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Upcoming Ski Island Board Meetings

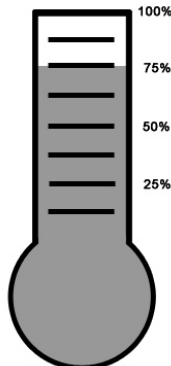
November 13th:
Mark Koss:
10401 Ski Drive
December 11th:
Terry & Michelle Brennan:
10216 Westlake Dr

Meetings begin at 7 pm and are always open to all residents. Get involved and witness your board working for you.

Island Fund Update

Total paid
as of
10/9/2007:
\$40,969

We have
reached
78% of our
goal.



It's That Time of Year...

Hard to believe it is already time to start dragging out the lights and preparing for that most enjoyable of family holidays, Christmas. At Ski Island it is also the most beautiful holiday with all the lights reflecting on the lake. The SILC holiday plan is pretty much as it has been in years past: a lighting contest for bragging rights to the best decorated front yard, back yard and overall front and back combination. **Judging will be conducted on Saturday, December 22.** All lights need to be on no later than 6 p.m. the day of judging. It would be a shame to go to all the trouble to string thousands of lights and then not be considered for the competition because your lights weren't lit during the judging!

Also, **Linda Daxon** will be helping Santa again this year with the gift bags that will be handed out Christmas Eve to all the good little boys and girls in the neighborhood. Please **call Linda, 209-7263, to get your gift bag order in by Dec. 20th.** Santa (who some think looks a lot like **Tom Coleman**) will park his sleigh at Ski Island about 3:00 p.m. and head out by boat to deliver his goodies to eager hands dock side. No one is too old to get a kick out of witnessing this special delivery, so even if you don't have little ones getting a goodie bag, you can still stroll out to your sea wall and give Santa a good wave as he makes his rounds.

Santa needs some volunteers to help put the candy bags together at Daxon's home, 10102 Ski Dr., on Friday, December 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Donations of candy, fruit or trinkets to help fill the 100 to 125 bags are also welcome.



Annual Meeting Wrap Up

One newcomer, one holdover and one returning member were elected to the Ski Island Board of Directors at the neighborhood's Annual Meeting in September. Returning to the board was **Terry Brennan**, who had served previously from 2003 to 2006. Brennan was also elected board president, replacing **Paul Shepherd** who was not eligible for another term as president, but who remains a board member for one more year.

New to the board is **Frank Herriman**, who moved to Ski Island in 2005. Re-elected to a second consecutive three-year term was **Tom Coleman**. (Coleman's home is currently for sale but he is hoping to buy a smaller one here as soon as possible.)

Brennan, Herriman and Coleman join **Phil Anderson, David Bonham, Rob Cook, Mark Koss, George Philopoulos**, and **Shepherd** rounding out the complete nine-member board.

A rule change offered by the Safety Committee to increase the length of slow boats allowed on the lake to 18 ft was defeated.



SILC Committees

- Architectural Review: Requests for approval of fences, additions, and outdoor structures: (covenant requirement)
Bud Breeding 773-7477
- Capital Improvement/ Long Range Planning:
Glenn Short 722-7553
Kathy Worley 721-9227
- Dam:
Mark Koss 722-8664
- Lake Maintenance: Beaver and sprinkler system problems
Tom Coleman 728-0014
Brian Determan 470-2471
- Lake Safety:
David Bonham 721-0566
Mark Cisneros 812-3501
- Social:
Chris Herriman 722-1980
- Five Lake Alliance:
Mark Koss 722-8664
- Website:
Michelle Brennan 773-1303
- Newsletter/Directory
Kathy Worley 721-9227
Linda Daxon 721-7263
Lori Coleman 728-0014

Block Captains

- Block 1A: South ends of Ski Dr. and Eastlake Dr.
Linda Daxon, 721-7263
- Block 1B: Captains Dr., Westlake Dr. and the south end of Commodore.
Grace Philopoulos, 603-3084
- Block 2: Eastlake Circle & Eastlake Dr. south to Pelican
Vacant
- Block 3: North half of Ski Dr.
Ellen Graham, 603-2676
- Block 5: North end of Commodore, Admiral Dr., and Admiral Court.
Mary Baker, 721-7664
- Block Captain Chair
Chris Herriman, 722-1980

President's Corner

Hello Ski Island! I would like to say, "what a great summer", but I think, "what a wet summer" would be a better fit. Seems just when we dried out, we cooled off. I hope everyone had fun with the time we had! Lots of projects on the lake were completed this Summer: Seawalls, Pools, and more work on the Islands. It seems like there is always something to be done.

I would like to say what a great job **Paul** and the last **Ski Island Board** did. The programs and accomplishments of that crew have helped pave the way to returning Ski Island to the forefront of Oklahoma City Living. The current board and I hope to build on the accomplishments by managing our resources to create an environment that offers a sense of pride and pleasure as well as safety and security.

As President I have requested the board to make a few changes regarding structure and responsibilities. These changes are reflected in the articles in this issue of the "Skoop". The goal is to allow more autonomy to the Committees, while tapping our community's greatest resource, it's people. The Committee chairpersons have and will continue to work hard at making our community a place of which we can be proud. Your involvement in these committees is your opportunity to help continue to move Ski Island forward.

Thank you for your trust.

Respectfully

Terry Brennan

President Ski Island Lake Club

Westlake Fence Still Up in the Air

At its October meeting, the Ski Island Board of Directors wrestled with what to do about the replacement fence needed along Westlake Drive, but a final decision was postponed, mainly because of funding issues: the issue being, lack of funds.

As explained at the Annual Meeting, the board has about \$16,000 to work with for a new fence, some \$6,000 from the City and \$10,000 from SILC's capital improvements fund. Bids for the new fence have been coming in anywhere from \$17,000 to \$30,000, even \$40,000 or more.

At the Annual Meeting, the 50 some families in attendance expressed a preference for putting up a solid, non-see through type fence, at least six feet high with no gate allowing foot traffic to pass between Ski Island and Canyon North additions.

George Philopoulos, who has handled most of the research on the fence to date for the board, said the cheapest way to go would be a six foot chain link fence,

but it would also provide the least security, being the easiest to scale. A six foot solid wood fence could possibly be obtained for around \$17,000, **Philopoulos** said, but it would also require the most maintenance in the long term.

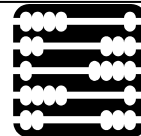
Philopoulos showed the board a sample of a solid, cream colored vinyl fence material which wouldn't be as high maintenance as the wood fence, but would be slightly more expensive to install on the front end. **Frank Herriman** pointed out that both the solid wood and solid vinyl fences would be a magnet for graffiti artists which have been a problem in the area in recent years.

Several board members seemed to prefer an aluminum fence product that resembled wrought iron which would be hard to scale but may be less sturdy than some other options. The Capital Improvements Committee is still looking for other options that could provide the desired security within the funds available.



Treasurer Needed

A volunteer is needed to serve as Ski Island Lake Club treasurer following the resignation of "interim" treasurer **Vicki Langford**. Langford had agreed to fill the position temporarily almost two years ago. This is a critical position and cannot be allowed to remain vacant long.





Real Estate Updates

As of October 15, two homes had recently sold at Ski Island Lake Club, four were for sale and two were recently withdrawn from the market.

Selling were:

10104 Ski Dr. to **Joshua Wessel** for \$205,000. Josh is a supervisor for Farmers Insurance. He had been renting a home on Dorothy Dr. but originally hails from Bremerton, WA. Josh is 32 years old and single.

10517 Eastlake Dr. sold to **Ed and Donna Felz** for \$260,000. The Felz are moving here from Miami, FL, to be near their daughter **Mel Campbell** who lives just down the street at 10213 Eastlake Dr.

New on the market are:

Tom and Lori Coleman's two-story home at 6401 Captains Dr. The home is 2961 sqft with 5 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, 2 living and 2 dining areas. The list price is \$325,000.

Also **Mickie Browning's** home at 10209 Ski Dr., which is about 2,000 sqft with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 large living room, plus a sun room. The family is handling the sale and asking \$200,000. Call **Carol Clark**, 722-8232, for more information.

Still for sale are:

The home of **Nin and Thu Lo**, 6324 Captains Dr. This is a 2961 sqft two story sqft home with 3 beds, 2 baths and multiple living areas. The listing price has been reduced to \$269,900.

Also, 6402 Captains Dr., home of **Albert Julias**. This 1976 sqft 3 bed, 2 baths is listed for \$150,000 but is currently undergoing some renovation and the list price is likely to go up.

Taken off the market:

10800 Admiral Dr. and 6317 Commodore Lane.

LAST CALL

For Directory Changes!

This is the last call for any changes or additions to the Ski Island Lake Club Directory which is scheduled for publication by the end of November. If you have an e-mail address and it was not published in the current directory, please contact **Kathy Worley, 721-9227**, or **Linda Daxon, 209-7263**, asap so it can be added.



New SILC Committee Assignments Announced

At the October Board Meeting new board president **Terry Brennan** announced the following committee assignments for 2007-2008:

Lake Maintenance, Chairman **Tom Coleman**. New neighbor **Brian Determan** will be helping with some of the administrative aspects of the committee. Grounds maintenance is responsible for general lake and grounds upkeep, and works with our maintenance contractors for things like mowing of the parks and greenbelts. This committee also maintains the entrance signs, keeps the five fountains flowing, keeps overhanging trees cut back along the lake shore, maintains the various SILC sprinkler systems, etc.

Capital Improvements and Long Range Planning, co-chairmen **Kathy Worley** and **Glenn Short**. This committee is responsible for larger capital projects like the fence on Westlake, new or updated entrance signs, and projects in the future that will help make our neighborhood more presentable and enjoyable. **George Philopoulos** was the previous chairman.

Lake Safety and Courtesy, **David Bonham** is continuing as chairman this year, but will be assisted by **Mark Cisneros** who will be bringing online programs to aid in boater compliance with current lake rules. Also, they will work on making sure new boaters are acquainted with the lake rules and general boating courtesy. This education will be required for anyone putting a sticker on a new boat on our lake. This committee has been responsible for the recent work on the two islands, which is nearing completion of the hardscape

phase. **Bonham** has spent countless hours over the last three years on the islands project and hopes to have the islands in top shape for picnicking, gatherings and weekend overnights by next summer. Especially nice will be the new beach area for the kids.

Lake Social Committee, Chairman **Chris Herriman**. This committee oversees the block captains, greets new neighbors, plans social gatherings, oversees garage sale weekend, plans the annual summer picnic and the annual Easter egg hunt, and a myriad of other activities of general interest to the neighborhood. **Chris** is working on putting together an annual social calendar packed with lots of fun activities and neighborhood interactions. If you have any ideas for social gatherings and projects you would like to see held at Ski Island, **Chris** is all ears!

Five Lake Alliance Revival, chairman **Mark Koss**. The Five Lake Alliance includes representatives from our neighbors in Regal Lake, Briarcreek Lake, Silver Lake and Blue Stem, and, of course, Ski Island. This committee hopes to keep on top of issues of importance to all five neighborhoods, such as alligator weed infestations, crime issues, etc., and through a collaborative effort defeat these problems. **Koss'** legal background and connections at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board make him a great asset to this multi-neighborhood approach.

Dam Committee, chairman again this year is **Mark Koss**. This committee has the huge job of making sure the dam is in good shape and stays that way. Members of this

committee, along with other volunteers, had their hands full the past nine months with several major flood events

Architectural Committee, chairman **Bud Breeding**. This committee makes sure any new structures, building addition and fences meet SILC covenants and restrictions.

Newsletter and Directory Committee, co-chaired by **Kathy Worley** and **Linda Daxon**. Kathy and Linda put out the bi-monthly neighborhood newsletter and see to it that an updated directory is published as needed. **Margaret Erwin**, **Vicki Langford** and **Lori Coleman** also help with these publications.

Lake Security. This chairmanship is currently vacant. This committee is responsible for working with local law enforcement in setting up a neighborhood watch, and coordinating security patrols with Silver Lake, as needed and when funding is available.

In announcing the committee restructuring, **Brennan** said he hoped the committees will operate with more autonomy than in years past, giving committee members, and not just board members, a chance to make a real impact on how the neighborhood operates and what is accomplished.

Anyone wishing to volunteer in one or more of these areas should contact the committee chairman as soon as possible. Everyone in the neighborhood should be active on **at least one** committee.



Lake Life Tidbits

- Almost exactly one year after their home at 10201 Eastlake Dr. burned beyond repair, **LeVoy and Linda Gray** have moved into a beautiful new home on the same site. We know it has been a long, hard road this past year, but we are glad to have the Grays back in the neighborhood.
- **Glenn and Jolene Short** have a major landscaping project underway. Tons of soil are being moved, walls are being built and this is providing much curiosity among onlookers.
- Our sympathy is extended to **Jack Nance** and his family on the death of his father.
- **Gary Clark**, 722-8232, has a used Hewitt cantilever manual boat lift for sale for \$1,000. It is rated for a 2400 lb. boat.
- Congratulations to **Arthur and Ann Wadleigh**, 10509 Eastlake Dr., for their selection for *Yard of the Month*. We all benefit when our neighbors work hard to keep their yards looking nice.
- Congratulations upon the marriage of **DonNieser and Nancy Gowen**.
- A Chinese proverb says the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is now. Trees add a great deal of value to your property and a great ambiance to the neighborhood. As Ski Island ages and some older trees are coming down, it is important to remember to replace them, and this is a great time of the year to do that.

Notice

Due to constraints of space in this newsletter, copies of approved minutes are available on web site: **www.skiisland.org**. The "Skoop" will continue to print the financial report.

Editorial

Our Vision for Ski Island

Oklahoma's Centennial year has caused thoughts of the changes that have taken place during the past 100 years. The changes in our own city are making this an even greater town to live in. Ski Island is now entering our half century mark and it is an opportunity for our community to think of how we envision this unique community to look in the next 50 years. Some of our neighbors new and old have already realized how great this lake life is and have been doing total face lifts to homes that had weathered nearly a half century. This exhibits the faith we have in this continuing to be a viable neighborhood.

Now the time has come for you to share your hopes and vision for Ski Island with the Board and Committee Leaders. They are planning for the year and want to hear your dreams.

Some items will be for immediate consideration and action while others require long term planning. SKI ISLAND IS YOUR HOME AND WE WANT AND NEED YOUR INPUT!

About 10 years ago the community approved a 5 year improvement plan and many things happened as a result of your involvement. Now we need your ideas again in order to move forward.

Get involved and take a few moments to think what you would like to see Ski Island be tomorrow and in the next 50 years, write the ideas, call, or mail them to the "SKOOP". Address: 6316 Commodore Lane, OKC, OK 73162. It will be shared with the appropriate leaders and it might even be fun to publish some of your brainstormers so we can begin to think together.

The very survival of our neighborhood depends on the vision and actions taken now

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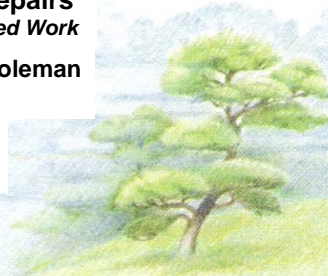
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