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A monthly newsletter brought to you by Scott Lake Maintenance Company

Message from your President – *Eric Riffe*

Kudos to Larry Braun, who generously assisted Brian, our maintenance worker, in constructing our new shed at the treatment plant this month. He has dedicated numerous hours to this project, and his efforts are greatly appreciated.



Who knew that retirement would be so much fun?

KUDOS!
CORNER

Know anyone else who deserves a shout out? Let us know!

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Upcoming Events: **November 2024**

www.scottlake.net (Under Calendar Tab)

- **SLAMS – Nov. 12th @ 6 pm**
- **HERS – Nov. 20th @ 6 pm**
- **Garden Club – Nov. 21st @ 10:30 am**
- **Board of Trustees – Nov. 21st @ 6 pm**
- **SLMC Admin Office Closed – Nov. 28th & 29th**



Photos with Santa

Bring your camera and join us on December 14th to take photos with Santa! There will be cocoa, desserts, prizes, and more. Stay tuned for further information on this event!



Battle of the Lights is an event you won't want to miss! Complete

with your neighbors for 1st 2nd, and 3rd place prizes! More information about prizes and when the contest will be judged coming soon!



Upcoming Mobile Library Stops in Thruston County

- Nov. 6 Family Story Time @ Senior Center Rainer 11:30
Anywhere Library @ Senior Center Rainer 12:00
Nov. 15 Anywhere Library @ Rochester United Methodist Church 11:30
Nov. 21 Anywhere Library @ Prosperity Grange 10:00 am
Nov. 26 Anywhere Library @ Littlerock Methodist 10:00 am
Nov. 26 Anywhere Library @ The Firs 3 pm



WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PIPE FREEZE OR BREAK

Temperatures below freezing can cause pipes in your home to leak due to expanded, frozen water within. Use the tips below to avoid indoor flooding and other dangers.

When it drops below freezing, you should protect indoor sink pipes that are against exterior walls by opening under-sink cabinet doors to allow indoor heat to circulate. During severe cold temperatures allow one indoor faucet to slowly drip cold water. Select the faucet that is the farthest from your front door. Do not leave water running in unoccupied buildings. Set your thermostat no lower than 55 degrees day or night, even if you are away.

Prepare Your Pipes:

- Know where your shutoffs are. In an emergency, you'll need to know how to shut off electricity, gas, and water at main switches and valves.
- Water pipes in exposed or unheated areas (attics, basements, crawlspaces, and garages) should be protected from freezing by wrapping them with tape and insulating materials from hardware stores. Follow the manufacturers' installation instructions.
- Drain and remove all outdoor hoses.
- Caulk around pipes where they enter the house and close all foundation vents to minimize cold wind from blowing into your house. Pipes exposed to drafts from open foundation vents are most at risk of freezing or splitting during cold weather. Close off these vents by sliding cut pieces of wood or foam blocks into the vent openings (open the vents again in the spring to prevent dry rot).
- Shut off and drain in-ground sprinkler systems. Follow the manufacturer' instructions.
- If you have a separate shut-off valve for outside faucets, now is the time to shut it off. Then go outside and turn on all faucets to drain the water out of the pipes.
- If you don't have a separate shut-off valve, wrap outside faucets or hose bibs (foam-insulated covers are available at hardware stores for about \$3).

If Pipes Break or Freeze

If a water pipe breaks, close the main shut-off valve immediately to stop flooding. If there is not a shut off

valve on your side of the water meter, it is recommended one be installed in an easily accessible space before the pipe enters the house. The shut-off valve can be indoors or outdoors, usually in a basement, crawlspace, or garage. If you cannot turn off the main shut-off valve, SLMC customers can call [\(360\)-352-4787](tel:360-352-4787) during business hours and the office will send someone to turn off the water at the meter. After hours the customer can carefully turn the water off at the meter and leave a message at the office that this is what you have done. Meter shutoffs can be damaged easily, so take care and don't use a lot of force. Call a plumber to repair or replace the damaged section of pipe as soon as possible.

Thawing frozen pipes

- If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. Locate the suspected frozen area of the water pipe. Likely places include pipes running against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation.
- Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt more ice in the pipe.
- Apply heat to the section of pipe using towels soaked in hot water wrapped around the pipe, an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, or an electric hair dryer. **Do not** use electrical devices if there is standing water. Do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove, or other open flame device. A blowtorch can make water in a frozen pipe boil and cause the pipe to explode. All open flames in homes present a serious fire danger, as well as a severe risk of exposure to lethal carbon monoxide.
- Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you cannot thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber.

Check all other faucets in your home to find out if you have additional frozen pipes. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze, too.

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