

Sunrise Ridge Association

Spring 2003 Newsletter

At A Glance

Candidates Night

Thu., Mar. 20th
Wonder Lake
Village Hall
7 p.m.

Candlelight Bowling

Sat., Mar. 29th, 7 p.m.
McHenry Recreation
Call Ed Peters
for Tickets
653-9870

SRA Board Mtg.

Wed., Mar. 26th
Wonder Lake
Village Hall
7 p.m.

District Rep Needed

For District 2
Call Ed Peters
653-9870

Easter Egg Hunt

Sat., April 12th
Beach Park
10 a.m. Sharp

SRA Picnic ?

Sat., July 26th
Beach Park
Noon – 5 p.m.

Volunteers Needed

Beach Guards Needed

For This Summer
(Must be at least 18
years old)
Contact Ed Peters
653-9870

SRA Vice President, John Naatz, is organizing a Candidates Night to be held on Thursday, March 20th, at the Wonder Lake Village Hall, 4200 Thompson Road, starting at 7 p.m. All candidates running for positions on the village board have been invited. This may be the only chance you have to meet the candidates before the local election on April 1st. Please make a sincere effort to attend.

Candlelight Bowling, at McHenry Recreation in McHenry, is scheduled for Saturday, March 29th, starting at 7 p.m. We will again be soliciting donations of hot, delicious pizzas from McHenry businesses. This is just for fun, so if you're not a good bowler, don't worry about it. Tickets are \$25 per couple (shoe rental is included). We would like to get 24 to 30 couples. Invite your family, invite your friends, it's not limited to Sunrise Ridge residents. Call Ed Peters at 653-9870 for tickets. Please leave a message with your name, phone number, number of tickets needed & a good time to return your call.

Regular meetings of the SRA Board of Directors are held on the last Wednesday of the odd-numbered months, in the Wonder Lake Village Hall at 4200 Thompson Road. The next meeting will be on March 26th. We are changing the starting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All Sunrise Ridge residents should feel free to attend.

At our last board meeting, Nancy Engel accepted the position as our 7th Delegate to the MPOA. We still have an opening for someone to represent District 2 at our meetings. You must be a Sunrise Ridge property owner in good standing (no dues in arrears) to be a member of the board. We would prefer someone who lives in District 2 but will consider anyone interested in the position. Contact Ed Peters at 635-9870.

The SRA Annual Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 12th, at Beach Park, starting at 10 a.m. Bring a basket, pail or bag to put the eggs in. The Easter Bunny should be there for handshakes, hugs & pictures, so don't forget to bring your camera. Be prompt – better yet, be early – the egg hunt doesn't last very long.

Volunteers are needed if the picnic is going to happen this year. A few residents have volunteered so far but more are needed. The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 26th, from Noon to 5 p.m., at Beach Park. Planning should start a couple weeks prior & soliciting of businesses for donated items to be raffled should start much earlier than that. Call Ed Peters at 653-9870 to volunteer.

Several projects are planned for this spring. The dirt under the pavilion will be used to level some areas around the pavilion & then grass seed or sod will be put down. The newly repaved drive at Beach Park will be sealcoated, as well as the basketball court at Creek Park. The chain link fence at the north end of Beach Park

*** Just as a friendly reminder, dues must be paid by March 31st to avoid a late fee. ***

will finally be repaired & extended. A walk-thru gate & a double drive gate will also be installed at the north end as part of that fencing project. Many other small projects are on the To Do List. At Beach Park: painting the flagpole, replacing & staining the wood on the picnic tables, getting the swings adjusted to a reasonable height, refurbishing the bulletin board. At Creek Park: fixing the hardware on the gate, replacing & staining the wood on the benches, cutting down brush in front of the benches, painting the basketball backboard & putting up a net. We would love to get some volunteers to help with these small projects. A little help with spring cleanup at the parks would also be appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, call Ed Peters at 653-9870.

Tot Park, or some call it Triangle Park, located between Richmond Rd. & Riley Rd., was dedicated to the village in the summer of 2001. If anything at that park needs some attention, contact the Village of Wonder Lake Department of Public Works at 728-0535.

We are always looking for beach guards for the summer. Guards must be at least 18 years old & do not need to be lifeguards. Duties include checking for beach tags & vehicle stickers and enforcing the rules. **The pay has been increased from \$6 to \$7 per hour.** Shifts are usually 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. & 6 p.m. to sunset, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. If interested, contact Ed Peters at 653-9870 to get on the list.

Many residents use Beach Park but never read the rules posted on several signs. We are still having trouble with glass, fishing & dogs in the park. Take a few minutes to review these rules and please do not verbally abuse the beach guards when they try to enforce them. If you would like a copy of the rules for Beach Park, contact your district rep.

Please contact your district rep if you notice new residents moving into the neighborhood. Your help in this matter will assist us in getting New Resident Info Packets to them ASAP.

The following Village of Wonder Lake ordinances has been printed in previous newsletters but we have new residents and property owners who may be unaware of them:

Animals, when not on the owner's private premises, must be on a leash not exceeding 8 feet in length & must be accompanied by a person capable of controlling the animal. It is unlawful for any animal owner to allow the animal to defecate upon any public areas or private premises not belonging to its owner. (If your animal does deposit something on someone else's property, please be considerate & clean it up.) It is also unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any animal which, by way of noises (excessive barking, etc.), alarms or disturbs any resident of the village.

As spring temperatures increase, so does the activity of kids on our streets. Be careful as you drive through the subdivision & expect the unexpected.

Ed Peters, SRA President

P.S. As I mentioned at the end of our last newsletter, I am running for Village Trustee of Wonder Lake in the April 1st election. People from outside the village have convinced some village residents, who might not otherwise do so, to run for local office. For the first time in many years, the electorate has a choice. Whether I win or lose is of little concern. My main concern is for the future of Wonder Lake & the next 4 years will be very important to that future. A few people in the village may be unhappy with recent decisions made by the village board. Even though those decisions were well thought out & made in the best interest of the village & the majority of its residents, it's just not possible to please all of the people, all of the time. Voter turnout for these elections is typically very low – around 15 or 20%. It is crucial that the results of this election reflect the true “will of the people” & not just that of a vocal minority.

Please make a special effort to come to Candidates Night on Thursday, March 20th, 7 p.m., at the Wonder Lake Village Hall and meet those who wish to represent you in your local government.

And most important, exercise your right to vote on April 1st.

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