

Sunrise Ridge Association

Summer 2001 Newsletter

Highlights

SRA Picnic
Sat., July 28th
Beach Park
Noon – 5pm

Board Meeting
Wed., July 25th
Village Hall
7:30pm

Lake Draw Down
Starts Fri., Sep 14th
Ends Tue., Oct 2nd

Annual Meeting
October
(To be announced)

**Beach Guards
Needed**
(Must be at least
18 years old)
3-4 hour shifts
\$6 per hour
Contact John Carter
653-9073

On Friday, July 6th, a bad accident occurred in our subdivision between a car & a boy on a bike. The boy was critically injured & flown to Lutheran General Hospital. Our thoughts & prayers are with the boy & his family.

Cars & bikes must share the road. Everyone must obey the rules of the road & above all else, operate with safety in mind. Whether in a car, on a bike, on a skateboard, scooter, or rollerblades, please be very careful on our streets & expect the unexpected.

The SRA Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 28th, from Noon till 5pm. We're planning to have burgers, brats, hotdogs, roasted corn-on-the-cob, soda & beer for sale. Please bring a favorite dish to share & some lawn chairs. We will have games for the kids & raffles for everyone. We will also have a dunk tank & a moon walk. The Wonder Lake Police Department will join us again this year & they want to challenge the SRA residents to a game of volleyball. We need help with cooking, selling tickets, running games & cleanup. Call Mary Peters at 653-9871 to volunteer.

The next regular meeting of the SRA Board of Directors will be on Wednesday, July 25th at 7:30pm in the Wonder Lake Village Hall on Thompson Road. Any resident in good standing is invited to attend. The ideas & involvement of more SRA residents is welcome. We were delighted when the spring newsletter prompted 4 visitors to attend our March meeting.

Once again this fall, a 3-foot draw down of the lake will be attempted, beginning on September 14th & ending on October 2nd. As you may recall, the lake draw down was halted last fall due to heavy rains at the end of the first week. We are still planning several projects for Beach Park during the draw down. A contractor will be installing an erosion control sea wall made of boulders between the north end of the beach area & the existing steel sea wall at the north property line. Another project will be the repair of the boat launch ramp. One of the concrete slabs sunk which created a step in the ramp. The step, combined with the sand that washes up onto the launch ramp, have made it difficult for many to pull their boats back out of the water. The problem of the step will be resolved & we are hoping to find a way to block the sand from washing up. The lake draw down will also allow us to remove any debris or hazardous items that are normally covered by water. We need volunteers to help with these projects & others. If you can help, please leave a message for Ed Peters at 653-9870.

The Annual Meeting of all SRA property owners will be held in October. A notice containing details will be mailed in late September or early October. Elections will be held for Vice President, Recording Secretary & Directors (District Reps) for the 4 odd-numbered districts. Please make a sincere effort to attend this meeting. This is your association!

We still need beach guards to fill some of our weekend shifts through Labor Day. 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. Shifts available are generally Friday 2-6pm & 6-10pm, Saturday 6-10pm and Sunday 2-6pm & 6-9pm. Some weekday evenings, 6-9pm, are also available. The pay is \$6 per hour (no taxes are withheld). If interested, contact SRA clerk, John Carter, at 653-9073.

We would like to like to identify rental properties for the purpose of thorough newsletter distribution. We want to be sure property owners as well as residents receive this information. We would also like to get the name & phone number of any lake front property owner interested in forming a phone chain for notification when the lake is under a "Closed" or "No Wake" order by the MPOA. To identify rental properties or get involved with the phone chain, please leave a message for Ed Peters at 653-9870 with the pertinent info.

The SRA Board of Directors is working on several projects. Tot Park has been dedicated to the Village of Wonder Lake. The village has plans to fix the drainage problems of the property & improve the playground area. SRA special assessment money, originally earmarked for improvements at Tot Park, will be applied to the purchase of a rollout pier for day parking of boats at Beach Park. The pier is currently planned for the spring of 2002. The development of a web page linked to the Wonder Lake Chamber of Commerce is in the works & may be up within the next month. The amount of space allowed for the free web page will determine the information included. The SRA By-laws have been scanned into an electronic file & proofread for accuracy. Changes, approved at last year's annual meeting, will be incorporated & the revised by-laws will then be printed for distribution to SRA property owners.

SRA residents should call the Wonder Lake Police Department at 728-0535 to report/describe lost or stolen bikes, scooters, etc. They currently have several items in their possession.

A complete list of rules for Beach Park is enclosed. 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. Other bits of interest can be found posted on the bulletin board near the gate.

One very important distinction to be made is that beach guards are not lifeguards. Anyone under the age of 16, when entering the water, must be accompanied by a responsible person 16 years of age or older. Also, when beach guards are not present, the phone & Coast Guard ring are not available so the beach is closed to swimming & wading

Have a safe & happy summer,

Ed Peters, SRA President

P.S. Hope to see you at the picnic!