

SPRONGS BLUFF NEWSLETTER
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With our southern members returning and the weather hitting the mid 80's, it sure feels like summer (although the "official" summer is still a month away). We had an executive committee meeting last Sunday, and plans for our summer work are under way. I thought it would be a great time to let everyone know what's coming up and has been happening.

WEST SIDE COMMONS BEAUTIFICATION- It's been forever since any work has been done on the west commons area. A work group organized by Barb Lucieer and Amy Thatcher cut brush, mowed, pulled weeds and basically cleared most of the area from where we had been mowing to the lake shore. If you get a chance while taking a walk, be sure to tour the new and improved commons area. Thanks to Barb, Amy (and Amy's sons), Scott Lucieer, Manfred and Amy Lichti, Bob and Carol Colvin and Tom Garlipp for their efforts.

IMPROVED COMMUNICATION- Our secretary Bev Garlipp has been fantastic at keeping members informed. We're trying to make sure our association members are being kept abreast of meetings and events. Also, Amy Lichti has added a blog to our Sprongs Bluff website. *To get to the blog, you can go to the Sprongs Bluff website at <http://www.sprongsbluff.com> and click on "blog", or you can go directly to the blog at <http://www.sprongsbluff.com/nucleus3.51>.* Make sure you check it out and use it to share information and keep in touch. With all of these sources in addition to our newsletters, the community has a vibrant communication system in place. (We distribute paper copies of our electronic communications to those members who are not online.)

ROAD WORKERS NEEDED- Plans are underway for the road gang (any interested association members) to fill the pot holes on Saturday June 5th. Please send a note to Bev or myself if you are willing to help out. We will need shovelers, tampers, and moral support. We will meet at 9AM at the sign. We will also be in touch with the town to discuss what help we might be able to get from them this year and will report on our plans at the annual meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING- Our annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 3rd. We will have several reports about our ongoing efforts to improve life at the Bluff, vote on our new bylaws, elect officers for the coming year and have the chance to socialize with the members of our association. Discussions are underway about the parade and fireworks. Please let Bev know your preference for dates (Sat. or Sunday). Speaking of fireworks, it was appreciated that MANY of our members donated to the fireworks show. Unfortunately however, last year's donations fell far short of the actual cost. We would like to get donations up front and then will spend that amount on fireworks this year. Manfred Lichti has been kind enough to collect any funds people are willing to contribute. Please get donations to Manfred Lichti by the end of June.

NEW SIGN COMING- Hopefully by the July 4th weekend, our new Sprong's Bluff road sign will be up for all to see. It will be placed near the mailboxes and should make it easy for friends, service people and emergency services to know where we are. We thank Ray Sheldon for graciously giving us permission to install the sign on his property.

REMINDERS- Please remember the rules for dogs and the rules regarding speeding. Dogs should be on leashes when not on the owner's property and owners should keep tabs on their pets when people are walking the neighborhood. We have many small (children and grandchildren) visitors, and big pets barking and approaching them is frightening. Also, the posted speed limit is 15 MPH. There are several places where the road is narrow or vision is obstructed and we don't want to have accidents or altercations over people not observing the speed. Improving our road is intended to make it a pleasurable ride, not to make it a speedway.

BYLAWS- The proposed bylaws have been distributed. If you did not get your copy, let Bev know. Please look them over so we can vote on ratification at our annual meeting. Thanks again to Frieda, Gabriel and Manfred for their work on these.

THE "STATE" PARK (or the former state park?)- As many of you have probably heard, the state has leased the park to the town of Sodus for the year and the town of Sodus has leased Beechwood to Alasa Academy for the year. Their intent is to clean it up, make repairs and run their summer camp program here. As far as we can tell, there won't be any effect to the orchard.

NATURE WALK- If you're out walking, besides the improved commons area, be sure to walk up near the beaver pond (now dubbed Little Lake George ☺). Without George and Chris clearing it out, the dam continues to grow. Not only is the bridge under water, but more and more of the orchard is becoming a pond.

ANNUAL DUES- We are doing pretty well, but continue to try and get 100% of our members to pay their annual dues. If you have not done so, please get your money to Ed Saphar ASAP. It's important that we ALL do our fair share to support the association's efforts.

We have many items to discuss at our annual meeting including information about garbage collection, road work plans, committee sign-ups for the coming year and social events like our parade and fireworks. Please do all you can to join us, be informed and vote on things important to you and the Bluff. See you there!

Your association president,

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