



THE SCHUSS MOUNTAIN VIEWS

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President's Message

Welcome to the Fall 2008 edition of The Schuss Mountain Views. There is not a lot of news this fall so this issue is only six pages instead of the usual eight.

In case you could not attend, we had a great General meeting on September 13th. There were a lot of people in attendance and we had what I hope was an informative meeting. At the meeting the membership voted to approve the proposed changes to the by-laws. These changes are on our website along with the minutes of the meeting. The members also elected a new Board of Directors. We welcomed a new member to the board this fall Jan Lindsay who will be working with me on the newsletter. Following the General Meeting we held our usual Board of Directors meeting to elect the officers. Yours truly was re-elected as President as were the other officers. Rose Roberts was elected as Secretary.

On November 19th Shanty Creek sent out an email announcing that skiing season at Schuss would be starting on Thanksgiving Day with at least 4 runs and two chairs in operation. This is wonderful news as it has been a few years since they were able to open at Thanksgiving. I hope the weather holds and we have a long and profitable ski season at Shanty Creek.

Big news is that the Five Corners project, which was approved by the general membership in September has been completed and it looks great! The holiday lights should be up soon so stop by and enjoy the center piece of our community. I wish to say thank you to Dave Falk for spearheading the re-landscaping effort I know he put a lot of time and effort into getting this project organized and completed.

The water system hookups should be complete by the time you are reading this. This has been a long process with a tremendous amount of work put in by countless people. Monitoring of the wells in the area south of Five Corners not covered by the water system will continue. We should all be thankful this Thanksgiving for having safe drinking water and the value of our property restored.

It is with sadness that I have to report we are going to lose the dumpsters at Schuss. On November 4th I received an email from Roxann Flake at Custer Township telling me that she had checked the dumpsters and found a lot of abuse. I personally have observed a number of illegal items being put into the dumpsters including tires and even a whole toilet. One day I went by to check and someone had left an old TV. Roxann had discussed the issues with John Voelker and they were in agreement that this abuse necessitated removal of the dumpsters. It is too bad that a few people have to ruin a good program for everyone.

Inside you will find a flyer for this years Three Village Holiday Gathering. If you will be available on December 18th, I can recommend this as a wonderful evening.

Your Board of Directors wish you all a safe, happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year and I will see you on the slopes.

Bob James

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Executive	Bob James Ray Karabin Rose Roberts Meredith Reshly
Architectural	Bud Hierlihy Bob James Ray Karabin Julie Peters
Association By-laws	Bud Hierlihy Chuck Roberts Rose Roberts Larry Bourassa
Contracts (roads, signs, path cleanup)	Mike Shagena Ray Karabin Julie Peters Chuck Roberts
Snowmobile	Bob Richter Rose Roberts
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Newsletter	Jan Lindsay Bob James
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TREASURERS REPORT

By Meredith Reschly

Great News! As of November 22, 2008 we have collected \$57,156.85 in dues. Our budget was based upon dues income of \$55,275.00. We continue to collect dues and expect to do so through the end of the year. We attribute this great response to: **1)** Letting our property owners know what their dues do for them. **2)** Increased activity and participation on the part of the board and other members. **3)** New collection efforts that have been employed. Our expenses remain in line as budgeted. As you may have already observed, Five Corners has been re-landscaped as proposed and voted on at the annual meeting. The total cost for the landscaping was \$11,778.96. The new sign and electrical for lighting added another \$1,230.24 to the Five Corners project. This was a much needed improvement and looks great!

The current financial statement is included in this newsletter. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Schuss Mtn Property Owners Association

11/17/
2008
Accrual Basis

Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2008

Oct 31, 08

ASSETS**Current Assets****Checking/Savings**

1000-00 · Cash in bank - Huntington Bank

7,744.38

Total Checking/Savings

7,744.38

Accounts Receivable

1100-00 · Association Receivable

720.00

Total Accounts Receivable

720.00

Other Current Assets

1030-00 · Investments

1030-10 · Alden Bank

13,803.60

1030-20 · Huntington Bank Money Market

24,737.16

Total 1030-00 · Investments

38,540.76

Total Other Current Assets

38,540.76

Total Current Assets

47,005.14

Fixed Assets

1200-00 · 5 Corners Lot

625.00

1200-10-5 Coirners - Capital improvements

12,419.86

Total Fixed Assets

13,043.96

TOTAL ASSETS**60,049.10****LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Equity**

3040-00 · Retained Earnings

51,598.71

Net Income

8,450.39

Total Equity

60,049.10

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**60,049.10**

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

By Bud Hierlihy

There have been no new applications since the last newsletter.

Editors note: Bud asked that we include a reminder that all exterior remodeling as well as new construction requires the approval of the Architectural Committee. Contact Bud at 231-587-9493 or email at buildings@smpoa.net

EMAIL ADDRESSES

By Bob James

Bill Paterson, COO at Shanty Creek is asking that we gather up as many email addresses as possible so that he can economically communicate with all property owners on happenings at Shanty Creek. So if you have not shared with us an email address please do so by sending an email to administrator@smpoa.net we will collect the emails and forward them to Bill Paterson.

SKI SEASON OPENS EARLY THIS YEAR

By Bob James

Shanty Creek sent out an email today saying that the Schuss slopes would be opening for the season on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2008 with a minimum of 4 slopes and 2 lifts open. This is great news as this is a couple of weeks ahead of where they have been in the past few years.

Remember the great deals on lift tickets that are available at all MC Sports stores.

WATER SYSTEM EXTENSION UPDATE

By Bob James

Matt Bennett, of the contractor HTI, confirms that there are only 15 hookups left to go. He did caution that a couple of them are challenges as far as the time that will be needed but in a couple of weeks they should be completely done.

If a homeowner has not been contacted for their service connection the gentleman to call will be Matt Bennett at 231-499-4267

RE-LANDSCAPING OF FIVE CORNERS

By Bob James

The re-landscaping of Five Corners is complete, and looks great! Pinehill Nursery did a really super job and the holiday lights will look wonderful this year. Additionally we have installed a new V shaped sign and new lighting for the sign. Dave Falk, Doug Wilcox and Bob Richter will be installing the holiday lighting in a few days. Take some time to stop by Five Corners and enjoy the display.

TRASH DUMPSTERS AT SCHUSS

By Bob James

I am sorry to report that there has been a lot of abuse of the dumpsters that Custer Township has placed at Schuss for the use of non-resident property owners. Roxann Flake is reviewing the situation with John Voelker, Facilities Manager at Shanty Creek. The very real possibility exists that when you read this the dumpsters will have been removed. I personally observed tires, TV sets, trunks and even a whole toilet put in or by the dumpsters. It is really too bad that a few people have to abuse the situation and ruin it for everyone.

Cortina Conference Center

Remodeled—Redecorated—Renovated

We are pleased to announce that the Cortina Conference Center is now available for
Your gathering needs.

Business Meetings—Lunches—Showers—Family Gatherings—Receptions

Prices starting at \$50.00—Catering Available by Shanty Creek Resorts

Office Hours: Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm

For further information and pricing contact us at:

231-533-3950 or 810-922-8952—info@oldsproctr.com

This is a non-smoking facility

At Schuss Village...It's the Only Place to Meet



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SMPOA Contractors

To bring everyone up to date on the various contractors doing work here at Schuss Mountain.

The contractor mowing the grass on the shoulders of the roadways and landscaping Five Corners is Great Lakes Landscaping you can reach Steve Folker at 231-587-8027.

The snow plowing of the roadways and spring brush pickup at Schuss Mountain is handled by Northern Tree Transplanting Service. You can reach Ron Robinson at 231-533-8122.

Important 2008 Dates

Ski Season Opens

November 27, 2008

Schuss Mountain

Three Villages Holiday Gathering

December 18, 2008 6pm LaVigna at Cedar River
Reservations are required see enclosed flyer