

Ridge Rambler

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Farewell to Larry and Beth Dicus

Larry and Beth Dicus have moved to Maryville. After living in SR for several years, it became necessary for Beth to be closer to her 92 year old mother.

Larry and Beth will leave a big warm mark on SR and all of us who have shared the last several years with them as neighbors.

Larry served two terms as President of SRPOA. He was a very active member of the Road Maintenance Committee and was frequently seen on the tractor smoothing our roads. He has been involved with laying several hundred feet of new drain tile, installing the gate system, kiosk and mail boxes, garbage building and many other ground maintenance and improvement projects.

Beth served on the SRPOA Board of Directors. During her years here in SR, she was active in many

beautification projects. She either organized or helped with Annual Meeting pot lucks, as well as other social functions. She may be best known for her interest in and preservation of wildlife here in SR.

While they will still be in the area, their daily presence in SR will be greatly missed.

It must be said that we all are better for having crossed paths with Larry and Beth.

Pearson Elected to Secretary; Hood to fill Beth Discus's Spot

The SRPOA Board of Directors met on September 7, 2005 at the home of Bob and Martha Frink and on December 15, 2005 at the home of Jim and Barbara Clinansmith.

Rob Carroll gave Treasurer's reports and reported that nearly all property owners have paid their annual maintenance assessments.

Jim Clinansmith gave Road Committee reports. We received awaited diesel fuel and road maintenance work has resumed. Jim also reported that a new grader blade has been purchased to help with ditching activities. Plans were announced to do some ditching along several roads within SR and to provide spill protection around the diesel storage tank. The Road Committee has purchased a backpack leaf blower to clean drain tile openings and ditches. Richard Way donated a road grader blade device to go behind the tractor for road maintenance. We purchased a "Road Boss" grader attachment to smooth rough spots on hills and curves.

John Wilbanks presented updates on Kathy's Beautification Committee activities and future plans. A new flower bed, at the intersection of Oakwood and Fox Trail roads, is 80% complete. In February, she also plans to plant a couple of additional trees at the lake. Later, a bench is planned for the bank along the lake.

Bob gave an update on new By-Laws prepared by attorneys Kizer and Black. Bob gave copies of the draft to board members for review discussion. A committee consisting of Phil Spaminato, Nancy Cain and Bob Frink will go over draft and make recommendations at the March meeting. K and B are also preparing a "limited power of attorney" approved at the annual meeting in July. Bob Frink is working with K and B on this issue.

Under new business, the Board elected Judy Pearson to replace Nancy Cain as Secretary. Nancy has been Secretary for a number of years and asked to be replaced at the Annual meeting in July. With the departure of Larry and Beth Dicus, the Board was faced with appointing an interim board member to serve out Beth's term of office. The board appointed Bob Hood to serve out Beth's term.

New property owners were announced. Darren and Stacy Suggs bought a lot on Fox Trail. Jason Osborne and wife, from Miami, FL, bought a lot in SR.

The board discussed contracting out road and grounds maintenance.

John Wilbanks mentioned that as SR grows, there are more vehicles using the roads. Construction truck traffic continues to increase. John suggested hiring out some road maintenance work to be supervised and monitored by the Road Committee.

Larry Dicus presented figures he worked up on the number of hours required to maintain roads and grounds.

After discussion it was decided that the cost of contracting maintenance work would be extremely expensive. President Bob suggested that one person on the Road Committee be assigned the responsibility for scheduling the work among the members of the road committee. A plan of action will be developed. At the December meeting, Jim Clinansmith asked to be relieved of the road committee chairmanship and Bob Hood was appointed to the position. Jim will continue as a

member along with Bob Hood, Bob Frink and Gachet Turberville.

There was discussion about purchasing a commercial mower to mow larger grass areas within SR. This will free people from having to use their own mowers.

The board approved the allocation of \$15,000 for equipment and \$15 per hour payment to the person overseeing maintenance activities.

Bob Hood suggested we charge builders/home owners a road impact fee to cover the wear and tear on roads during construction. Bob Frink will look into the legality of such a fee. Bob Frink reported at the December meeting that our attorneys said we could charge property owners an impact fee, to cover damages to roads during home, construction but not builders since they do not have a vested interest in SR.

Wooley Adelgid

We need to start treating again. The plan is to treat roadway right of ways and those property owners who desire their trees treated. Watch for a notice at the kiosk.

We are looking for volunteers to train in the application of chemicals to treat the Wooley Adelgid infestations. Contact Hugh Pearson at 982-5729 or Bob Hood at 681-7623.

General

Reminders

We continue to emphasize the need to bag garbage placed in the garbage building. Remember, the

garbage building is for normal household garbage. Corrugated box material is permitted. Boxes should be broken down into flats and tied into bundles. We recommend that garbage bags be placed in the garbage building at the end of the week, i.e. Sunday evening. Garbage pickup is on Mondays at about 1:00 PM. Building materials, yard trash, etc. should be taken to the Blount County Dump.

We are in the process of organizing a semi-annual dump run. At the annual meeting, Tom Palmer volunteered to participate in this effort. Watch for a posting at the kiosk.

Continue to drive carefully...suggested speed limit within SR is 20 MPH...watch for hikers and wildlife.

Your Board

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Wanted!!!

We are in need of Road Committee members. Tractor driving experience desired. If interested, contact Bob Hood at 681-7623 or winterhaw@bellsouth.net.

We are looking for someone to chair a committee to develop a welcome package for newcomers to SR. Interested person contact Bob Frink at 984-4873 or bobfrink@bellsouth.net

We need persons to help with the Wooley Adelgid treatment process and who would be willing to receive the training. Contact Hugh Pearson at 982-5729 or Bob Hood.

If you would like to help Kathy Wilbanks' Beautification Committee, call her at 982-2466.

If you would like to do the quarterly "Ridge Rambler", contact Bob Frink

General Information

In the past, from time to time, SR residents have asked for the gate to be held open for guests attending parties or receptions, etc. We have done that a number of times. The Board has decided this is not a good practice and has recommended another solution. Since we have a

modern computer controlled gate entry system, it was decided that a "one time" code will be assigned for use by party guests. This code will be removed from the system at midnight the date of the event. Future events of this nature will be handled in this manner. Contact a board member with your request for a code a week before your event. Provide the date and time of your planned activity. A code will be created for your event.