



Neighborhood e-News

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Letter from the President

SLA Residents,

It will be necessary for your SLA Board of Directors to consider increasing the amount of our annual assessment, which is currently \$150 (and has been for at least 18 years).

Over the past 5 years we have encountered a significant reduction in our reserve funds – to the tune of nearly \$40,000, an average deficit of \$8,000 per year. This was the result of three necessary dam/lake repair projects. We also know that we face another project in the near future, which is currently estimated to cost \$32,000.

It is particularly important for communities with lakes contained by earthen dams to have reserve funds available for unforeseen repair needs.

Though we have the right to impose special one-time assessments for specific projects, we believe a relatively small incremental increase will be an easier burden for all – particularly in the current economic climate.

We feel that an increase from the current \$150 to \$200 would replenish our commons reserve over time, and not impose an unreasonable burden on our residents. When we have completed the upcoming project and built up a reasonable reserve, we will revisit the need to continue at this increased rate.

We plan to deal with this matter during our October Board meeting, and would like to hear from you any constructive ideas you may have regarding this issue.

Please call or e-mail me before the 15th of October.

Respectfully,
Ken Thompson
945-6975
kthompson7@triad.rr.com

Annual Meeting

Join us on Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lewisville Civic Center to meet the Board of Directors, learn about what is going on in the neighborhood, and discuss topics of interest or concern to you. **See enclosed meeting notice and proxy vote for details.**



Vacant Pool Director Position

Prior to opening this year, volunteers, under the leadership of Robert Bellias, made needed and noticeable pool improvements – paint, restroom stall, plumbing fixtures, and more. We thank all of those volunteers who gave their time and effort.

We hired a different pool management company, who provided us with an improved experience this year. However, unfortunately the SLA Pool Director, who has done an outstanding job, must resign from that position.

This means that we have a critical opening, and need that position filled as soon as possible. Residents who have an interest in the success of our pool are asked to step up and volunteer your services for consideration as SLA Pool Director.

Call Ken Thompson with any questions or concerns you may have about the requirements of this position.

Community Watch

In order to be successful, the Neighborhood Watch in Shallowford Lakes relies on every homeowner to be vigilant and watchful of happenings in the development. Anytime you see suspicious activity – whether it's a person, a vehicle, or something that just doesn't seem normal - please call the Sheriff's office (727-2112 or 911). The more timely and specific information you can provide, the better! You may make anonymous reports if you would prefer to do so. However, if you want to speak to a sheriff, ask for it! If you want a call back, make sure the operator has all of your contact information. The more vocal we are as a community, the better response and visibility we will have with the Sheriff's office. Our Deputies **DO NOT** mind being called to investigate a situation that just doesn't seem normal.

Large "Community Watch" signs have been placed at each entrance to the neighborhood. If you would like to purchase a smaller sign for your yard, they cost \$6.70 each and you may place your order with Norman and Barb Andresen (nandresen@triad.rr.com).

All residents with email addresses on file will continue to receive timely updates about any criminal activity in the neighborhood – please share this information with neighbors in the event they do not use email!

Speeding

We continue to have issues with speeding in the neighborhood, particularly on Riverwood. Please abide by the posted speed limit and feel free to call the Sheriff's office if you notice high volumes of speeding vehicles on your street.

Commons Areas

Do you have ideas about things you would like to see done to our commons areas? Would you enjoy using benches by the lakes? If you have thoughts or suggestions, please contact Dave Neubauer at 945-4743.

Mosquitoes

Reminder to all residents to keep boats, buckets, and other receptacles that can collect water, turned upside down to prevent mosquitoes from nesting in the area.

Neighborhood Activities

Neighborhood Social Network

If you would like to network with your neighbors, but don't know how, you should sign up for www.nextdoor.com. It's a great way to learn about your neighbors' interests and spark up new friendships!

Need some motivation to take a walk or jog on a Saturday morning? Are you a food or wine aficionado? Do you like to play poker or bridge? If so, Rene Moody, Activities Director, would like to hear from you! Rene will be coordinating neighborhood activities to reinvigorate our community! Send her an email at renecat@aol.com if you have a particular activity or skill that you would like to share with the neighborhood.

Pool Season in Review

The Shallowford Lakes Sea Lions had a great summer 2012 swim season. The Sea Lions went 6-0 this year. Thank you to the Shallowford Lakes residents for giving us a venue in which to succeed. Bob Ross is stepping down as swim team manager and Stephen Hall is taking his place. We are already looking forward to a great 2013 season. Go Sea Lions! You can email Stephen at sealionteammanager@gmail.com for more information.

Neighborhood News

Have you, a member of your family, or a neighbor done something newsworthy? If so, we would like to highlight your accomplishments. Please submit suggestions to Jennifer Hayden at shallowford.lakes@gmail.com.

Chamber of Commerce

The Lewisville-Clemmons Chamber of Commerce meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Broyhill Office Suites, 3540 Clemmons Road – Suite 112, Clemmons, NC 27127. You have the opportunity to network with area businesses and attend the luncheon meeting. The buffet lunch is \$8.00 per person. Please RSVP to 336-970-5100 or lewisvilleclemmonschamber@gmail.com.

Going Green!!!

Thank you to the many residents who submitted their email addresses in order to receive newsletters electronically! If you are receiving this newsletter by mail and would prefer to receive it via email, please email shallowford.lakes@gmail.com with your preferred email address to ensure you stay connected with Shallowford Lakes news!

If you do not check email regularly, please contact Jennifer Hayden at 749-1902 so she can ensure you receive a copy of all important neighborhood communications.

We appreciate your help in "going green"!

SLA Board Members

Ken Thompson, President	945-6975
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