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Upcoming Events: November 2026

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- SLAMS Club – Nov. 10th @ 6 pm
- Garden Club – Nov. 19th @ 10:30 am
- Board of Trustees – Nov. 19th @ 6 pm
- SLAMS Game Night – Nov. 20th @ 7 pm
- SLMC Admin office closed – Nov. 25th & 26th

Message from your President – *Eric Riffe*

Water System Update

The water system has undergone significant maintenance and improvement work in recent months, focusing on the reliability of our four water wells, preventive maintenance, and planning for future infrastructure projects. We are pursuing design, funding, and regulatory approval to replace our wells because of PFAS contamination and their relatively shallow depth. This will likely take at least 2 years if not longer. In the meantime, it is essential that our current wells be able to produce sufficient water to meet our community's needs.

Well #4 Returns to Service
Well #4 stopped working, and after inspection, we determined we needed to install a new pump. After installing the new pump, we tested the well, and it is operating as expected and better than it has in the past.

Completing this work strengthens the system's operational capacity and helps ensure a reliable water supply for customers.

Well # 6 Repair Project Authorized
After Well #4 was completed, we found that Well #6 had failed. Moerke & Sons was contracted to pull the equipment and conduct a detailed inspection.

The inspection revealed that both the pump and motor were heavily clogged and considered non-serviceable. During the evaluation, technicians also found that the installed pump assembly was smaller than historical records indicated, highlighting a discrepancy between field conditions and existing documentation.

Annual Flushing Program Produces Positive Results
The system's flushing program was recently completed with positive results. Flushing is an essential preventive maintenance activity that helps remove sediment, maintain water quality, and evaluate the condition of the distribution system.

During the process, crews identified a small number of minor maintenance items, including, Minor blow-off repairs and a few leaking water meters. Importantly, no pipe breakage was detected during the flushing operation.

Based on the success of this year's program, the Board recommended establishing system flushing as a regularly scheduled annual activity.

Engineering and Planning Activities for Phase A of the Water Infrastructure Move Forward
Planning continues for future water-system improvements. Engineering firm Gray & Osborne recently retained a geotechnical consultant to perform soil borings along the proposed main-route alignment and up the hill serving the project area.

The results were encouraging. No significant subsurface obstructions, including basalt formations, were encountered during the investigation.

In addition to the geotechnical work, survey crews are scheduled to begin topographic field surveys. Utility locates have already been completed, with field markings placed to identify the route and existing infrastructure. This work will provide the detailed information needed to support project design and future construction.

Upcoming Community Events:



Stuffed Animal Donations Needed
Donate by December 5th

The Scott Lake Events Committee is collecting gently used stuffed animals for our upcoming Photos with Santa event. We will accept donations through December 11th; drop them off on the covered porch at 2518 113th Way SW or at the SLMC office during regular business hours. Your contributions will help make this event extra special for our community's families! Contact Steph at 360-402-8577 for more details.

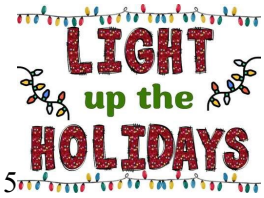


Pictures with Santa
December 12th
from 4-6 pm

Santa is coming to the community center, and you are invited to join the fun!

Join us on December 12th from 4 to 6 pm for a jolly good time! Snap a photo with Santa, then stay for merry crafts, tasty treats, and complimentary raffle prizes that'll keep the excitement going all evening!

The perfect way to wrap up the year, celebrating the season with family, friends, and community spirit!



Battle of the Lights

Let's light up Scott Lake with some friendly competition!

Event Schedule:

December 12-16: Community nominations open
December 18-21: Community Voting
December 23: Winners announced!

Prizes:

1st Place: $50 gift card
2nd Place: $40 gift card
3rd Place: $30 gift card



No sign-up is required to participate. Keep an eye out for details on how to nominate your favorite displays and cast your vote!

Preparing for Bad Weather

Driving in inclement weather can pose significant challenges, but taking the proper precautions can enhance your safety on the road. Here are some detailed and essential tips to keep in mind:

1. **Slow Down**: When roads are slick from rain, snow, or ice, your vehicle's traction diminishes. Slowing down is crucial for maintaining control and extending your ability to react to sudden obstacles.

2. **Use Headlights and Wipers**: Visibility is often compromised during bad weather. Always turn on your headlights in rain, fog, or snow to ensure that you can see the road clearly while also making your vehicle more visible to others.

3. **Avoid Flooded Roads**: It's critical to steer clear of any flooded areas. Even as little as 12 inches of moving water can sweep away most vehicles, including SUVs. If you encounter a flooded road, turn around and seek an alternate route.

4. **Prepare Your Vehicle**: Before facing adverse weather, ensure that your vehicle is well maintained. Check your tires, inspect your lights, and battery to ensure everything is functioning correctly. Carry an emergency kit that includes a charged cell phone, a flashlight with extra batteries, a first aid kit, non-perishable snacks, water, and a blanket.

5. **Stay Informed**: Being informed about current weather and road conditions is vital for safe travel. Before you leave, check local weather updates on radio stations or apps, and pay attention to any alerts for your area.

6. **Plan Your Route**: Familiarize yourself with your intended route and identify potential alternative paths in case of road closures or unexpected weather events.

Having a planned route provides peace of mind, knowing you are not caught off guard should your original plan be disrupted. Stay safe out there, and always error on the side of caution when faced with adverse weather conditions!

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