

SPRONGS BLUFF  
NEWSLETTER  
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Just as many of the Sprongs Bluff residents close up their cottages for the season, I wanted to wrap up the accomplishments of the year with one final newsletter. I want to thank our excellent executive committee, Manfred Lichti-vice president, Bev Garlipp-secretary and Ed Saphar-treasurer and others who have donated their time and efforts towards making so much progress. Here's the latest:

BY LAWS FINISHED- Thanks to the efforts of Chairwoman Gabriel Saphar, Frieda VonSchiller and Manfred Lichti, the revised By Laws were presented at our October executive committee meeting. We discussed a few changes and have now completed the revised Sprongs Bluff ByLaws. These will be distributed in the spring for you to peruse and then we will vote on them at the annual meeting. If you'd like a preview, they are now available on the Sprongs Bluff website.

MAILING ADDRESS CLARIFICATION- Due to safety concerns, the executive committee decided to look into clarification as to what our addresses really are. Thanks to Manfred who spoke with people at the 911 center, town and post office, we now know that our addresses are 7139 to 7360 Sprongs Bluff **NOT** Lake Road as some of us (myself included) have been erroneously using. The problem is that all even #s on Lake Road are on the south side of the road and by using a "Lake Road" address, confusion can result delaying emergency services. From this point onward, for your safety, PLEASE use Sprongs Bluff as your address.

ROAD CONDITION NEWS- Thanks to the efforts of Tom Garlipp, Bill Smith and help from Manfred Lichti, Ed Saphar and Dave Fitch, we have made continuing progress on the road. We received another load of gravel for use in patching holes on both the east and west forks and 2 loads of gravel were spread on the west hill. We also purchased several bags of "cold patch" to fill new potholes on the main road.

I think you'll agree that the road has been in the best shape ever this year and we continue to move forward with discussions with the town toward our goal of eventually using oil and stone to better seal and maintain the main road.

Thanks to Tom and Manfred, the new private drive and 15 MPH signs are up and the post where we will hang the Sprongs Bluff sign has been repainted (thanks Jim Riter). That sign has been ordered and will hopefully be up before winter.

Plowing- Tom Garlipp met with a representative from the town highway dept. and looked at the east bridge to ask what would need to be done so we can get plowing on the whole east road this winter. After inspection, they decided the bridge is passable as is and we will have ALL of our roads put on the snowplowing routes this winter!! BIG THANKS to Tom for his efforts to accomplish this.

We've also begun an inspection and to work up maintenance plans on the culvert on the main road. We discussed work that was supposed to have been done after the most recent wash out (several years ago) and what maintenance needs should be undertaken to prevent this in the future.

PERSONAL INFORMATION- Bev has sent out a few community wide notices this year (Bill's fire and Jim Riter's theft), but thoughts arose on communicating births, deaths, surgeries and other news people would like to share with the community. Amy Lichti will host a community bulletin board for us to use on our website where we can share such information. Please e-mail Amy with any news you'd like to share. We will continue to send out any news of a security or community wise nature through Bev's e-mail list.

Well, that covers things for now, time to hibernate for the winter. We'll get things going again when the Snow Birds (south Sprongs Bluff) residents ☺ return.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*Doug*