

SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Good news came in the form of a \$2,500 grant to the Air Quality Committee from the Seeley Lake Community Foundation. This will supplement funding from Missoula Co. for a fall community presentation.

A *Candidate Night* for public offices to be elected in Nov. will take place on Sept. 8 at 6 pm at the Barn hosted by the SLCC. All sheriff candidates have been invited.

Citizen input was offered by Ken Kronsberger commenting on the need for more ATV trail development in the area. He was encouraged to work with Frasca

and Glen Morin on a meeting with the Forest Service prior to the upcoming Public Meeting on Trails hosted by Missoula Co.; Oct. 5th, 7 pm at SL Elem.

Gerry O'Connell requested a letter of support on behalf of the Seeley Swan Search & Rescue. The recently re-organized squad is in need of approval from the BCC in order to be recognized as their own entity. They are funded through the MC Sherriff's Dept. With that recognition comes the ability to control their own growth and future of the squad. He stated most residents will see no changes in services. The Council voted to sup-

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Clearwater River
Photo courtesy Ken Dvorak

port the squad by sending the letter and will encourage appropriate funding based on case load and need.

Rural Initiatives' Patrick O'Herren respectfully presented to the Council how Rural Initiatives, the Board of County Commissioners and rural Community Councils can all work together for the common good. New council members and community members found it very educational. ∞

SEWER DISTRICT UPDATE

The district will be conducting an Income survey to determine the median household income for the district to help residents lower the cost of their monthly rate. The District, through this research, may be eligible for further grant funding if funds are available. The district requests residents fill out and return the survey by the posted date and to provide them to tenants if that applies. A drawing will be held for five \$100 gift certificates in Seeley Lake Chamber Bucks for those that

meet the deadline. All surveys are held in privacy, and will be sent to Montana Rural Water for calculations. *The district does not see the filled out surveys.* The district will be notified by Mt. Rural Water when the bottom half of the survey is returned and then the residents name will be placed in the drawing. Call Randy Gordon at 360-7224 if you need more information. Another meeting may be called if needed.

The district has embarked on another project, funded by a federal grant, a state DNRC grant and district funds.



CONFERENCE TO HIGHLIGHT RECREATION, PARKS & TRAILS

The Tri-State Recreation, Parks, and Trails Conference will be held October 6-9, 2010 in West Yellowstone, Montana. All Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana professionals, advocates, volunteers, and businesses who want to learn about the latest trends and issues in recreation are invited to attend. [SEE RECREATION ON PG. 2](#)

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.

SEWER DISTRICT UPDATE CONTINUED ...

This project includes the following.

- Conduct an Environmental study of the district and the proposed treatment site.
- Designing Phase one of the collection system and treatment plant.
- Assisting the district in the purchase of the land from the Forest Service for the treatment site.
- Apply for a discharge permit for the treatment plant for the proposed treatment site.

This project, when completed, will be shovel ready for phase one construction. Drilling monitoring wells will be at the proposed site. Also, site visits will be done for mapping and photos of your properties. It is very



NEW Economic Development Grant

The SLCC's Economic Development Committee

has been rewarded for their diligent work toward stabilizing the local economy with assistance from Missoula Area Econ. Dev. Council (MAEDC) and Bitterroot Econ. Dev. Dist. (BREDD). This partnership has resulted in a conditional grant from the Dept of Commerce for use toward a feasibility study for a Nordic Center and Training Facility in Seeley Lake. The Grant is conditional requiring that an additional \$10,000 be raised by the community by November 2010. The Seeley Lake Community Foundation has stepped forward to create the "Nordic Challenge" to provide a dollar for dollar match up to \$5000. Donations may be made to the SLCF at P.O. Box 25. (Include "Nordic Challenge" in the memo line) and check out the new website at www.seeleylakenordic.org.

important to gain the information on where the sewer exits your home so the sewer stub can be placed in the proper location for hookup. Documenting a basement, split level or slab on grade will be done in order to install the sewer mains deep enough for gravity flow. The hope is to pick up as many properties as possible with gravity flow. This will help the property owners so they will not have to install a pump.

Expansion

The district is collecting signatures on a petition to have a vote in November to expand the sewer district. Expanding the district is important for several reasons. Some of the most significant environmental hazardous property was initially left out of the district and needs to be in the district to help clean up the ground water and the Clearwater River. There are areas in the district that have a main line servicing one side of the street. The dist. needs to include both sides in the district. The engineering firm the district has contacted with reported that the district needs to incorporate more users to help lower the monthly operating and maintenance costs. These petitions are located at Glens Automotive, Clearwater Towing, Lindsey's Restaurant and at the district office. Call Randy Gordon to collect your signature. They will be presented to the BCC so please stop by and sign. This will lower your monthly rate if approved and also assist in the environmental cleanup. Please send your e-mail address to rgodonslsd@blackfoot.net you will be added to our list to receive updates and meeting minutes.

Sewer Assessment

After two public meetings the 2011 sewer assessment was approved by the Missoula County Commissioners. The 2011 rate will be based on your taxable land value on unimproved property. The new rate will be \$.0010606544 per \$1.00 of value. So if your property is valued at \$45,000.00 you would multiply 45,000.00 by .0010606544 and your rates would be \$47.73 for 2011. This is billed on your tax statement.

Submitted by Randy Gordon



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **Seeley Lake Community Council—Tues., Sept. 7, 6 pm at The Barn (due to Labor Day weekend)**
- **Seeley Lake Cemetery District 1st Thurs., Sept. 2, at 12:00 pm, DARLOA office**
- **Seeley Swan Hospital District 2nd Monday; Aug. 9, 5 pm at the Clinic Conf. Room**
- **Seeley Lake Rural Fire District Third Tues., Aug. 17, 6 pm, SL Fire Station**
- **Seeley Lake Sewer District—3rd Thurs., Aug. 19, 5:15 pm at The Barn**
- **Seeley Lake Refuse District—4th Monday, Aug. 23, 7 pm at the SL Transfer Station**
- **Seeley Lake Water District—4th Th., August 26, 5:30 pm, Water District Office**
- **Recreation Committee: TBD**
- **Air Quality Committee: TBD**
- **PUBLIC MEETING Aug. 12 FW&P; proposed Wildlife Management Area, 7 pm at Community Hall.**
- **Candidate Night - Sept 8, 6 pm at the Barn**



RECREATION cont'd...

Noted conference speakers include Janna Rankin, Vice

Chair of the National Recreation and Parks Association Board of Directors; Nancy Noon-an, a noted health and wellness motivational speaker from Boulder, Colorado; and state park directors from Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

Exhibitors will be on hand displaying the latest technology and trends in park and rec. equipment and services.

Register for the conference online at www.mtrpa.info/conference.php. Early registration ends 8/31. For more information, contact Bob Walker at (406) 933-5326 or mttrails@bresnan.

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