

Why Should Every Riverfront Property Owner be a Member of SRA?

By Bill McCarty, Membership Chair

We need every person owning property along the Spokane River to belong to SRA. We need a high percentage of riverfront owners as dues paying members of the SRA so that we can speak out "with one voice" on issues affecting property taxes, boating-related safety and noise issues, and all other issues impacting the general quality of life for all of us on the Spokane River.

What Is The Spokane River Association?

The SRA is a proactive, all volunteer organization of concerned Spokane River front property owners, committed to maintaining and improving the quality of life for those who live on the river. Membership is encouraged and open to any river front property owner. Members serve the organization as unpaid board members, officers, committee members and with their financial support through the payment of minimal annual membership dues.

How do the SRA's leaders actually serve the membership?

All activities performed by the SRA's board members, officers, and committee members are carried out for no compensation whatsoever. Those activities include attending monthly board meetings, keeping up to date at and making input to state, regional, county, and local agencies and private business organizations dealing with an individual board member's or officer's field of interest and/or specialization related to the river. Such fields include, but are not limited to, the river area's environment, the Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Plan, county waterway use, Post Falls dam

management, lake and river water quality, property taxes, and boating safety/noise/river bank damage. Activities also include working with those agencies to gain implementation of actions that will improve the quality of life on the river. Finally, and very importantly, the leadership communicates to the general paid membership, through its quarterly newsletter, "River Talk", the nature of all such activities, the fruits of those activities and challenges that still remain ahead.

How are membership dues spent and controlled?

Dues pay for such items as printing and mailing the organization's newsletter, financial reports, mailing annual dues statements and meeting notices, post office box rental, and secretarial expenses (one part time person only). Our books are internally audited annually and are always totally open to inspection by any paid-up member(s) upon request, at any time.

How do I sign up a new SRA member?

Have the prospective new SRA member send his or her name, physical address on the river, and mailing address (if different) with a check for \$30 (for a one year calendar membership) made out to the "Spokane River Association" to the SRA at P.O. Box 1737, Post Falls, Idaho 83877. New and paid-up members will then receive a "welcome letter" (outlining benefits given to all SRA members), regular copies of the very informative River Talk newsletter, and invitations to all SRA business and social activities.

Become a Spokane River Association Member!

Annual dues only \$30. The higher percentage of river property owners as members, the better we can speak with "one voice" on critical issues we all face (such as property taxes; boating safety, speed and noise; shore erosion; etc.).

"Sign Me Up!", Check Enclosed.

I'm already a member, but my contact information has changed.

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____
Email Address _____
Comments _____

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Please mail your check to:

Spokane River Association

PO Box 1737, Post Falls, ID 83877

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