

# SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

A Publication of the Seeley Lake Communications Project

## Council Members

*Addrien Marx, Chair*  
*Jack Greenwood, Vice Chair*  
*Carol Evans, Secretary*  
*MaryAnn Morin, Treasurer*

*Walt Hill*  
*Steve Johnson*  
*John Richards*

*Kris Gullikson, Administrative Assistant*

## Summary for May Community Council Meeting

Missoula County was well represented at the Seeley Lake May Council meeting as 4 employees and Commissioner Jean Curtiss (graduate of Seeley Swan High School!) were present.

George Frasca was honored and presented with a plaque for his service to the community and the Council. His term on the board has now expired. He made an appeal to the board to recite the purpose of the Community Council at every meeting, but the consensus was that it may lessen the meaning, so the motion did not pass.

With Commissioner Curtiss present, Board Members and those present took advantage of her expertise and asked a number of questions on subjects from Co. finances to Trails. She interspersed her replies with a humor, showing her dedication for openness to the outlying communities she serves. Morin questioned the need to fill out the same quarterly form as organizations such as the Food Bank. Curtiss helpfully replied that a modification to the form would be acceptable and she would personally approve it.

Public comments on non-agenda items brought forth a controversial issue of “junk” in the downtown area. Caroline Jenkins addressed this with the start of a new “Seeley

Lake Beautification Days” where community members work together to spruce up the town and in conjunction reported on her research on the MC junk vehicles ordinance. J. Richards had been previously approached on this issue and reported he was “open to the idea”. He also stated, “everything is for sale!”. With the Council’s endorsement, Jenkins will move forward with plans.

Kelly McGuire, Rural Outreach Coordinator for the Missoula Crime Victim Advocate Program gave a short presentation explaining that workshops and trainings are offered to community members, faith groups, schools, law enforcement,

criminal justice professionals, and mental health and medical providers. For more information contact Kelly at [kmcguire@co.missoula.mt.us](mailto:kmcguire@co.missoula.mt.us). Sheriff Parcell, present, confirmed the much needed resources that this department provides to our community.

An interesting and lengthy report was offered by Peter Neilson, MC Water Quality District. Walt Hill questioned if a debt service on a note could be provided in order to help fund a local sewer district for Seeley Lake. Neilson did not think so but stated he would look into it.

### A New Zealand Maori Proverb

*Ko taku rourou  
Ko tau rou rou  
Ka ora te tangata*

With my resources  
And your resources  
Everyone will benefit

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Signs of Spring! Photo by Kris Gullikson

## NEW “CAN DO PROJECT” WINS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

When Caroline Jenkins puts her mind to a project, things happen. She recently came up with a way to;

1. Reinforce a positive attitude in our community
2. Begin community meetings with a humble recognition that there are bigger problems at hand— like hunger in Seeley Lake.

She explained the idea is to help out by offering a can of food at every community meeting attended and that in turn will be donated to the local Food Bank. She reminded those present how many committee meetings those present attend and how if each person would bring one can of food each time,

that that effort would be a big help to local residents and families that do without. Many present had already heard of the program and came prepared with an item(s) to donate.

Mary Ann Morin reported that the Food Bank served 214 clients last month. She added “any help is greatly appreciated as 30% of those served are seniors and 60% are children.” The mission of the food bank was “to ere on the side of compassion”. “We are *NOT* gullible.”, she added.





*New moisture records are being set in our watershed this year.*

**Brown's Lake,  
Ovando,  
Montana**

## **NEW Missoula County Stewardship Award Program**

Landowners and residents throughout Missoula County are taking stewardship of land and water seriously and embarking on projects and practices that make a difference—for their land, for water, for fish, for wildlife, and for our communities.

Missoula County would like to thank those outstanding stewards and, more importantly, learn from them. We are looking for exemplary stewards to be recognized in an annual award program. Do you know a neighbor who's doing great work restoring, protecting, or enhancing land and natural resources? Could other landowners, residents, organizations, and agencies learn from their work?

Let our Stewardship Selection Committee know! We'd like nominations for our Outstanding Steward Award to showcase their work to others in the community. We'll begin showcasing great steward-



ship projects on our website and in the community during the summer of 2011.

The Missoula County Stewardship Award Program is guided and endorsed by the Missoula County Open Lands Citizen Advisory Committee.

The Program is also endorsed by the Missoula County Board of Commissioners.

### **STEWARDSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

**Lindsey Bona**, Missoula Co. Weed District Weed Management Coordinator, **Anne Dahl**, Swan Valley landowner, **John Rimel**, South Hills landowner,

**Meggen Ryan**, Evaro landowner, **Bob Schroeder**, Missoula Conservation Dist. Board Member, **Mike Thompson**, FWP Biologist, **Marci Valeo**, Grass Valley landowner, and **Heather Wills**, Potomac Valley landowner.

*For a nomination form* go to <ftp://www.co.missoula.mt.us/ruralftp/StreamProtection/>



## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- **Seeley Lake Community Council** -1st Monday; June 6, 6 pm at The Barn
- **Seeley Lake Cemetery District** 1st Thurs., June 2, at 12:00 pm, DARLOA office
- **Seeley Swan Hospital District** **CHANGE:** May 10, 5 pm at the Clinic Conf. Room
- **Seeley Lake Rural Fire District** Third Tues., May 17, 6 pm, SL Fire Station
- **Seeley Lake Sewer District**– 3rd Thurs., May 19, 5:15 pm at The Barn
- **Seeley Lake Refuse District**– 4th Monday, May 23, 7 pm at the MC Office Bldg. in SL
- **Seeley Lake Water District**– 4th Th., May 26, 5:30 pm, Water District Office
- **Recreation Committee (formerly Trails)**– TBD
- **Economic Development Committee**– 2nd Thursday, May 12, 7 pm at SL Elementary
- **Branding Committee**– TBD
- **Air Quality Committee:** May 24, 6 pm at the Community Hall. Hosted by: Clearwater Resource Council. **The public invited to attend for information on programs available.**

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Stewardship Nomination.pdf

**Send nominations by July 1, 2011 to:**  
*Missoula County Stewardship Award Program  
Rural Initiatives Department 200  
West Broadway,  
Missoula MT 59802*