

# Ripples

APRIL 2025



SKYE LOCH HOME OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER  
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BOARD MEETING AND ASSOCIATION FORUM: APRIL 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Community Building and Zoom

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## **DIRECTORS CORNER:**

If you will be leaving Skye Loch for the summer season, please secure all of your outdoor furniture/decorative items or anything that could be blown away, such as vehicle covers, etc. With potential strong storms, these items can become projectiles which may cause damage to your property and/or your neighbors. Taking precautions now will be the safest steps to take.

As the weather gets nice, many will want to make some improvements to their villas. Skye Loch has a required process to make changes to your villa and property. An Exterior Change Request (ECR) form needs to be completed and approved by the Board before exterior improvements can be made, including recommendations for Common Area Improvements. In general, and with the nicer weather, it is a good time to clean up and improve your property's curb appeal but keep in mind the need to follow Skye Loch rules for all outdoor improvements.

## **STORM WATER DRAINAGE MEETING:**

This meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Skye Loch Community Building. The City of Dunedin staff including the City Manager will be coming to Skye Loch Villas to discuss storm water drainage and seek resident input. Skye Loch has passionate residents especially about what happened to over 50 of our villas and to our community this last October. We hope that we will show the city we have the decorum and civility as well as passion. We are planning to have a zoom link for this meeting.

## **SOCIAL CLUB:**

We are meeting April 1 at 10:00 in the Community Building Kitchen to discuss upcoming events. All are welcome

## **SKYE LOCH SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

Thank you Debbie Minton for being the new Sunshine Committee Chairman. If you know a resident who is ill or has suffered a loss of a loved one, we encourage you to contact Debbie and she will send them an appropriate card from all of us at Skye Loch. Please email Debbie at [mintonme@yahoo.com](mailto:mintonme@yahoo.com) with the information (name, address and card needed) and she will take care of it.

## **2025 PHONE DIRECTORY:**

As you are probably aware, the 2025 Skye Loch Phone Directories have been printed & are available. If you have not picked up a copy, they are available at the conclusion of the weekly Board workshops which are held every Wednesday at 9:00 am at the Community Building. This will be the last year of a printed directory being published and distributed. Going forward, the directory of residents is available as a PDF document online at the [SkyeLochVillas.com](http://SkyeLochVillas.com) website under the Login tab. The directory will now be updated quarterly, rather than once yearly. The Login tab will require you to login with the proper credentials which were sent out in a community-wide email blast from Ameri-Tech on August 13, 2024. If you do not have the login credentials, another email blast reminding you of the Username & Password will be forthcoming. Once you have accessed the directory, you can then print all or parts of it as needed.

**SPRING FLING:**

The Social Club is hosting this event on April 12 at 4:00 at the Community Building. More information to come.

**SHUFFLEBOARD:**

Shuffleboard is every Saturday at 12:00. If you would like to play, be at the shuffleboard court at 12:00, noon.

**SHUFFLEBOARD CHAIRMAN NEEDED:**

Ora Chapman is resigning as chairman. We are looking for a volunteer to run this activity. If you are interested or have questions, call him at 859-420-2370.

**SKYE LOCH LADIES ONLY GOLF CART**

**HAPPY HOUR:** This month we are meeting in front of the Community Building on April 17 at 3:45. We will leave at 4:00. Bring your golf cart to provide a ride for those that need one. There will be a sign up sheet in the CB Kitchen.

**THANK YOU:**

To Gail McGilvery and Mary Ann Taranto for chairing the St. Patrick's day party. It was a very fun and enjoyable event.

**THANK YOU:**

To Kevin Murphy for once again, overseeing and creating the Skye Loch Phone Directory. Well done Kevin ! We appreciate you!

**SKYE LOCH BREAKFAST:**

We will meet in the Community Building on April 8 and 22. Bring a dish to share, a mug and \$1. Join us for conversation and good food.

**SHOW ME THE MONEY:**

Card Bingo, popularly known as 'Show Me the Money' is held on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. We will play 10 rounds. If you plan to play, please bring one dollar bills with you. This will minimize changing your larger bills. Each round is \$1.00 per card strip. Please come in with your friends. Bring your favorite beverage and snacks!

**DUNEDIN CARES FOOD PANTRY:**

Donations are very low this time of year. These items are needed now: peanut butter and jelly, white rice (in bags), macaroni and cheese, canned chicken, canned tuna, stuffing, pasta sauce, cereal and any hygiene items like soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes. FYI, Dunedin Cares served 1,812 clients in February!

**LIVE OAK TREE FACTS:**

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Live oak trees weigh over 55 pounds per cubic foot when air dried.

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Live oak trees can live for hundreds of years!

The name live oaks came from the fact that they remain green and "alive" throughout the winter when other oak trees are dormant and leafless.

Live oak trees also grow by oceans. They thrive while resisting the salt spray.

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