen Maradeo.

The Seeley Lake Rural Fire District has 2 positions open and four candidates running. They are:

Donald Bissell
Heath Hanson
Gary Lewis
John Neibauer Jr

Donald Bissell and Gary Lewis are the incumbents.

School Board Trustees have until March 26th to file and the schools have until then to decide on levies so it is not determined yet if there will be a school election.

Positions for the Seeley Lake Water District and the Seeley Lake Sewer District are up for election in November so 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **Seeley Lake Rural Fire District**– March 17, 6:00 p.m., Seeley Lake Fire Station
- **Seeley Lake Sewer District**– March 19, 5:00 p.m., Pyramid Mountain Lumber Conference Room
- **Seeley Lake Refuse District**– March 23, 7:00 p.m., Seeley Lake Transfer Station
- **Resort Area Committee**– March 23, 9:00 a.m., Barn
- **Seeley Lake Water District**– March 26, 5:30 p.m., Water District
- **Seeley Lake Cemetery District**– April 2, 12:00 p.m., DARLOA office
- Office
- **Seeley Lake Community Council**– April 6, 6:00 p.m., Seeley Lake Community Hall
- **Seeley Swan Hospital District**– April 7, 5:30 p.m., Seeley Swan Medical Center Conference Room

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SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SLCC)- REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The Seeley Lake Community Council is seeking assistance to help perform various secretarial and administrative services in support of its activities and to expand information available to the community.

DESIRED SERVICES:

Produce minutes of meetings of the Seeley Lake Community Council, and disseminate these minutes to the Council. Keep records of minutes, Community Council communications, and other official documents at a designated location.

Prepare a Community Newsletter twice each month for distribution to the community. Distribute the Community Newsletter through an email distribution list that will need to be maintained, and by mail to a small number of hard-copy subscribers. Post copies of the report on the Community website, as well as at designated locations in town.

Maintain the Community Website as an information source on meetings and activities of the SLCC, infrastructure boards and other government.

Obtain minutes from specified infrastructure meetings. Distribute minutes via the community website and newsletter.

Maintain other pertinent information and maps, as appropriate.

Perform other specifically identified services for the Council.

CONTRACTOR CAPABILITIES:

Demonstrated ability to prepare minutes and reports using appropriate English, grammar, and quality appearance of documents.

Ability to produce data files and reports in digital formats using appropriate software.

Ability to maintain and update a website

Ability to interact professionally and appropriately with the Community Council, other local boards and committees, and the public.

APPLICATION:

Submit a proposal that describes how the described services will be provided, including proposed rates for services. Identify equipment that the contractor will provide and the contractor's Montana corporation number. Provide examples of work that demonstrate the required capabilities. Provide names and contact information for three references. Applications can be submitted digitally to:

slcouncil@blackfoot.net, or to SLCC, P.O. Box 30, Seeley Lake, MT 59868. Application review will begin after March 20, 2009 and continue until position is filled. For additional information, contact Addrien Marx, Secretary of the SLCC, at 677-4253.

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