



# ELVD NEWSLETTER



## ELVD OFFICIALS

Residents may contact their district officials either by using the website [www.ELVDNH.com](http://www.ELVDNH.com) or contacting them as follows: Commissioner Zane Merva, Chairman Tel: 508-399-1847; Commissioner Mark Rodier, Tel: 703-2210 or 464-2890; and Commissioner Wayne Held, Tel: 464-5976; Treasurer Debi Flanders, Tel: 464-4399; and Clerk Kim Grondin, Tel: 547-0792. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend the monthly and workshop commissioners' meetings. These meetings afford the residents to bring their concerns, ask questions in addition to submitting their ideas. Your voice is important to us.

## CHRISTMAS OUTDOOR LIGHTING CONTEST

Last year's Christmas Outdoor Lighting Contest was a big hit. Many of the residents participated in displaying their awesome creativity. There were quite a few that displayed an exemplary light show but didn't enter the contest. We again congratulate Bob Seawall, Richie & Cheryl Bates, Leah Hargreaves and Ed Barrack for being winners in last Christmas outdoor display and hope for more turnouts in our next

second annual contest.

## WINTER PARKING RULES

Residents are reminded that winter parking rules are still in effect until April 15 2016 within the Emerald Lake Village District. Remember, unattended parking on district property, roadways, and right-of-ways are prohibited at any time. Violators will be subject to having their vehicle towed at the owner's expense. This is necessary for the district roads to be maintained during inclement weather.

## SAFETY ISSUES

During these remaining winter months, it's always a good reminder to take a few preventative safety measures to carry you into springtime.

### Household Preventatives:

Good opportunity to ensure your furnace is in good working order. Always good to check your intake and

exhausts for any debris or snow that might cause a mishap.

When the wood burning season is over, always clean out the chimney pipes for any ash build-up that might cause a chimney mishap.

Always helpful to change the batteries in your smoke/carbon dioxide detectors.

Keep your driveways and walkways clear and use sand or rock salt to prevent slippage. Also keep a pathway clear to your propane/oil tanks making the deliveries less hazardous. **Residents are authorized to take up to 5 gallons of sand only from the gravel pit for their driveways.**

As the spring melting season approaches, make sure your culverts are clear enough to maintain proper runoffs.

**Speed Limits:** District roads are still hazardous and even though the speed limit on district roads is 15 MPH, it's always good to drive at a reduce speed anticipating residents walking the roadways or those unexpected vehicles coming around a corner. Driving with extra care will prevent those possible mishaps.

Mud season is just around the corner. Remember the slower you drive, the less impact in making pot-holes and causing damage to your vehicle.

**ATVs/Snowmobiles:** Both ATV vehicles and snowmobiles are not permitted on any district roads, property, or right of ways at any time. This does not include plated utility vehicles or motorbikes.

**Water Pump Hydrants:** The district is still encouraging those having a water pump hydrant in the proximity of their home to volunteer clearing those nearby hydrants of snow during remaining winter season. Your efforts would be greatly appreciated since the Fire Department would have access to them in case of fire emergencies. If an emergency should arise, the Hillsboro Fire Department can be reached at 464-3477.

**HOUSE NUMBERING**

Pursuant to RSA 231, residents are required to display their house numbers in a conspicuous manner. Numbers should be a minimum of 4 inches and may be placed in the front of the home and/or posted at the end of the driveway. This would ensure easy detection should an

emergency situation develop.

**Proper Pet Identification**

In a couple of months, it will be time to register your family pet. All dogs 3 months or older are required to be vaccinated against rabies prior to registration. Pursuant to RSA 436:102 and RSA 466:1 dogs are required to wear both their rabies and registration tags on their collar around their necks. An owner may be subject to fines should he/she fails to license or renew a license. Those dogs found without a collar, tags and wandering the neighborhood may be impounded for cause. Dogs not meeting the states requirements must remain on the owner's property and under the control of the owner. If a dog appears to be a menace or a nuisance, please call the Animal Control Officer at 464-5512. Please ensure your pet is properly registered and collared.



**WATER WELLS FENCING COMPLETED**

The commissioners are proud to announce that all the district water wells are now securely fenced. New gates were also installed at the wells' entry point. These gates allow better access to the wells in performing the various maintenance to them. The Blue Ribbon Companies was responsible and resourceful in completing the job this past year. The fenced enclosures are topped with barbed wire giving the residents the security measures in protecting their water supply.

**WATER PUMP FAILURE**

The district experienced a water pump failure at the #9 well. The failure didn't affect water usage but it was essential to get it replaced. A new pump was installed and well #9 is back in service. The new pump is warranted for five years while keeping the well operative.

**WATER LEAKS**

Water leaks still are a continuing issue throughout the district. It's important that if one appears in your area that they get reported as soon as possible. Water leaks can be reported by contacting Commissioner Mark Rodier at 703-2210 or 464-2890. Again seasonal residents are reminded to ensure to close off all water lines leading to their residents at the end of the season. There are consequences that result in heavy fines for **unintentional** water breaks due to not shutting off water lines. Fines may include up to \$1000.00. Remember, water conservation is everyone's responsibility

**MOVING?**

If any resident plans on moving for any reason, don't forget to contact any of the commissioners to have the water service shut off. Remember, frozen pipes contribute to water loss and an expense to the owner.



**ENJOYABLE ICE SKATING AVAILABLE**

Community ice skating has been available at Emerald Beach for the past few weeks. Residential families have been enjoying the benefits of having a recreational place to go. We are cordially inviting all residence to enjoy the skating area and remind those skaters to skate within the rink parameters. Skaters may utilize the rink from 9AM to sunset. It is hoped many folks will find this added enjoyment to

their winter recreation provided by the district. The district expresses their thanks to the volunteers in maintaining the rink, especially to Commissioners Zane Merva and Mark Rodier along with Dave Stefanelli for their assistance in keeping the surface clear. Let's get out there and enjoy the ice!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ELVD Annual Meeting/Elections.**

The Emerald Lake Village District Annual Meeting is a couple of months away. Now is the time for those to consider running for any of the following district offices:

- One commissioner – 3 years
- One commissioner – 1 year
- One treasurer – 1 year
- One clerk – 1 year
- One Moderator – 1 year

This is a great opportunity to be involved by capitalizing in the direction of the district's future. Applications for any of the pre-mentioned offices can be obtained at the ELVD Office or by contacting any of the commissioners.

**POSITION WANTED**

Got any carpentry skills? The ELVD BOC are looking for a carpenter to do a "few handyman" jobs in the Spring. If you're interested, please contact Commissioner Mark Rodier at 703-2210.