

Sleepy Hollow Lot Owners Association Newsletter

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	<u>SHLOA BOARD</u>	
President	Rick Inclima	
Vice President	Vacant	
Treasurer	Rick Roscoe	
VP Roads	Larry Znaniecki	
VP Communication	Beth Znaniecki	
VP Common Facilities	Rose Carpenter	
Secretary	Vacant	

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.

SHLOA Election Committee Report

Annual Membership Meeting, 6/19/2021

- Four (4) Positions were open for election per the bylaws for the 2021 election cycle. There was also one vacant (unfilled) position open that could be filled by a write-in candidate.
- Only three (3) resumes (nominations) were submitted by Date of Record (April 15). Resumes were published in the 2nd Quarter Newsletter.
- Ballots were prepared and mailed on May 17, 2021. Names of those submitting resumes were printed on the ballot per the bylaws.
- 512 Ballots were mailed to 361 Owners in Good Standing.
- 114 Ballots were returned (22%).
- 19 Ballots were “void” due to lack of owner signature or failure to select candidate(s).

Election Results

Listed on Ballot

Larry Znaniecki*	84 Votes
Rick Roscoe*	86 Votes
Rick Inclima*	93 Votes

Write-in Candidates:

June Clark	5 Votes (Declined at this time)
Tommy Witkop	4 Vote (Declined at this time)
Rose Carpenter	1 vote (Currently serving)

Larry Znaniecki, Rick Roscoe and Rick Inclima were elected* to new 2-year terms. The current composition of the SHLOA Board of Directors is as follows:

President:	Rick Inclima
Vice President:	VACANT
VP Roads:	Larry Znaniecki
VP Communications:	Beth Znaniecki
Treasurer:	Rick Roscoe
Secretary:	VACANT
VP of Facilities:	Rose Carpenter

Thank you all for your participation in our community.

FROM THE BOARD

President

It's hard to believe that summer is over, and we are moving headlong into the fall/winter season. But here we are looking ahead to Thanksgiving, wondering how it all happened so quickly. Here in WV, we get to experience all four seasons. And living in WV, we need to constantly prepare for those seasonal changes we know are always just around the corner.

Like towns and municipalities, SHLOA is constantly preparing for the change in seasons. We conducted extensive maintenance on our unpaved roads this past June, grading and resurfacing miles of roads and removing tons of leaves and debris from ditches and culverts. Proper road drainage is absolutely critical, and our roads have held up well under the deluge of summer rainstorms. You can help keep our roads in a state of good repair by regularly cleaning and maintaining your driveway culvert(s) to keep water flowing in the drainage ditches.

Keeping with our long-term multi-year plan for Audubon Road, we expect to repave another section of Audubon Road between Tanager Lane and Featherbed Lane this fall. With completion of this work, we will have repaved over 50-percent of Audubon since 2016. We will continue this long-term (10-year) maintenance plan going forward provided assessment revenue is sufficient and no unforeseen expenses are incurred.

We have accepted a bid to repair the fence at the dam and expect that work to be completed this year. Additionally, our snow removal contract is signed and in place for the 2021-22 winter season. Please see our snow removal policy notice published elsewhere in this newsletter. And please be patient with our snow removal contractors; they work hard under challenging conditions to keep our roads open during winter storms.

Finally, with the winter weather approaching and COVID-19 still an issue in WV, the Board will be once again conducting its monthly (winter) meetings remotely via Zoom. As always, owners wishing to bring matters to the Board should submit their issues in writing to SHLOA, 65 Audubon Road, Hedgesville, WV 25427 or via email at Sleepyhollowhoawv@yahoo.com. The Board will endeavor to provide a written response to all matters so submitted. Thank you.

Enjoy the fall weather, be safe, and stay well.

Rick Inclima

VP of Common Facilities:

Swimming season has come to an end, making room for mother nature's beautiful fall colors. Thank you to everyone for helping keep our beautiful lake clean and free of debris/trash as well as respecting the lake attendant and following the lake rules. We look forward to next summer and seeing all of you having fun in the sun!

Rose Carpenter

VP of Communications:

Once again, we are fast approaching the Holiday season. Please feel free to submit ideas, articles, recipes for our community. Please be mindful of our speed limits and sharing the roads with each other. I am always concerned with our children getting on and off the school bus. Wishing everyone a wonderful fall season.

Beth Znaniacki

SHOW SOME COMMUNITY SPIRIT! PARTICIPATE IN TRUNK OR TREAT

IN THE BALLFIELD

FRIDAY, OCT 29TH

6:30PM – 8:00PM

PARTICIPANTS SET UP AT 6:00

Trick or Treaters arrive at 6:30

Social distancing and masks encouraged

Cookies and Cider provided

Any questions.... Contact wvrose612@gmail.com or 304-261-6283

SCHOOL BUS STOP SAFETY

Our County designated school bus stop does not have a parking area for parents putting their children on or getting off the school buses. Both Berkeley and Morgan counties pick up children at their designated stop, located at the junction of Mountain Lake Road and Audubon Road.

The bus stop area gets very congested, as parents and caretakers have taken to parking along the top of Audubon Road. This creates a potential hazard for everyone including road users, parents/caretakers, and most importantly, our children. Sleepy Hollow was originally established as a “recreational residential community” and was not engineered with a school bus waiting area. This is what we have, so let's all exercise patience and understanding for those twice a day stops as our children go to school for their formal education. Let's all show them (and each other) proper civic courtesy, patience and understanding!

The safety of our children is paramount. Parents and caretakers are reminded to observe posted signs and not to park too close to the corner of Audubon and Mountain Lake Road. Road users are reminded to be mindful of the bus stop and enter and exit the community using extreme caution, especially during school bus hours. And our students are reminded to use caution and be extra careful while using and accessing the bus stop.

Parents of school-aged children are strongly encouraged to speak with their school boards and PTAs about possible alternative bus stop options that will improve safety for our children.

Wishing all our students a safe and enriching school year!

Please Drive Safely in Sleepy Hollow

The maximum legal speed in Sleep Hollow is 20 MPH. However, residents are reminded to reduce speeds whenever pedestrians or children are observed, when rounding curves, navigating blind spots, and as weather and road conditions dictate.

Many of our roads are narrow. Please maintain your lane, especially when turning and navigating curves. No “Dutch Corners” please! Be safe, drive safe!

BLOCKED OR MISSING DRIVEWAY CULVERTS CAUSE OF EROSION ON UNPAVED ROADS

Installing and maintaining driveway culverts is the responsibility of property owners. Please keep your driveway culverts clear of debris to facilitate rainwater flow into the ditch lines. Otherwise, water flows out on the road and causes serious erosion damage, especially on unpaved roads. Please help us keep our roads passable and in a state of good repair by installing and maintaining your driveway culverts.

Periodic removal of accumulated leaves and debris from driveway culverts is a fairly straightforward task. However, for those who may need assistance, local contractors can help with culvert maintenance or installation. If you need someone to clean out your culvert, or if you need a contractor to install a driveway culvert, residents may contact the Board for a recommendation at Sleepyhollowhoawv@yahoo.com.

ABANDONED/UNWANTED VEHICLES

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.**

The bad news is that abandoned/unwanted vehicles in Sleepy Hollow present a safety/environmental hazard and adversely affect property owners and property resale values. The good news is you can sell your unwanted vehicles or donate them to charity.

Numerous charities accepting vehicle donations and offering free towing and a tax deduction can be found online. 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 abandoned/junk vehicles.

ATTENTION HIKERS

For the hikers intending to hike Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area during the months of September through December of 2021, I would like to make you aware of the following information.

September starts the hunting season for most desirable game including deer, squirrel, turkey and bear. During the months of September through December 31, 2021, hunters will be using a wide range of weapons from bows, crossbows, and a wide range of firearms.

It is my recommendation that hikers entering Sleepy Creek during this time **wear a bright color outer garment such as blaze orange**. If walking a dog, large or small, it is also recommended using some sort of bright colored covering for them also. Please be safe during this time and have fun.

Richard Roscoe
WV DNR Hunter Education Instructor

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.

WEST VIRGINIA CODE

§20-2-58. Shooting across road or near building or crowd; penalty.

(a) In addition to any other prohibitions which may exist by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or discharge any firearms:

(1) Across or in any public road in this state, at any time.

(2) Within five hundred feet of any school or church; or

(3) Within five hundred feet of any dwelling house: *Provided*, That a person who is a resident of a dwelling house, and his or her authorized guest, may shoot or discharge a firearm in a lawful manner within five hundred feet of the dwelling house where the person lives, if the firearm is being discharged with the express or implied knowledge and consent of all residents of that dwelling house, and no other dwelling houses are located within five hundred feet of where the firearm is discharged; or

(4) On or near any park or other place where persons gather for purposes of pleasure.

(b) Any person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than \$500 or confined in jail for not more than one hundred days, or both fined and confined.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any person operating a gun repair shop, licensed to do business in the State of West Virginia and duly licensed under applicable federal statutes, may be exempted from the prohibition established by this section and section twelve, article seven, chapter sixty-one of this code for the purpose of test firing a firearm. The director of the Division of Natural Resources shall prescribe such rules as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the exemption under this section and section twelve, article seven, chapter sixty-one and shall ensure that any person residing in any dwelling home within five hundred feet of such gun repair shop be given an opportunity to protest the granting of such exemption. *Note: WV Code updated with legislation passed through the [2013 1st Special Session](#). The WV*

Code Online is an unofficial copy of the annotated WV Code, provided as a convenience. It has not been edited for publication and is not in any way official or authoritative.

Please obey all firearms and hunting laws and practice gun safety. Also, be sure to wear plenty of Blaze Orange outerwear as required by law whenever you are hunting or hiking. Have a safe and enjoyable Fall and enjoy the great outdoors!

Who would believe we can go from this.....,



to this, so quickly???



Sleepy Hollow Snow Plowing Policy

Yes, it is almost that time of year again! It is possible that we will begin experiencing winter weather before the 4th quarter newsletter is published. Therefore, we are republishing our snow removal policy to keep our residents informed.

SHLOA follows a long-established policy regarding the plowing of roads during winter weather. The policy clearly states that roads are plowed whenever the depth reaches 3 inches anywhere in the development. We have unpaid volunteers checking on snow depth throughout the community especially in the problem areas. If the depth is not 3 inches, we do not plow.

How You Can Help This Winter

- **Remove** all vehicles from the roadway to facilitate plowing and treatment of road surfaces.
- **Do not** park in cul-de-sacs because plow trucks need to turn around and need places to push snow.
- **Do not** attempt to plow roads yourself. This can damage the roads and impede drainage.
- **Do not** apply salt to unpaved roads; salt will create significant and costly damage and turn unpaved roads to mush.
- **Please** be patient with our contractors and the SHLOA Board; we are doing our best to provide these services.
- **Please** check in on your neighbors for their safety.

Thank you!

