

Lake Limerick Country Club Newsletter

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Call to Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 17, 2021 @ 2:00pm

Meeting ID: 852 3254 1034 Passcode: 994574

President's Message

As I write, we are having the nicest weather day of 2021. After this last year we can appreciate having warmth and sunshine. The COVID 19 pandemic has presented us all with medical, financial, physical and mental challenges. The good news is that by exercising appropriate caution, following the rules, adapting to changing circumstances and behaving responsibly, the Lake Limerick Homeowners Association has pulled through in good shape. Golf has taken off this last year, well outperforming previous years. We've maintained our financial and physical assets such as our parks and continued food and beverage services so our members could enjoy a break in the pandemic routine. I thank the volunteer committees, our professional staff and our elected members on the Water Committee and Board for pitching in and guiding us through the pandemic so far with ingenuity, creativity, hard work and grace under fire.

At its March meeting, the Board of Directors discussed how to conduct upcoming events like the April Board meeting, the April semi-annual/elections membership meeting, and the Fishing Derby. Because the state is relaxing some rules concerning public gatherings, and more people are getting vaccinated, a few Association members suggested that our upcoming events be held "in person" with masks, social distancing, etc. The Board considered the advice of the national experts to "hang on" for just a few more months. We recognized the rising rate of infections causing European countries to shut down again, and the rising 4th wave infection rates in other states. The Board decided to continue holding meetings via Zoom for the foreseeable future to allow maximum, safe member participation, and to hold a modified Fishing Derby as previously planned. We believed this would be in the best interests of our members and staff, many of whom have only just become eligible for vaccination.

Lastly, I urge all Association members to vote in the upcoming election. We have a strong field of candidates for the Board of Directors and Water Committee who deserve your consideration and support.

Brian Smith, President

LLCC Board of Directors



Ballots for April 2021 Election



Ballots for the April 2021 Board of Directors and Water Committee Elections have been mailed!

Please contact mail@lakelimerick.com if you do not receive your ballot by Wednesday, April 7th.

Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no in person voting.

Please submit your ballot via US Mail or the Blue Drop Box Located in the Inn Parking Lot







Architecture Committee

Lake Limerick – a beautiful area and pleasant place to live! Community wide standards were established at the time of Lake Limerick’s inception and retaining them is critical to preserving the beauty and character of our community.



Now that winter is behind us, and spring is here, there are more opportunities to improve our properties! Some common improvements that require permits from Lake Limerick:

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|  | Fences: Fun fact – fences and gates up to 72” (6ft) in height are allowed on your property, however, fences and gates running forward of a home cannot be more than 48” (4 ft.) in height. |
|  | Clearing Trees: Trees may be cut on your property for improvements and clean up, but lots can’t be cleared without letting us know your plans. Fill out that permit application to ensure that you are compliant. |
|  | Major Renovations: Are you adding to your home? Decks, docks, sheds, carports? Yep, you need a permit. Fill out a permit application and provide the needed details. Don’t forget to provide your plot plan with those set backs! |
|  | New Home: You’ll need more than just our permit for this. Get your ducks in a row with Mason County and the Lake Limerick Architecture Committee before starting your project. |

Always check out our Architectural Guidelines and LLCC’s governing documentation before starting any project:
<https://lakelimerick.com/community-association/association-documents/>

The Architecture Committee is here to make sure your home improvements comply with Lake Limerick’s rules. Please don’t hesitate to reach out and ask questions. We always have a committee member who is excited to talk things through with you. The best way to get quick approvals is to know the rules.

Contact us by email at lccarch@hctc.com and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Thank you for taking pride in your home and in our community!

Sharon Hamilton, Committee Chair

Lake Limerick April 2021 Candidates

Board of Directors



John Donahue Grossman (DIV 02)



Tamra 'Tam Ingwaldson (DIV 05)



Mitch Robinson (DIV 01)



Leslie Roswell (DIV 03)



Stevan Saylor (DIV 02)



Brian Smith (01)

*All ballots must be received no later than
2:00pm on Saturday, April 17th*

Water Committee



Phyllis Antonsen (DIV 03)



Kenneth L. "Kelly" Evans (DIV 03)

Community Association Manager

As I look out seeing no snow on the ground, I thankfully remind myself it is finally Spring. As a Community we successfully worked through another snow fall last February. For everyone that shoveled, plowed driveways and mailbox areas helping your neighbors, WE THANK YOU! We have terrific community spirit.

We continue to persevere adapting to changing Healthy Washington State pandemic rules now in Phase 3. We look forward to Members continuing to get vaccinated and eventually easing back into a new normal for Lake Limerick activities.

Your staff sincerely appreciates Members understanding and following all the rule changes. Together we have done a good job of communicating and keeping our golf and food & beverage operations open. When the day comes, we will feel safe resuming full outdoor events sponsored by the Inn and Lake Dam Committees and Great Hall functions.



Fortunately, the annual 2021 Fishing Derby sponsored by the Lake Dam Committee is being held Saturday April 24 from 6am – 1pm. The Derby volunteers have planned well with a fish weigh-in station this year in order to help keep everyone as safe as possible. Derby prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish, raffle prizes and ice cream treats for the kids. Derby tickets combined with raffle tickets are on sale for \$12 at both the Pro Shop Café and DJ's Market. It will be great to see boats back on the water!

Our Water Department led by Doug continues maintaining our private water system. With the support of an in process engineering study, the Water Committee and Board will determine how to make system improvements. Combined with Doug's and Office efforts and communications, we strive to keep you informed.

Chef Josh provides delicious meals with recent updated Inn and Cafe menus. Plan to make a dinner reservation by emailing foh@lakelimerick.com for the restaurant. Dale always serves the best drinks on the water in the Blarney Room. The lounge opens at 4pm and Inn restaurant at 5pm for indoor and patio service Thursday through Sunday. The Pro Shop Café is open Thursday through Sunday 7:30am – 3pm for indoor and patio serving breakfast until 11am and lunch 11am - 3pm.

Our golf Superintendent Jason and Pro Shop Manager Elen manage a terrific golf course. The Shelton Mason County Journal recently announced Lake Limerick Golf Club and Café with 2nd place for the people's choice awards. This is a tremendous honor with 5 courses in the area! Plan to enjoy the course and Café meal. The golf course is open 7 days per week with Tee times available by calling 360.426.6290.

Facilities Manager Duane successfully completes multiple maintenance responsibilities across our community's vast greenbelts, 7 parks, 3 dam structures, 2 lakes, and 3 buildings including parking lots.

Your Office staff Christy, Rhonda and Terry continue to respond to your calls providing information services. We strive to provide excellent customer service with a smile! The office is open Monday through Friday 9am – 5pm for phone calls or by appointment.

A kind thank you to your staff is always appreciated.

I can't say enough about the dedication of your Committee Chairs, volunteers and Board of Directors providing the support and follow through enabling our Community to deliver multiple services and functions. We all enjoy the efforts of our Committees: Architecture, Compliance, Greens, Hearings, Inn, Lake Dam, Water, Welcoming, Youth and of course the Magpies. If you want to know what's going on, plan to attend a regularly scheduled meeting and get involved. Volunteers are vital to our community's ongoing success.

It is my pleasure to work for Lake Limerick with a team of professional employees focused on delivering customer service to a Community with a 55 year history. Together we all make a difference.

Roger Milliman, CAM

Lake Limerick Country Club

THANK
YOU!

Compliance Committee



Spring is here!!

Welcome back to our snowbirds and recreational members!

We've been through a lot in the last year, it's been tough on us all. This year is especially important, it's our opportunity to come together.

Appreciate your neighbors and community. Be respectful, be responsible, be kind and be safe!

The Compliance Committee is always looking for new members. You can make a difference!

Email: compliance@hcc.net

Leslie Roswell, Committee Chair

Lake/Dam Committee

As a community, we are blessed with a multitude of amenities to occupy our free time and enjoy family, friends and neighbors. We have, among others, two community lakes, Leprechaun and Limerick and seven individual parks (five on Lake Limerick, one on Lake Leprechaun and one in Division 4). The Lake/Dam committee is responsible for overseeing these lakes and parks including establishing usage rules, monitoring maintenance and planning and supporting the implementation of long term improvements. Current Lake/Dam emphasis includes:

LLCC PARKS

Old Lyme Park Restoration - Olde Lyme Park, located off Old Lyme Road (Division 4), has been undergoing renovation and restoration since last year and is scheduled to reopen on April 24. As the largest of the seven LLCC parks, it is a hidden gem located off Olde Lyme Road. Updated park amenities include graveled trails allowing easy access to Cranberry Creek, replanted grass play areas, new rocker toys, a climbing wall and swing-sets for the kids and a half-court basketball area. The park is also equipped with picnic tables and restroom facilities. All combined, this park offers a great opportunity for members and your guests to enjoy the great outdoors. Come check it out this summer.

General Park Maintenance - Our seven community parks were winterized in October last year and have been maintained over the winter. This includes general clean-up and removal of tree debris from all recent wind storms. Play areas and equipment have been cleaned as well. We have also established a regular, standardized park maintenance schedule for the summer months. Dog waste stations with bags are in-place at Leprechaun and the Clubhouse Inn parks and we are in the process of installing similar stations at the other remaining five parks. **Please** pick up after your pets so our parks remain enjoyable for all of our members use. All Parks will be De-Winterized by May 1st. Come out and enjoy our Parks!

Park Garbage Cans - Garbage cans at our parks are for depositing refuse generated during member

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Burn Regulations Central Mason Fire and EMS Fire Marshal's Office

Recreational Fire Restrictions

- These types of fires are for cooking, campfires, and ceremonial fires.
- These must be in a designed fire pit no greater than four feet in diameter.
- Only charcoal or seasoned dry firewood can be burned.

Residential Burning Restrictions

- These Fires are outdoor burning of leaves, clippings, pruning and other natural vegetation.
- Maximum pile size is four feet in diameter.
- 20-foot vertical clearance from overhanging branches.
- Only one fire per parcel.
- Burn pile must be at least 25 feet from any structure or combustible material.
- A person and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire must be in constant attendance at the site while burning.
- The fire must not create a nuisance from smoke, obscure visibility on public roads, or endanger life and property.

Commercial Burning Restrictions

- These are fires burning natural vegetation with pile sizes greater than 4 feet in diameter.
- **Valid permit must be onsite while burning.**
- All materials must originate from the property on which the burning is to occur.
- The fire must not create a nuisance from smoke, obscure visibility or endanger life and property.
- Maximum pile size of 20 feet in diameter.
- 10-foot fire break around each pile.
- Each pile must be 100 feet from any structure and at least 50 feet from standing timber.
- Wind speeds must not be greater than 7 mph.
- On site water (300 gal. min) is required between April 15th to October 15th.

Burn Restriction Levels

Current burn restrictions can be found by calling 360-426-5533 or on our website.

1. Burning Regulated
 - All types of Burning Allowed.
2. Burning Restricted
 - Only Recreational Fires Are Allowed.
3. Burn Ban
 - All outdoor burning is prohibited.

Report Burn Complaint

- MACECOM's Non-Emergency Line: 360-426-4441
- Or call CMFE at 360-426-5533

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Fire Marshal Keith Reitz:

- Direct: 360-462-5020
- Cell: 360-490-9060
- E-Mail: kreitz@cmfe.org

Greens Committee

Yes, spring has finally arrived. I hope all is well. We have all gone through a tough year. Things are looking up. The golf course is ready to go. Our revenues are up from last year. Thank you to all that support our golf course.

We have installed a new counter and door in the Pro-shop. The cost was \$300. We repurposed a used counter and installed a new door with volunteer help. It really looks good.

The staff has been working hard this winter to get ready for the 2021 season. In the Pro Shop Elen and Mark have supervised the installation of the counter and door. They have ordered and received new merchandise. Tournaments have been set up. They are waiting for your call for a tee time. 360-426-6290.

Jason, Greens Superintendent, and his crew have the course ready to go. It is in great shape.

There has been Golf course path walking rules set and approved by the LLCC Board. Walking on the Golf course path is for LLCC members and guest only. These rules are for the safety of walkers and golfers. Walking on the golf course is dangerous. The Ball is very hard. You are walking on a golf course where golfers do not have full control of the golf ball. When walking your pet, pick up the waste and take it home. If both golfers and walkers have respect for each other, we will be able to have a safe place to walk and golf. Please walk in the correct direction. Pick up a copy of the walker rules at the Pro-shop. We have both members and public golfers.

The Men's and Women's clubs have started. We encourage you to come and join. For information call the pro shop.

This is my fifth year as your Greens Chair. The committee always looks for ways to improve our course, increase revenues and make the Golf course an inviting place to come. The golf course is one our greatest assets. The cost, after revenues are figured in, is about 25% of the overall budget every year. The course is now more playable in the winter, The Greens are one of the best in the area. Our staff is great. Our revenues are up.

Come by and check us out. Cafe' is open. It has good food.

[Golf Course Walker Rules - Adopted by BOD on March 20, 2021 - Click Here](#)

Contact the Pro Shop for Tee Times

T: 360.426.6290 or E: golfpro@lakelimerick.com

Or visit lakelimerickgolf.com

Café OPEN Thurs - Sun

7:30am to 3:00om - Dine In or To Go

360.426.62.90 or 360.545.2896

Vern Duggan, Committee Chair

Treasurer's Report

The HOA has been doing very well during the last 3 months. Our Finances are looking good, in fact better than budget! With spring here and summer coming up, we are looking to have a good year.

The reserve study is complete. It provides us: a comprehensive inventory of the assets (with expected useful life) that we need to maintain; a draft schedule for when major repairs and replacement may need to be made; a budgeting tool that can be used for what-if analysis so we can vary assumptions and figure out what an appropriate contribution to a reserve fund from dues would be. It will be the basis for discussions with the community over the next year, with subsequent decisions by the BOD. There is a lot happening at Lake Limerick to maintain it as a great community to live in! I look forward to seeing you at the April meetings, of which the study will be an agenda item.



Connie Wong, Treasurer
LLCC Board of Directors

Inn Committee

Spring has sprung! With consistently good weather around the corner and more and more people getting vaccinated, the restaurant, lounge and café are already getting back to business and the Inn Committee members can't thank you all enough for your continued support. If you've been getting a little cabin fever from being stuck inside all winter, come on down to the Inn or the Café and get a professionally prepared meal & drink, safely socialize, and just have fun. If you're still not comfortable sitting inside or patio and want to wait until it warms up to sit outside, the staff of both the Inn & Café are more than happy to have a meal ready for you to go. All we ask in return is to please exercise a little patience as it's quite difficult to accommodate a growing capacity/customer base while still serving indoor dining, outdoor patio and to go orders.

If it's been over a year since you've visited the Inn, here's what we've been working on while waiting to welcome you back:


- The under deck patio is done! It has new lighting & a comfortable outdoor seating environment that includes heaters and a cozy firepit.
- New lighting, wood framing, and flooring in the restaurant and lounge that warms the place nicely.
- An attractive new bar facing that improves the ambiance of the lounge.
- New tabletops in the Restaurant and Lounge that feature a distressed/reclaimed wood style that embodies our northwest bistro theme.
- A cozy little nook next to the fireplace where you can chat and enjoy a cocktail or two before dinner.
- Needlepoint Ionization – the Board takes employee & member safety very seriously and has upgraded the HVAC system to improve air quality and air flow in the Inn.

We're currently still at 50% capacity limits for indoor dining under Healthy Washington Phase 3 requiring mask use, social distancing along with our temperature readings for all (including those that have been vaccinated).

Lake & Dam is planning the fishing derby April 24th. Due to state restrictions regarding gatherings, we won't be able to have an Inn-related event this year but please expect wonderful fishing themed dinner specials from Josh,

2021 Lake Limerick Fishing Derby - April 24th

Fun For The Whole Family.



- Derby on April 24th from 6AM to 1:00 PM
- Derby Tickets are \$12 each (children at 15 and under, adults at 16 and over)
- Fish weigh-in at the LLCC Inn, 1:00 PM cutoff
- Derby Prizes at \$100 first, \$50 second, \$25 third and \$10 fourth
- Adult Derby Tickets provide entry into special raffle drawing (write your name, address and phone number on back of ticket stub, detach and give to sales agent)
- Childrens Derby Tickets can be redeemed for Ice Cream treat at Pro Shop (day of the derby)

TICKETS ON-SALE NOW

INN RESTAURANT

OPEN Thurs. - Sun. from 5 to 8pm

Reservations Recommended for Indoor Dining

Email foh@lakelimerick.com

Call 360.426.3581 after 4:15pm for To Go Orders

Dale, and the crew.

We hope to see you soon!

Kyle Skinner, Committee Chair

Water Committee

Water Quality: Water quality continues to be very good; testing is performed monthly. We have plenty of capacity with six wells and all but one pump operational. The non-operational pump is one we don't normally use because of water taste and odor.

Water System Financial: As of the end of February, our Water System financial condition is good with revenue up more than \$6,000 over budget year to date and operating expenses significantly less than budget. However, we expect significant professional services expenses due to the engineering study in progress. Due to Rhonda Hunt's efforts, accounts receivable over 90 days has been kept to just over \$17,000 in spite of COVID.

Water hydrant testing and low water pressure

Because the fire hydrants are unable to provide the necessary initial fire flow, the Fire Department has bagged the fire hydrants and continues to position a full water tanker truck at our local fire station. The Lake Limerick Water System has enough capacity to provide fire flow but cannot respond quick enough. The standard Fire Department practice for fighting fires in rural Mason County is to dispatch multiple water trucks within the area to respond to fires.

Lake Limerick has contracted with an engineering firm to analyze our water system and control systems. They performed hydrant tests at the end of February, ran hydraulic models of our water system and are nearly complete with a preliminary draft report. We anticipate receiving the draft report within a week or so and will schedule a meeting with the engineers after that to review their findings.

Water Losses Reduced

Water loss in February was well over 10% due to hydrant testing, well flushing and leaks. Over the last month, leaks were repaired on Dartmoor Dr., Road of Tralee and Clonakilty Dr. To determine if the leak repairs significantly reduced the water loss, Doug, Mike and Rhonda took a mid-month customer meter reading and compared to the amount of water pumped from the wells. The mid-month measurement indicated that the leaks had been reduced to about 6.5%.

Water Conservation Reminder: We are beginning our warmer weather and irrigation seasons which cause higher demand. Please continue to conserve water, check your water bill monthly and watch for leaks. Thanks for continuing to care for our Water System.

Don Bird, Committee Chair



visits to the parks. We encourage members to "Pack-It-In and Pack-It Out" whenever possible. Garbage cans are emptied on a regular basis and we find that, in some instances, individuals are putting bags of household garbage into the park trash cans. This is not their function and creates problems for our staff. PLEASE DO NOT PUT HOUSEHOLD TRASH IN THE PARK GARBAGE CANS. Violators will lose their park privileges.

Park Pass Reminder- LLCC enforces an existing policy that requires proof of membership in order to use the Club's parks. This step is taken to help control vandalism and ensure the availability of our facilities for our members and their guests. You will be asked to leave the park if appropriate ID is not available. 2021-2022 Membership Cards will be mailed to each owner of record the week of April 12, 2021

LAKE LIMERICK AND LAKE LEPRECHAUN

Lake Levels- LLCC staff have started placing weir boards in Lake Limerick and Lake Leprechaun dam structures, which will raise both lakes to their normal summer levels. The off-season lowering, which started in October, is done to protect property over the winter months from significant rainfall and lake rise. Installation of the weir boards used to raise the lake level will begin the first week of April and take approximately 3 weeks to complete, depending on weather. Expect the level of both lakes to rise to normal levels.

Annual Fishing Derby – The annual Lake Limerick fishing derby will be held on April 24th from 6 AM to 1 PM. Due to COVID restrictions, we will be modifying our normal derby format and not hosting a large awards gathering at the LLCC Inn after the derby. Tickets are \$12 each and on-sale now at both the Pro Shop and DJ's market. Adult tickets include entry into a special raffle drawing (winners will be notified by phone or email) and children may exchange their derby ticket for an ice cream treat after the derby (day of the derby only). Derby cash prizes are: 1st @ \$100, 2nd @ \$50, 3rd @ \$25 and 4th @ \$10 for both adult and children's categories. More information is available on the LLCC website.

Lake Weed Treatment - Community members and the LLCC Limnologist Dr. Harry Gibbons, have observed significant weed growth in our lakes over the past few years. This is most noticeable in Lake Leprechaun by the park extending towards the center of the lake and in Lake Limerick in both the Bird Sanctuary and Cranberry Creek areas. Too much sun and nutrients (both natural and man-made) that enter the Lakes create this problem. LLCC will therefore be treating both lakes extensively this year for weed control. For Lake Leprechaun, the treatments for targeted areas are as follows: a) early to mid-May, treat with a contact herbicide which kills existing leaves, b) late May to early June, treat with a liquid Fluridone, a systemic herbicide that kills root crowns and roots and c) mid to late June treat affected areas with an algaecide and also treat all Yellow Iris. For Lake Limerick, the treatments are similar: a) mid-July, treat targeted areas with a contact herbicide and treat all yellow Iris, c) in late July, treat with liquid Fluridone, d) between mid - August and September 3rd, treat with an algaecide. A pellet form of Fluridone will also be applied in both lakes in September if needed. Weed treatments such as those listed above are short-term solutions at best. Our committee is researching options to slow down nutrient delivery into the lakes. You can help by ceasing to feed geese, stop fertilizing lawns or flower beds (especially next to shorelines) and maintain septic systems.

Dock/Float Compliance - For the past several years, the Lake Dam Committee has focused on addressing non-compliant docks/floats in our lakes which pose potential safety and environmental concerns. Major issues include; 1) improper floatation (exposed/wrapped vs encapsulated Styrofoam) 2) inadequate or unallowed anchorage 3) oversized dock/float dimensions and 4) deteriorated or rotten dock components. We have issued multiple letters to members for non-compliance, and published community awareness bulletins regarding the necessity for dock repair, replacement or removal. Approximately two dozen members continue to either ignore or refuse to address our requests. Accordingly, these non-compliances have been turned over to the LLCC Compliance Committee for further action. Failure to address non-compliance could result in fines and/or suspension of HOA privileges.

Boat Registration Reminder- Any member vessel over 16 feet or powered by a motor of 10 HP or greater requires registration by the State and LLCC. Your vessel will need to be registered in the LLCC office before putting it onto the lake. To register, you will need to be a member in good standing and have a current Washington State Boat Registration.

Non-member vessels are not allowed on the lake unless actively fishing. Member vessels

must display a current Washington State registration tag (or state of primary registration if used in Washington for a limited time) and WN number plus a Lake Limerick registration decal on the right side (preferably at the side windshield). Remember, your boat must also have your division and lot number prominently displayed on the rear sides, both port and starboard. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Lake Patrol- Now is the time to start planning for the 2021 boating season. One of our challenges is monitoring compliance with the LLCC "Boating Rules and Safety Regulations" The Lake/Dam committee recently completed an update to these rules and if you are not familiar with them, they can be found on the Lake Limerick website under Association Documents. The Lake/Dam committee is tasked with monitoring boating on Lake Limerick for compliance through our Lake Patrol group (no motorboats allowed on Lake Leprechaun). We are always in need of volunteers to help with this important task. If interested, please send a note to the office who will then forward it to our committee.

[Lake Limerick Country Club](#)

[Lake Rules & Safety Guidelines \(click here\)](#)

