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Dear Neighbors,

Typically, our newsletters follow our meetings. However, we are still unable to schedule a spring meeting. That said, there is plenty of news.

Sadly, we lost Lloyd Segar to cancer earlier this spring. He was an integral part of the road for thirty years. He will be missed by many. We thought that his sons might continue his business, but that is not the case. Consequently, we've been looking for contractors to do the work. Because of the Covid-19 situation, however, many of the contractors have not been working. We've had difficulty contacting people to provide bids for the proposed work.

Because we've been unable to hire anyone to do the work, the road is looking a bit shabby. Our intention was to have the road graded by now and a schedule established to do some repair in the highest need areas. We've had contact from a couple of people who are complaining about the condition of the road, and we do realize that it is problematic since each of us drive the road on a daily basis. We will have the work done as soon as possible. In the meantime, please remember to keep speed no faster than 20 mph.

The board met earlier this month and set a tentative schedule for maintenance. Grading and pot hole filling is a priority. We will have repair work done when feasible, (meaning availability of contractors and condition of the road. If the road is too dry, it may be too hard to do the work). Jeff and Joe are contacting service providers, and hopefully, we'll find someone who can do the work. We are also seeking someone who can do snow removal as well. Snow removal is critical for passage, but just as importantly to keep the accumulation of water off of the roadway. Speaking of water, couple of the culverts will also need to be replaced because they are on the verge of collapse which, in turn, will collapse the road. We also discussed the status of dues coming in. There is a handful of folks who have yet to pay, so if this is something you've forgotten about or put on the back burner, please take care of it. We have recorded one lien against a property in the community. This property is more than ten years behind in dues. Liens are not taken lightly by mortgage holders, and we are really reluctant to take that action. Mirka will provide a current treasurer report with this letter as well as statement for those who still need to pay dues.

Spring meetings in even numbered years are the time to nominate folks for the board positions of president, secretary and second vice-president. If you know someone who is willing to be nominated for these positions, please have them ready to submit at our upcoming meeting whenever that may be. Hopefully, we can get into the library before next fall. In the event that we are unable to have a spring meeting, we'll keep you posted on any and all news and find a way to take care of the nominations.

You can always call any board member or email any questions or concerns that you may have. Remember, you can also access updated by-laws and newsletters on our website at <u>https://blacksmithlake.com</u>.

With July 4th coming up, please remember fire danger.

For all of you who've helped out with pothole filling, who wave at neighbors coming and going and who are there for each other in this strangest of all times, THANK YOU! You are the heart of our community.

Sincerely,

Your Board

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