

# *SPRING LAKE ESTATES NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2011*

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, May 17, 2011  
TIME: 6:30 pm  
PLACE: RVC Bell School Center, Room 1

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President	Bob	
Vice-President	Amy Wateska	815-423-0706
Treasurer	Ray Nilles	815-633-0836
Secretary	Mark Sullivan	815-877-4441
	Chuck Hummel	815-636-9322

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

First things first. I want to thank the members of the Association for the cards, letters and phone calls I received these past months. It is with your support and strengths that the Board continues to strive to make Springlake a great place to live.

A special thank you to those who see things wrong in the common areas and repair or correct them without fanfare. These are the people who desire to make this work.

I have also received many phone calls from residents who really want to volunteer but due to age, work, health or being a care giver could not and felt badly about it. Thank you as your comments let the Board know that we are supported.

The warm weather has finally arrived and with it comes an acceleration of vandalism. The pump house has been broken into, liquor bottles and other trash have been found in the parks, and the basketball court has been severely damaged. Due to the fact that the court asphalt is crumbling, I am going to propose that the court be removed and returned to grasslands.

When at the pond or parks, you have been told that it is permissible to ask to see activity passes to verify residency. This is correct. However, you DO NOT have the authority to confront, threaten or detain individuals. If a problem arises, call 911 then call a board member. You could open yourself up to legal action by not letting the proper authorities handle such situations.

Additionally, no one has the authorization to contact any vendors for work on Association property without the express written consent of the Board. Any charges incurred with this activity will be the responsibility of the person who contacted the vendor.

Due to personal reasons, I will be out of town for much of the year. I will be available by phone, but Amy Wateska will do the day-to-day operations.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Since Bob & I will be out of town for much of the year, this will be the last newsletter I will be writing for the Association. I'm resigning this position and that of block chair co-ordinator effective immediately. Amy Wateska has contacted one of our residents who has agreed to assume both responsibilities. I will let her introduce herself in the next newsletter. I hope you will give her your support. Let her know what you would like included in the newsletter (i.e. - homes for sale, new residents, trading post, advertising, etc.), as you did for me. I'm sure she will do well. Until she actually takes over, you can contact Amy with any suggestions.

Carol

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## **POND**

The pond will open on Saturday, May 28. The rules for the pond are posted on the gate. Please adhere to them to ensure a safe and fun summer. As always, be sure your children are properly supervised.

Guests must be accompanied by a resident.

To reserve the picnic area at the pond, call Paula Reiter at 815-540-6810. Please call as far in advance as possible in order to secure the date. Last year this area was in almost constant use. Also, please make sure that the picnic area is picked up and cleaned of refuse after your party. If the refuse can is filled, please do not leave your trash bags on the ground next to them. (This only encourages the wildlife in the area to have their own party! Only they don't clean up after themselves!) Bring your bags with you and dispose of them at home. As always, the swimming area will always be available to residents regardless of any ongoing parties.

Pets are not permitted in the pond and beach area. Loose animals found in this area will be removed by Rockford animal control.

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Make sure you have your activity pass with you at the pond. The passes will be delivered shortly.

## LAKE

**FISHING:** A fishing license is required to fish in the lake. You can keep what you catch if it falls within the limits of the guideline:

- 3 bass per day, catch and release only
- 3 catfish per day, 14 inches or longer
- 3 walleye per day, 14 inches or longer
- unlimited panfish (bluegill, sunfish, etc.)

Except for the boat dock pier, pond and Weymouth Park, **the area surrounding the lake is private property. This includes the berm/dam behind the duplexes and condos.** Fish in the designated area ONLY (the boat dock pier or from your boat).

**BOATING:** Your boats must carry a current boat registration number issued by the state. Please notify the Association president of this number.

**SWIMMING:** Swimming is not allowed in the lake. The lake is not treated to maintain sanitary or safety conditions and is occasionally treated for algae and other weed control. **THE ONLY DESIGNATED SAFE SWIMMING AREA IS AT THE POND.**

## ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday, June 3 & 4  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
No participation fee

Pam Osborne is the Garage Sale Chair. Pam will be putting together an area map listing the locations of all the participating homes. Copies of this map will be placed at strategic points along the route. If you will be participating, please fill out the attached sheet and return it to Pam. If you have any questions, you can call Pam at 815-979-5491.

There will be an ad placed in the Rockford Register Star to run Tuesday thru Saturday and signs placed on major streets and throughout the Association. The Royal Harbour Condos will also be participating.

## FINANCIALS AS OF 3/31

1:21 PM  
04/27/11  
Accrual Basis

Spring Lake Estates Homes Association  
Balance Sheet  
As of March 31, 2011

	Mar 31, 11
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Alpine-Money Market	12,853.24
Alpine Checking	32,665.05
CD # 041097	11,144.70
Total Checking/Savings	56,662.99
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	62,167.69
Total Accounts Receivable	62,167.69
Other Current Assets	
Petty Cash	200.00
Total Other Current Assets	200.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>119,030.68</b>
Fixed Assets	
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Deprecia...	-3,498.00
Fixed Assets - Other	5,554.00
Total Fixed Assets	2,056.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>2,056.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>121,086.68</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	11,849.27
Retained Earnings	36,866.40
Net Income	72,371.01
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>121,086.68</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>121,086.68</b>

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Accrual Basis

Spring Lake Estates Homes Association  
Profit & Loss  
January through March 2011

	Jan - Mar 11
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Dues Income	79,290.00
Interest	39.63
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>79,329.63</b>
Expense	
Business Office	
Legal Expenses	388.50
Communications	145.78
Accounting Expens...	101.25
Total Business Office	635.53
Maintenance	
Storm Damages	225.00
Pond Maintenance	180.00
Park Maintenance	4,975.00
Total Maintenance	5,380.00
Utilities	
Electricity	809.75
Telephone Pond	120.19
Water	33.15
Total Utilities	963.09
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>6,958.62</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>72,371.01</b>
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**SPRINGLAKE ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2011  
2:00 PM  
RVC BELL SCHOOL CENTER - ROOM 1**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It has been said that some of my letters contain a "tone" that some find objectionable. Well, get ready because this one is full of "tone", anger, bewilderment and disgust.

The Board is once again re-elected by acclamation. What is acclamation? It means that out of 384 eligible homes, NOT ONE PERSON submitted a self-nomination form. Excuse me, one sitting board member did. With the exception of our block chairs and our committee chairs, very few residents give a damn about what goes on in the Association. But let a neighbor's leaves go unraked, grass gets too long or sprouts up in driveways, or other petty complaints, my phone rings off the hook. All I heard last summer when I threatened to close the pond was "When I was on the board we didn't have these problems." Well, congratulations...we all wish we could go back to a more civilized time when people cared about their neighborhood and got involved!

Yes, I am angry. Ray and I have worked countless, NON-COMPENSATED hours trying to make Springlake Estates a great place to live. It has been common knowledge that both Ray and I wanted to "retire" from the board, but without one single nomination, neither of us can. Sure we could walk away, but I will be damned if I will let this Association sink back into the financial mess it was 5 years ago. Jim Stewart, Dixie Simons and myself spent countless hours going over the financial health of the Association and recovering over \$30,000 in dues owed to the Association. To them I will always be grateful.

It is only February and twice the pump house at the pond has been broken into. In addition, lights were broken in Weymouth and Haddon parks with one of the lights pulled entirely out of the ground. In all instances, police reports were made. We are reviewing the videos and physical evidence left behind. Due to these vandalizations and the repair costs involved, the issue of closing the pond is again on the table.

What do I need to do to impress upon you, the residents of the Association, that every time someone breaks something, steals something, or defaces something, it's your money they are stealing? You are paying for it with your dues that could be used for something you REALLY want! It is no different than these people coming into your home and taking your possessions.

The Annual Meeting is Saturday, February 26, 2:00 pm, at RVC Bell School Center (corner of Bell School and Spring Brood Roads), Room 1. The 2011 budget and other issues will be discussed. Since only a regular size room has been booked, a large turnout is NOT expected. COME AND PROVE ME WRONG!!!!

Robert Neumann