


Sleepy Hollow Lot Owners Association Newsletter

www.shloa.com

Sleepyhollowhoawv@yahoo.com

March 2021

		<u>SHLOA BOARD</u>	(Phone #s removed for on-line posting.)
	President	Rick Inclima	
	Vice President	Vacant	
	Treasurer	Rick Roscoe	
	VP Roads	Larry Znaniecki	
	VP Communication	Beth Znaniecki	
	VP Common Facilities Secretary	Stacey Weiant Rose Carpenter	

SHLOA BOARD MEETINGS

A notice announcing the Date, Place & Time of a Board Meeting will be placed on the bulletin board at the mailboxes approximately 10 days before each meeting. If you have any questions, please contact a board member.

TO CONTACT THE BOARD: Please address all issues to the Board in writing.

Send your correspondence to: SHLOA
65 Audubon Road
Hedgesville, WV 25427
email: sleepyhollowhoawv@yahoo.com

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE or Emergencies: Call 911

Morgan County Sheriff Non-emergency **304-258-1067**
Berkeley County Sheriff Non-emergency **304-267-7000**
State Police/Martinsburg **304-267-0000**
State Police/ Berkeley Springs **304-258-0000**
Div. of Natural Resources; Enforcement **304-267-0037**

Remember, SHLOA is not a law enforcement agency

You need to call the proper authorities when you need help.

A CALL FOR RESUMES TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Each year we ask for those that live in our community to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. This is an opportunity for interested individuals to volunteer their time for the greater good.

This year we have four seats available.

All of us recognize that to do this means time that is invested in our community.

Please submit resumes by April 15th via email: sleepyhollowhoawv@yahoo.com. Or mail your resume to SHLOA, 65 Audubon Road, Hedgesville, WV 25427. Resumes will be printed in the May 2021 Newsletter and the names of submitters will be placed on the official Ballot. If you have any questions about the 2021 elections or serving on the Board, please contact President Rick Inclima or any member of the Board.

Please Do NOT Apply Salt on Dirt Roads

Unfortunately, there are limited options for dealing with ice on dirt roads. Ice cannot be plowed down to dirt level. The only viable option is to spread cinders. Salt CANNOT be used on dirt roads; it will make a bad situation MUCH, MUCH worse. There are cinder barrels in the neighborhood for resident's use. Please avail yourself to some when ice is forecast.

Applying salt to dirt roads will make them mushy, muddy and virtually impassable. SHLOA will have no choice but to hold persons spreading salt on our unpaved roads liable for such costs. Help keep our unpaved roads open during winter weather. Please do NOT apply salt on unpaved roads!

In Memoriam

Jacob “Jake” DeGroot Jr.

January 19, 1954 ~ January 18, 2021 (age 66)

Jacob “Jake” DeGroot Jr. passed away peacefully in his sleep January 18th at age 66, one day shy of his 67th birthday. He leaves behind a loving wife Karen DeGroot, two stepsons, and four grandchildren his beloved pride and joys.

Jake was a longtime resident of Sleepy Hollow before moving to FL a few years ago. To those who knew him, he was a kind neighbor and friend. Even if you did not know Jake personally, you likely saw him and his “John Deer” around the community fixing potholes, plowing out neighbors, and otherwise volunteering his time and effort to make Sleepy Hollow a better place to live.

His wife Karen reflects in his obituary, *“I’ve waited for him with coffee and a quick bite to eat as he plowed out neighbors for hours. He always saying that he had to get back out there, people need safe passage. He was a giving soul and would do anything for a friend.”*

Yes, that is the Jake we too will always remember. On behalf of the Board of Directors and SHLOA residents, we extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to Jake’s loving family and his many friends.

Update to Lot Owners - Campground Development Site

2/11/2021: An Order was entered by the Circuit Court of Morgan County, WV, the Honorable Judge Debra McLaughlin presiding, reading in part: “the PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION sought by Sleepy Hollow Lot Owners Association, Inc., is HEREBY GRANTED, and the Defendants are temporarily prohibited and enjoined from the further development and use of their lots for the placement of multiple camper/RVs thereon pending a final hearing in this case.”

To review the Order granting Preliminary Injunction, please go to www.shloa.com.



Recently the board has received calls and emails asking for information regarding properties for sale. Please email the board if you would want information forwarded.

Please note that if you sell your property have the new owners name and address given to the Board Treasurer.

"It is spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't know quite what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

—Mark Twain

Abandoned/Unwanted Vehicle

In past SHLOA Newsletters and individual correspondence, we have raised the issue of abandoned/unwanted vehicles within the confines of Sleepy Hollow and the applicability of Restrictive Covenant No. 12, which states:

12) No trucks, buses, old cars or unsightly vehicles of any type or description may be abandoned on said lot.

Numerous charities accepting vehicle donations and offering free towing and a tax deduction can be found on-line. As a community service, we have listed several such charities below.

- Disabled American Veterans, 833-227-4328. www.dav.org/vehicle-donation
- Vehicles for Veterans, 855-838-5444. www.vehiclesforveterans.org/west-virginia
- Wheels for Wishes, 855-226-9474. www.wheelsforwishes.org
- Kars for kids, 877-527-7454. www.karsforkids.org/donate-car-wv.php
- Human Society of Morgan County, 304-258-5592. www.hsmc-wv.org

Additionally, several local salvage companies offer **cash payments** for unwanted vehicles. The ads below were published in the Martinsburg Journal newspaper on Sept. 5, 2020.

107 Autos Wanted

\$150 - \$300 Cash
For Unwanted Cars,
Trucks & Vans. *We Pick
Up With FREE Tow!!*
CALL: 304-283-8961

**CASH PAID: \$150 to
\$300 cash for unwanted
cars, trucks & vans. We
will pick up; Free tow!!**
★ 304-283-8961 ★

**J & K SALVAGE
USED PARTS!
WILL BUY YOUR
UNWANTED
VEHICLE!**
304-261-8683 / 261-4899
304-268-4096
3285 Cannon Hill Rd.,
Hedgesville, WV

TOMMY'S AUTO
304-676-9769
WE PAY \$\$\$\$ For Your
UNWANTED VEHICLES
& Metal- Clean Up
& Junk Removal!

We sincerely thank all those who have already responded, and respectfully request the continued cooperation of owners in the removal of any abandoned/junk vehicles.

FROM THE BOARD

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The SHLOA Board of Directors is responsible for maintaining our roads and common facilities; collecting assessments to fund maintenance, legal, and other obligations; publishing this newsletter; conducting Board elections; and managing the overall affairs of the Corporation.

The Board consists of seven (7) officers; however, the position of Vice President has been vacant since last year's election due to lack of volunteer candidates. At this time, I am unsure how many incumbents will run for reelection in 2021. In short, we need your help and participation.

Operating SHLOA takes people like you and talents like yours. SHLOA needs people to run for office and to serve on our various standing committees (e.g., Election Committee, Roads Committee, Common Facilities Committee, and Communication Committee).

I appeal to your sense of civic pride to get involved and run for election. There are four (4) Board positions up for election this cycle. Of immediate concern is the need to identify and train our next Association Treasurer and filling all Board positions. PLEASE consider running for office and/or volunteering to serve on one of our standing committees.

A Request for Resumes is published in this newsletter detailing how to run for a Board position and get your name on the ballot. I personally welcome your involvement and invite you to contact me directly if you have any questions about serving on the Board or on a standing committee. Thank you.

Rick Inclima, President

SLEEPY HOLLOW LOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

COVID-19 ALERT

Common Facilities, including the lake and ball field, are for the common use and enjoyment of Sleepy Hollow lot owners.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the State of WV and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have issued mandates, guidance, and recommendations for public gathering places.

Please protect yourself and those around you by following all State and Federal guidance to prevent the spread of Covid-19 while recreating and socializing in and around Sleepy Hollow.

For more information visit www.wv.gov and www.cdc.gov.

From our neighbors

Wilderness Vision
by Brendon Leon

The leaves changed colors and slipped to the ground slowly and then seemingly, all at once. Drifting from deep green to color explosions of bright red and orange, this is the nature of the wild forests that congregate in the wilderness areas of our home, Sleepy Hollow, West Virginia.

Now, it is Winter. The middle ground between the lowly ground and sky is laid bare. One sees most the deep gray scales of tree bark jogging in repetition like the linear patterns of an exotic Zebra Wood. Looking into our own forests, such deep sight is a fantastic meditation that can strengthen the eye muscles of men and women who may have become addicted to the crystal displays of their smartphone- where the eyes can become accustomed to lethargy and focus less. The wilderness demands more. We must look, into the distance to plan a climbing trajectory on the various trails behind and near our homelands, in navigating the landscape- in staying safe. The subtle mountains that rise moderately in our picture windows are a fantastic sight- hidden from view by the spring and summer foliage.

It is our ability to see things accurately and to use proper judgment that is vital to maintaining the safety and comforts of our lands. If one cannot truly see something, one is unlikely to engage that environment or object correctly. Thus, our wilderness vision, in many ways, extends beyond the eye and is a deeply personal activity of the mind. It allows us to see where we have come and where we can go. Such vision also allows us to behold and enjoy the great beauty of nature prevalent in our community in-season and off-season.



Several Members of the community have sent emails with concerns. These concerns are relevant as we start a new year.

1. Cars parked and left at the mailboxes and lake parking lot. We would ask that cars not be left in these areas. Any community member is encouraged to contact police regarding abandoned vehicles at common facilities. Abandoned vehicles will be towed.
2. Please do not leave items at the mailbox, although we understand wanting to share items with others the area is not a swap mart or goodwill.
3. As we approach the summer please note that the lake is not an after hours party area. Swimming is at your own risk and the lake attendant is not a baby sitter.
4. Please remember the speed limit for the safety of our children and to cut down on dust come summer.
5. Please respect the signs for parking and waiting for children getting off busses so that no one is injured.

SHLOA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, **June 19, 2021**, at 10:00 AM at the ball field pavilion. This is your opportunity to meet the Board of Directors, volunteer for committees, and get involved. All residents are invited to attend!

2021 Budget as of January 31, 2021	2021 BUDGET	YTD	DIFFERENCE
INCOME			
2020 HOME OWNERS ASSESSMENTS	\$139,700.00	\$99,220.00	40,480.00
PAST DUE (2018 AND PRIOR) TARGET	\$3,000.00	\$3,583.02	583.02
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$100.00	\$0.00	100.00
OPERATING INTEREST		\$0.00	0.00
REFUNDS	\$0.00		0.00
MAIL BOXES	\$350.00	\$140.00	\$210.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$143,150.00	\$102,943.02	40,206.98
2019 RESERVE ALLOCATIONS			
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$17,145.00	\$15,420.45	1,724.55
EMERGENCY FUND	\$11,430.00	\$10,280.30	1,149.70
TOTAL RESERVE FUND	\$28,575.00	\$25,700.75	2,874.25
FIXED ESPENSES			
INSURANCE/TAX/LICENCES/PERMITS	\$4,500.00	\$2,765.02	1,734.98
STORAGE	\$600.00	\$0.00	600.00
PHONE AT LAKE	\$600.00	\$44.52	555.48
LIGHTS AT BALLFIELD AND LAKE	\$320.00	\$47.00	273.00
RELIEF STATIONS	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	1,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	1,800.00
TOTAL	\$8,820.00	\$2,856.54	5,963.46
ADMINISTRATIVE			
ADMINISTRATIVE/OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$500.00	\$122.89	377.11
COMPUTER, SOFTWARE, OFFICE EQPT	\$150.00	\$0.00	150.00
LEGAL FEES	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	5,000.00
TREASURERS/ACCOUNTING/INVOICING	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	3,700.00
TOTAL	\$9,350.00	\$122.89	9,227.11
ROAD UPGRADES			
UNPAVED	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	24,000.00
PAVED	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	1,000.00
SNOW REMOVAL	\$12,000.00	\$2,008.69	9,991.31
TOTAL	\$37,000.00	\$2,008.69	34,991.31
COMMON FACILITIES			
LAKE ATTENDANT	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	5,500.00
LAWN CONTRACT	\$6,100.00	\$0.00	6,100.00
MAINTENANCE	\$7,300.00	\$0.00	7,300.00
CASUAL LABOR	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	1,500.00
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	1,200.00
TOTAL	\$21,600.00	\$0.00	21,600.00
2020 RESERVE FUND			
TOTAL 2021 EXPENSES	\$37,805.00	\$30,688.87	72,254.15

**SLEEPY HOLLOW
LOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC
65 Audubon Road
Hedgesville, WV 25427**