

LAKE LAWRENCE COMMUNITY CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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From the President: My family and I spend a fair amount of time at the lake during the summer. We launch our boat, the kids board and ski and we also swim from the boat. We have two young granddaughters that swim from the beach so I spend time observing what happens on the lake and in our park. Apparently there are new boaters using the lake. Perhaps they are launching from the public launch. I hope that our community members are more informed regarding the rules of the lake. The rules are established by Thurston County and boaters are subject to fines if the rules are violated. The Thurston County Sheriff was on the lake a couple of week-ends ago and wrote several tickets. The rules of the lake are posted at the public launch. I have requested that they be included in this newsletter for our members. Please be safe.

Thurston County has specific regulations regarding boating operations and water safety on lakes. Below are key provisions of Chapter 16.04 as it applies to:

Lake Lawrence:

- Speeds over 5 mph. are allowed only from **11 a.m. to 8 p.m.** or official sunset, whichever comes first. The maximum speed limit for Lake Lawrence is 45 mph in the open basins. (The [U.S. Naval Observatory](#) Web site allows viewers to estimate sunrise and sunset times.)

After sunset, all crafts must use proper running lights.

Crafts operating over 5 mph must be at least 200 feet off the shoreline. This must be observed because swimmers and non-motorized craft tend to gather within the 200-foot safety zone. This rule also reduces the impact of wakes upon shore banks.

Crafts operating over 5 mph, including personal watercraft or "jet skis," must also remain at least 100 feet away from all other craft and persons.

All watercraft must travel in a counter-clockwise direction.

All water skiers must have at least three people: a driver, an observer, and a skier. The observer is required to watch the skier at all times and to use a red or orange flag to signal when a skier is down in the water. All water skiers are required to wear an approved flotation device.

Personal flotation devices must be on-board all watercraft, with one device required for each person and

easily accessible. Children 12 years old and younger must wear a personal flotation device at all times if traveling on a vessel that is shorter than 19 feet. All personal watercraft (or "jet ski") operators must wear an approved flotation device. It is illegal to operate any craft while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Questions? Call (360) 754-4681 or route an e-mail message through wmm-webmaster@co.thurston.wa.us

The Easter Egg Hunt: was held on April 14, 2009 with 63 children taking part and lots of parents and grandparents attending. Tommy Joy won the jelly bean count; Emma Kowalski won the raffle, a big stuffed Easter bunny donated by Mike and Teresa Snider. There were cookies, juice and coffee for the kids and adults.

Community Club Signs: have recently been damaged as has the outside of the little lodge. Thanks to Robert Delgado, John Gray & Dane Cabral the repairs and painting have been done.

The Little Park: on the corner of Pleasant Beach Road & Lindsay Road has had some major clean-up, the rocks have been repositioned to allow for more parking, the underbrush has been cleaned out and chips were placed to help keep the weeds down. Picnic tables have been moved in & a new sign placed. Soon there will be new swings.

Parking Passes: must be displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle when parking on or within community club property. We have no way of knowing what vehicles belong to community club members. We have been towing vehicles without permits in an attempt to stop the unauthorized use of your community property. All vehicles without parking passes are subject to towing. There have been several instances of vehicles being towed at the owner's expense. If you use community club property please

have your parking pass displayed. New passes are issued each year when member's dues are paid. If you are having an event in the park call to get additional day passes for your guest. Vehicles displaying 2008/2009 passes will not be towed. If you are approached by a community member regarding the displaying of your parking pass remember we are all trying to maintain your property for your benefit.

The Annual Meeting: was held on June 18th with 63 members in attendance.

The elections were held with Dane Cabral being elected as a board member. Greg Williams & Bob Hastings were elected as alternates. The recipients of the Pat Hamm Scholarship were announced, the scholarship were given to Celeste Crandall and Rachael Long, both graduates of Yelm High School this past spring. Celeste will be attending Centralia Community College. Rachel will be attending South Puget Sound Community College. We wish both of these students good luck with their future educations. This was the first year of this scholarship and big thanks go to, Greg Williams, Suzie Shaffer and Bill Hamm for participating as the Pat Hamm Memorial Scholarship Committee. If you have a graduating senior in 2010 applications will be available in February of 2010. Projects completed were discussed as were future projects, those that need to be done and the wish list. There were 23 door prizes, and lunch was served. Thanks to all of those who helped provide the lunch and special thanks to Orin Brassfield the head Barbecue Chef.

The Upper Lodge: now has a new floor in the bride's room, the carpet has been removed and new vinyl has been installed. We have added a new area rug and hope to repaint this fall. We have also added a new refrigerator. If you are interested in renting the upper lodge,

reservations are now being taken for 2010. There are dates open for November & December of 09.

The Weeding ladies: Carol Brassfield, Diane Delgado, Lorraine Flory, Joanne Loch, Roberta Allen, Della Cabral & Joan Patrick have been very busy keeping the gardens and flower beds weeded and watered. Things are looking very nice. Thank you. Notice the planters in the park, the plants have been donated & cared for by the Delgado family.

Boat Races: the hyrdos will be racing September 18-20, 2009. The café will be open for the Friday night Spaghetti feed @ 6:00 PM, and for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 -10:30 AM. The L&M burger wagon will come in Saturday and Sunday at 11:30 for lunch and the afternoon.

The Freakers Ball: Sponsored by Mike & Teresa Snider will be held on October 31, 2009 due to a conflict of rental dates of the upper lodge. Normally the dance is held the week-end before Halloween. Mark your calendar. Call 894-2418 for tickets.

The Holiday Craft Bazaar: November 13 & 14 from 9:30 to 5:30 each day. We have several new vendors signed up; the committee is working hard to have another successful event. We can always use more help. Kitchen help call Della @ 894-7747 or Joanne for greeters @ 894-5811 or Carol @ 894-1308

Annual Antique Car Picnic September 7, 2009, in the park beginning at 1:00 PM. Bring a dish for the potluck, hamburgers and hot dogs are provided by the community club. This event is hosted by Skip & Jackie Meredith and Orin and Carol Brassfield.

The Volunteer Dinner: September 26, 2009 by invitation only for those that have donated a minimum of twenty hours of time to the Lake Lawrence Community Club.

Illness: We have several community members that are suffering with serious illness; we wish them well and send our prayers. If the community can help during this time please call Sharon @ 894-2281.

Hair Cut: On July 27, 2009 Suzie Shaffer cut her hair. She had been growing her hair since the early part of 2008. On the 27th it was cut and donated to Locks of Love, an organization that provides hair prosthetics to, mainly children that have lost their hair due to medical condition. Suzie did this in honor of her Mom and her friend Pat Hamm. Nice!!!!

Babies: Twin grandbabies were born on Dec 12, 2008 to community members Paul and Jeannie Hoseth. They weighed just over 1 pound. We are very happy to announce that after several months in the hospital Jonas and Elsa are home & doing great. Miracles do happen.

Work Party: On 7-25-09 to reinforce the bracing on the deck of the upper lodge. Jim Crandall put this one together and with the help of Dan Haw, Chuck Flory, Mike Snider and John Gray the work is done.

Another Work Party: Is scheduled for August 1, 2009 the purpose is to move a dock to the little park. If you are available to help call Carol @ 894-1308

God Bless the USA, our military & their families.