



Message from your President – *Eric Riffe*

This year has been exciting and incredibly productive for our community. Our investment portfolio has grown by over \$320,000, which is impressive and shows significant growth compared to previous years.

We have completed half of the digital meter installations for individual residents and plan to install another 150 by the end of next year.

The park has significantly improved, including new picnic tables, a pickleball court, and additional security cameras. The Park Committee is discussing options and developing a timeline for bathroom renovations in the new year, so stay tuned for updates!

The community center has also received several upgrades this year. New doors have been installed, painting will begin in January, new flooring will be laid, and bathroom renovations will commence.

The addition of the Sharing Shed has been a tremendous success, with more food and necessities being donated to help those in need. Someone drops off donations at the shed every day it rains or shines! A huge thank you goes out to everyone who contributes, big or small. Every little bit helps someone in our community!

The growth of our investment portfolio, along with the infrastructure upgrades—such as meter installations, park enhancements, and community center renovations, demonstrates the strong commitment of our committees and the Board to implement improvements and engage with the community.

With these upgrades, our community is well-positioned for continued progress. The planned bathroom renovations and flooring projects will enhance the community center and park's usability and aesthetics. Keep up the great work, Scott Lake residents! We look forward to seeing the results of these efforts next year!

Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events: **January 2025**

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- **SLMC Admin Office Closed – Jan. 1st**
- **SLAMS – Jan. 14th @ 6 pm**
- **HERS – Jan. 15th @ 6 pm**
- **Garden Club – Jan. 16th @ 10:30 am**
- **Board of Trustees – Jan. 16th @ 6 pm**

!Reminder!

This time of year brings an increase in criminal activity. Our little community is not exempt, as many of you have seen from the recent rise in car burglaries. While rifling around in your car removes all sense of security in our neighborhood, it also typically leads to more significant criminal activity. Keep your property secure. Lock doors, install cameras, and turn on outside lights at night. Retrieve your mail daily; ask a neighbor to pick it up if this isn't possible. Do the same for package deliveries. While this won't solve all the attempts at burgling, the more obstacles you put in place, the harder it is for the crimes to be committed, and it will increase the likelihood of the criminal being caught.

Message from the Events Committee

What an incredible year it has been! We are truly grateful for the opportunity to bring these events to Scott Lake. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated—witnessing our community unite and share joyful moments has been the highlight of our efforts. We also sincerely appreciate those who generously donated items or their time for these events; your contributions make these gatherings successful! We look forward to 2025 and what it will bring to our community.

**The Parks Committee meeting has been
rescheduled to January 8th at 6 PM.**



Battle of the Lights

The winners of the Battle of the Lights are here!

The events committee had difficulty judging this year because we were impressed with the neighborhood's decorations.

Our first-place choice featured a fully immersive show with holiday music, a roaring fire, and twinkling lights projected high into the fog above the house. Capturing the full effect on camera was difficult, but we did our best.

Our second choice was also hard to photograph, but we were captivated by its crisp lines and humorous elements.

In third place, we have a fan favorite among all the school kids who ride the bus past it daily: the giant dinosaur and the happy snail stole our hearts!

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who decorated this year. We encourage everyone to drive around and check out all the wonderful displays and keep an eye out for gingerbread men peeking out of random windows!



Thank you once again, and we wish everyone in the neighborhood a very happy holiday season!

Prepping for Winter Weather

With winter's arrival, the outside temperatures can be challenging for everyone. Preparation can take that chill out of winter and keep you comfortable.



Here are a few ideas on how to prepare:

- Dress in layers for warmth before going outside. For icy conditions, wear a heavy coat and shoes with good traction. Warm wool socks, a hat, gloves, and a scarf help retain body heat.
- Winter weather can lead to power outages, leaving some people without electricity for days. It's important to prepare an emergency kit that includes a working flashlight, glow-in-the-dark light sticks, a wind-up clock, a portable radio, extra batteries, a manual can opener, and a supply of blankets. Prolonged outages can spoil food in your refrigerator or freezer, so it's wise to stock up on non-perishable foods that can be eaten cold and a backup water supply. If you have pets, remember to stock up on food for them too.
- When winterizing your home, check the gaps around the window frames and doors to ensure cold air does not leak inside. Weatherstripping is a helpful way to help windows close more tightly. Another idea is to purchase plastic sheet insulation, which can be installed in minutes over windows and often tightened with a blow dryer. Remember to use ice melt around your walkways to prevent falls.
- To prevent frozen pipes, let a small amount of cold water trickle from your faucet. This will help keep water moving in your pipes. Additionally, open the under-sink cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate. It's also a good idea to purchase outdoor faucet covers to protect the spigot from bursting and to prevent pipes from freezing or shattering.
- Check with your pharmacy about a plan to avoid running out of important medication.

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