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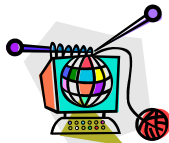
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Upcoming Ski Island Board Meetings

Meetings begin at 7 pm and are always open to all residents. Get involved and witness your board working for you.
January 12— **Mark Koss**,
10401 Ski Drive
February 9— **Tom Coleman**,
6401 Captains Drive

Ski Island Board Meeting Minutes Available Online

Go to www.skiisland.com to view the previously approved minutes of the **Board of Directors** and past newsletters. **Michelle Brennan**, our **Ski Island WebMaster**, has provided us with a great deal of information about our neighborhood as well as helpful links to other sites.



Message from the Skoop staff

A new decade has arrived in 2010 and the **Skoop Staff** is dedicating this issue to inform you of plans for the upcoming year that affects **Ski Island**. The various Committees are reporting their goals for this year.

There is also a wrap up of our traditional December activities. Hope you all kept warm during the Christmas Eve blizzard.

President's Corner—Tom Coleman

Hello! May all have a happy new year! We have a very busy year ahead and need your help to "GET ER DONE". There are numerous plans to improve Ski Island during 2010. Your willingness to volunteer is essential to making these projects successful. Even if you cannot be a permanent committee member, all the committees can use help from time to time. If you find a project that particularly appeals to you, please call the committee chair and donate some time.

SANTA FACES 2009 BLIZZARD!!

There will be no official photos of Santa's delivery of Christmas goodies to the children on Christmas Eve. Visibility became a whiteout. His delivery route changed from the lake approach, due to the high winds, to a Pickup, forging through snowdrifts.

The proverbial "neither rain, snow, etc." certainly applied to the determination of Santa not to disappoint our **Ski Island kids**. According to an unofficial report, Santa was having a great deal of trouble keeping his beard, hair and cap from being swept away with the powerful winds whipping around him.

Thanks to the efforts of faithful "**Santa's elves**", the children weren't disappointed. **Katy Brodbeck** took the task of assembling all 110 Christmas goodie treat bags for the kiddos this year!! **THANK YOU** so much!!

Thanks are extended to Santa, (**Tom Coleman**), and his "elves", (**Terry Brennan**, **Skylar Brennan** and his friend, **Nash Nuckolls**) for assisting with handing out all the goodie bags! **Frank and Chris Herriman** played Rudolf and led the way through the blowing snow! They even shared the Christmas spirit by helping pull a taxi cab out of the snow drift by the **Worleys** house!

Frank and Chris Herriman hosted the annual **Christmas party**. Attendance was not quite as big as last year but a great time was had by all. Everyone enjoyed the **WONDERFUL** snacks!! Did I mention the **Bud Breeding YUMMY** over the top Egg Nog! You missed a festive evening if you were unable to come!

SILC Committees

- Architectural Review:
Consult Board of Directors 722-8664
- Capital Improvement/ Long Range Planning:
Aysha Almueti 824-3100
- Dam:
Mark Koss 722-8664
- Security:
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- Lake & Ground Maintenance:
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- Lake Safety:
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- Island Shoreline
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- 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.
Jean Byrne— 833-1449
- Block 1B: Captains Dr., Westlake Dr. and the south end of Commodore:
Need a volunteer
- Block 2: Eastlake Circle & Eastlake Dr. south to Pelican:
Judy Mullen
- Block 3: North half of Ski Dr.
Ellen Graham— 603-2676
- Block 4: North end of Commodore, Admiral Dr and Admiral Court
Mary Baker— 721-7664
- Block Captain Chair
Chris Herriman—722-1980

Important Numbers

OG&E Electrical & Street	
Light Replacement	272-9741
ONG	551-4000
Water, Garbage	297-2833
Animal Control	297-3100
Action Center	297-2535
Sewer Backup	297-3334
Potholes	631-1111
Assessor	713-1200
Councilman	
Gary Marrs, WD 1	297-2404
Gang/Drug Hotline	232-6272
OKCPD Traffic	297-1280



Treasurer's Report

Our budget continues to be a matter of concern for this year, but the board is making every effort to conduct the business of the association as cost effectively as we can. The budget review process for the 2011 fiscal year will begin in January so that there will be an adequate review of our expenditures and projected income for next year to allow for a sound budget presentation to our community at our annual meeting. Your input to this process is invited and welcome.

We are continuing our efforts to collect all past due accounts from homeowners within our association. To enhance this effort the **Board of Directors** in its December meeting voted to begin formal collection procedures on those accounts which have made no effort to pay their past due amounts or to make payment arrangements.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year will be a great one.

Lonnie Jarman—Treasurer, SILC, Inc.

Lake Life:

Jack and Pam Nance are proud grandparents of **Thatcher Jack Nance**, newborn son of **Todd and Stacey Nance**. **Thatcher** arrived December 10th, weighing in at 8 pounds and 19 ½ inches long. Congratulations to the new family and grandparents!

Kenny Seiger, a relatively new resident of **Ski Island**, living on **Ski Drive** died suddenly December 31st. Our sincere sympathy extends to his family.

Barbara Gulley had successful eye surgery this past month.

Cael Brennan is a star in our midst! He is the leading scorer in the **North Texas Ice Hockey** league. He has been invited to play with the national league as well as playing in competition in the **Czech Republic**. He has declined those invitations due to school requirements. Way to go **Cael!**

Doug Danvers, a former **Ski Island** resident died this week after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Prayers go out to **Margaret Erwin** and **Zella Moore** who are in the hospital.

We hope that the rest of our **Ski Island residents** are keeping healthy during these winter months.

Lighting Winners Announced

The weather cooperated for a group of visitors to be taken on the lake to judge the lights of Ski Island. **Mark Koss** took them out on the lake for viewing. Congratulations to **Barbara Gulley** (her son, **Randy**), the winner of a \$75 gift certificate to Charleston's Restaraunt for the best overall Christmas lighting! For those lucky people who boated on our lake during the Christmas season, the gift of lights to each other presented a beautiful scene. Honorable mention winners were: **Jim and Kathy Worley, Chris and Frank Herriman, Lonnie and Nancy Jarman, Andy, Aysha and Daniel Almueti**

Social Committee Report—Plans for 2010

We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt, a gathering for **spring/early summer picnic** (date to be announced) with games for the children, and a fun day on the lake day! **Summertime** always ushers in a ton of fun on the lake. **Fall** always brings the trick or treaters. After Thanksgiving comes the hanging of the Christmas lights. Plans are already in the works for Christmas in December.

And then of course we are back to the planning of **December 2010!!** I have already been planning the events in December. You will see some different ideas next Christmas and new people involved with the process. Yes, we will continue the tradition of Santa on the Lake! It is cold but it sure is fun!

Lake and Shoreline Committee

David Bonham

The **Lake Safety Committee** has on its agenda the placing of two new marker buoys and continuing steps towards reducing the reflected waves on the lake. This will be accomplished by working with the **Island and Community Shoreline Committee** to make more of our shorelines stable, pretty, and absorbent of waves by the methods we have learned about shoreline management, primarily strategic placement of rip-rap and aquatic plants. The **Island and Community Shoreline Committee** will also continue to make the islands more attractive and usable, which will include further plantings and the installation of at least one additional picnic table.

Dam Committee

We are waiting to receive the Dam Inspection Report. The inspection was done December

The only things that I'm positive of are:

- (1) Re-pouring two small concrete slabs beyond on the western edge of the spillway
- (2) Re-surfacing one concrete plate on the western side of the spillway
- (3) Installing a new galvanized pipe around the eastern mercury switches. I don't believe that any of these items will need for the lake to be lowered beyond 6-8 inches.

Thanks,
Mark Koss

Long Range Planning Committee

As you may know or have heard, the proposal for new entrance signs was voted down at the **September Annual Meeting**. Many voiced concerns over the design while others were not comfortable with the funding. As a result, we are going to pursue this project further to see if we can't answer the requests of the community and come up with a project a majority would like to have. **Your input is vital in this process.** Please call **Aysha Almueti at 824-3100** with your thoughts, suggestions and just generally what you would like to see happen in the neighborhood.

Covenant Update

The **Covenant Committee** is in the process of updating the language in our covenants to eliminate outdated language and references to Paul Allen, the original developer that no longer apply. Look to the spring for more information. For questions, you may call **Aysha Amueti at 824-3100**.

Grounds and Lake Maintenance Plans for our common areas of **Ski Island** include the removal of our **Ski Island** signs on MacArthur. They have become an eyesore due to the constant digging of easements by the utility companies as well as not defining the actual location of our neighborhood. Other than this project, the only upcoming plan is to maintain the common areas.

Tom Coleman

Security

Crime Report: Oklahoma City Neighborhood Alliance provides each association with the official **Oklahoma City Police Department** incident reports. For the months of September through November, only two incidents were reported consisting of a missing adult and a DUI. There was a December incident on **Island View** that was not reported to the police that we are aware that was a break-in of a parked vehicle. There was also an unreported theft of a UPS delivery left at the **Dunham's on Westlake Drive**.

Security of our neighborhood requires vigilance from each of us. Our volunteer patrols are now active. We are asking each of those who have taken patrol training to sign up on the security calendar. We need at least three volunteers a week. Hired off duty police are also patrolling random shifts approximately twice a week.

Installation of Neighborhood Watch Patrol signs will be installed in the near future.

Call **Chris Herriman** for the next training session at 202-4417.

Webmaster Report

This year our web site, www.skiisland.com, will boast a new logo that is being used on the official stationery, signage, and **Skoop**. There will also be a calendar for event dates so everyone will have an opportunity to keep up to date for Ski Island activities. This site is quite informative about our association and includes helpful links to Oklahoma City.

Michelle Brennan, Webmaster

Real Estate Update

Kid's Korner



2009 was a relatively slow year for real estate sales at **Ski Island** like much of the rest of the city and nation, despite attractive interest rates and government tax incentives for most of the year.

Five neighborhood homes sold in 2009, all in the first six months of the year. Two of the five were on Captains Dr. with lake usage rights but no actual lake frontage. The three lake frontage homes ranged in sales price from a high of \$300,000 to a low of \$230,000. Price per square foot varied from \$109.89 for the nearly new rebuilt one-story at **10201 Eastlake Dr.** to \$78.56 per square foot for the two-story home at **6325 Captains Dr.** The two off-water homes sold for \$74.76 and \$59.46 per square foot respectively. Three homes and one lot remained for sale as the new year dawned, with another three homes taken off the market after not selling.

Noah and Nathan Baker

Let It Snow... Let It Snow!

Hope everyone had a very Merry White Christmas! We really enjoyed getting out and playing football and sledding during the blizzard. The next day, when the snow had a chance to melt a bit, we built our snowman. Which made us wonder. . . when was the first snowman built? In our search for answers, we found a book by Bob Eckstein, titled The History of the Snowman. Bob reports the earliest cartoon drawing of a snowman dates back to 1380. In 1494, 19-yr old Michelangelo was asked to sculpt a large figure of snow in Florence, Italy. Bob states that snowmen were even part of early American history. He found that a pair a snowmen were used to pose as guards at Fort Schenectady in 1690, but they did not prove to be very helpful during battle. In 2003, Japan broke the world record for building 12,379 snowmen during their snow festival. Bob also reports that building snowmen is an aerobic activity which burns 238 calories per snowman, per hour. And finally, the world's largest snowman is actually a snowwoman named Olympia. She was built in 2008 in Bethel, Maine and stands at 13 stories tall (122 feet) and made from over 13 million pounds of snow. She probably took at least 15 weeks to melt. But our snow won't last that long, so get out and enjoy the snow before it's gone!

On the market as of Jan. 1, 2010 were:

5917 Eastlake Dr—a one-story 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 living, 2296 sqft. home with pool and a list price of \$229,500.

6217 Commodore Lane—a 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 4 living area, 3-car, 3900 sqft home with swimming pool and Florida room—289,000.

10628 Admiral Dr.—a 4711 sqft. one-story, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, 2 living areas, and an indoor swimming pool. List price down to \$400,000.

10408 Ski Dr—a .4 of an acre lot with a \$100,000 price tag.

Information taken from the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Association of Realtors Listing Service and personal knowledge of the neighborhood by Linda Daxon as of Jan.

Remember our Neighbors!!!

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