

# Seven Bays Estates Unlimited Bimonthly Newsletter February 2008



## Building a Better Future Together



Water Project—The water project is coming along nicely despite the weather.





*Above is the pump house from the outside. Now they are getting the electrical fitting installed. Rick Graf, Rich Christopherson, Jed DeBord and Joe Brinkman pictured above. To the side, inspecting throughout, is Annie Graf.*



As you can see the pump house is almost complete. As soon as the snow melts, we can start digging the trench, laying the pipe up the hill, and tying into the existing line on Airport Way. Everything has been purchased, except for some incidentals that may come up. The only unknowns are the electrician and excavator costs. With all of the conduit work, power panel, heater, lights, etc. set in place, there shouldn't be too much left for the electrician to do. We will have quotes from rental agencies to ensure we are getting the best deal possible on the excavator.

People involved in the water project so far are Rick Graf, Joe Brinkman, Jed DeBord, Warren Damschen, Darrell & Linda Schindler, Rich Christopherson, Mac McLaughlin, Aaron Michael, Jeremy Sewell, Craig Tiedeman, Roy & Della Graffis, and Nick Naccarato.

### **Why was Phase 2 important?**

We spent a lot of money on engineering and the addition of the new tank. We are not realizing the full benefit of that tank until it is connected through completion of Phase 2. Last year, during the peak season, our maintenance staff reported the airport and fry tank empty at times during the early morning hours. We have added quite a few houses in the fall to pull water from the airport tank and more will be added this year. Completion of Phase 2 ensures that no one runs out of water, thus causing the necessity of restrictions on water use.

### **The Answer is Clearly Yes!**

Do we have enough water available now and for the future? The State of Washington, through the Department of Ecology, has allotted Seven Bays a “Water Right” of up to 360 acre feet per year, or 117,298,368 gallons per year. In 2007, we used 67,174,934 gallons or 57% of our water right. This included service to the Marina and Colville Tribe’s camp ground. We now serve 82% of our lots. At 100%, we would use only 70% of the water right and usage is expected to drop when water meters are installed by 2017.

So, our water right is excellent.

*George Cordier*

### **Volunteer Back-Up Bookkeeper**

Maxine Jones has volunteered to provide back-up for the office work. She has been putting the newly developed desk manual to the test. She is dedicated and fun to work with. Thank you Maxine!

### **Official Website for Seven Bays**

I hope you took the time to review our official website.

(<http://sevenbaysestates.com>).

### **Newsletter**

Pictures, suggestions, and stories for future newsletters? Contact Linda Schindler through the office, 725-5027.

### **Volunteer Firefighters Needed!**

If you would like to join, please contact Gary Phillips at 725 0228.

### **Red Hat Sassy Lassies Events**

Karen Ostrander and Gladys McLaughlin have picked March 25 as the date for the next Red Hat event. It will be lunch at Mary’s Café at Bridgecreek Farms. The phone tree will be started with details later. If you would like to join our Red Hat group (\$3 a year) call Maxine Jones at 725-8339.

### **Community Center Events**

Daily--Men’s’ Coffee Club 6:30 am-8 am

M-F--Yoga 9 am-10 am

M, W--Line Dancing 10 am-11:30 am

Friday—Line Dancing 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Friday: Cleanup 10 am-11 am

Sunday: Lake Roosevelt Bible Church Services 10 am to 12 Noon

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday-monthly--Birthday Potluck 5:30 pm-7 pm

### **Special Community Events**

**Ladies Bunco:** The ladies will be playing Bunco March 18 at 1 p.m. If you want to join in and/or be added to the Bunco list for future games, call Nancy Wolfrum at 725-0468

**Creston Drug & Alcohol Community Awareness Meeting:** Thursday February 28 at 5:30 p.m.

**Board Meeting:** March 15 at 9a.m.

**Celebration of Life Service:** April 12, in honor of Steve Davis.

**Steve Davis Memorial Creston High School Student Scholarship Award:** Steve Davis, a long-time resident of Seven Bays and active member of our community by serving on the Board, helping the community on a volunteer basis, and participating in community activities, lost his long-time battle with cancer on January 9. Seven Bays members are working with the Davis family and the Creston School District to create this special award. More information will be coming soon!

**Board Member Meeting:** Ratification of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 on April 19.

### **Community Center Maintenance**

Our maintenance staff and Rick Graf stripped and waxed the floors in the Community Center. Darrell Schindler helped a little and Linda spent four hours cleaning the edges of the floor. It is now confirmed that she is completely out of shape as it took a week for her legs to stop hurting. Thank you guys.

The goal now is to buff the floor once a month and wax it every six months.

### **William (Mac) McMurray**

On January 12, 2008, Mac was hit by a car in his wheelchair. He suffered broken bones, both bones in his lower leg, and numerous hard landing abrasions. He will be at the San Diego VA Spinal Cord Unit until about March 22, 2008. Most of you who know Susie and Mac know that they both had a very bad year last year too. Let's pray the bad times are over and they have smooth sailing from here.

*This picture was taken in 1978 from the airport around Joe Brinkman's house, the lake is frozen but it is really hard to tell. It is the only picture that could be located.*



### **Winter Weather**

Even those of you who do not winter at Seven Bays have probably heard about the large amount of snow we've had this year. It was great to see neighbor helping neighbor with snow removal from roofs and drive and walkways. Many with 4-wheelers equipped to plow, plowed for neighbors and friends. Dana Sitton helped with his snow blower and let us know he was available if we got calls for those in need. Lenny Mayo also offered his assistance.

Did you know that in 1978-1979 it got cold enough to freeze the lake? Someone from the Wilbur Register said that the temperature did not go above 0° for three weeks and nighttime temperatures ranged from 20° to 30° below zero. There is a picture around somewhere of some guys carrying a canoe across the lake. I was told the canoe was an emergency measure, in case the ice broke before they got across to their destination. They didn't need it. An icebreaker broke ice from Kettle Falls to the dam. I was not able to find the pictures, but maybe someone will see this article and provide us with a copy for another time. *Snow isn't so bad after all.*



### **Sander Troubles**

This year we had some sander problems due to large rocks causing the belts to prematurely fail and bending links in the conveyor. Our maintenance staff, with the help of Craig Tiedeman's welding, made a screen to block those rocks from getting into the hopper, thus saving us from the down time and expense of repair.