

## **SPRONGS BLUFF NEWSLETTER**

**FALL 2011**



With the Labor Day weekend behind us and the days turning cooler, another wonderful summer season at the Bluff wraps up. This summer featured wonderful times with friends and family, another fun filled parade, fireworks, interesting and informative presentations at the annual meeting and a few community get-togethers.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER-** Over 20 residents participated in the second annual progressive dinner. Thanks to Dave Fitch/Wendy Hrabak, Nancy Fiorentino and Bob & Carol Colvin for hosting the three party stops. Also thanks for the taxi service provided by the Garlippo and Scardinales.

**DUMPSTER CHANGE-** Our new contract with Town & Country Disposal began Sept. 1. Please review the policies and information in the email sent to residents. If you didn't get the policies, or lost your copy, you can always see Manfred for the information. Thank you to Manfred for the work involved in getting quality and affordable service for the Bluff residents (not to mention less wear and tear on our road by limiting commercial traffic). If you've not yet signed up or paid your dumpster fee, please contact Manfred to do so.

**ROAD WORK CONTINUES-** Thanks to Tom Garlipp, Jim & Doug Riter, John Raynor, and Bob Cooper for late summer fixes on the road. We used the rest of the cold patch and some of the stone/dirt mixture to fix and repair the road going into the fall. The executive committee will be continuing to look into further improvements to not only maintain but improve the condition of the road.

**SNOWPLOWING-** With the letter from Town Supervisor Steve LeRoy about the discovery that the roads and commons areas still belonged to the Reithel family, our "private road" is by law not supposed to be maintained or serviced by the town. In the past, many of the full time residents had plows and were able to keep the roads open and passable. The past two seasons, the town has helped us by plowing and we have collected funds to partially defray costs of residents who have plowed our roads. The best case scenario is that the town will keep plowing roads "unofficially" and we are on top of those "unofficial" decisions. Discussions will be ongoing with residents about contingency plans.

CHANGE IN OUR SECRETARY- As most of you know, Tom and Bev Garlipp are in the process of selling their home. Tom and Bev have expressed plans to rent a cottage at the Bluff and return next summer ☺ (Yea!) but as the by-laws state, our officers are required to be Association members. Bev sent out a note asking if there was anyone interested in taking over. Amy Thatcher responded and as per the by-laws, the executive council has appointed Amy to be Bev's replacement. The executive council and I would like to publically thank Bev for the WONDERFUL job she has done helping to serve the needs of the Bluff and keep everyone informed. She is not only a wonderful secretary, but a great neighbor and a friend to all! We will look forward to their return next summer!

DUES AND FEES- So far 26 households have paid their 2011-12 dues. If you have not yet done so, please do so ASAP. It is our goal to have 100% participation in order to have the funds for continued road maintenance and other projects the Association votes on. It is only fair that **ALL** residents contribute to the fund that pays for these community projects.

Finally, don't forget to visit/use the web site! We are blessed to have an AMAZING web site maintained by Manfred and Amy Lichti. It has beautiful and wonderful photos, excellent information and is a great way to not only keep up on Bluff information and happenings, but to share them with others and the world. Visit and communicate often.

Thanks to all for a wonderful summer 2011 season and safe travels to our snowbirds!

*Doug*