

LAKE LIMERICK COUNTRY CLUB

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“NO BLARNEY”

Updates, News, and Happenings at LLCC...

The “Communicator” is an electronic publication of the LLCC Board of Directors (limited hard copies are available at the Office, Inn, Café, and Pro-Shop). Call or stop by the office to be sure that we have your email address so that you get the latest news.

Cart Path Paving Project

The contract with Pave-X, LLC to pave the cart paths with asphalt was approved by the Board of Directors in an electronic vote on Thursday, August 3rd.

Because of a directive from the Navy stating that no work should be done on their property, the board voted to proceed with the project and exclude any of the paths on Navy property. The amount of the contract is \$111,334.02. Funding for this project is from the golf special assessment approved by the community. Jason Howerton, Greens Superintendent, is the project manager. Greens Committee Chair Vern Duggan, Golf Pro Ron Stull, CAM Deborah Wallace, Jason, and BOD President Kelly Evans negotiated the contract with Pave-X on August 2nd. Paving is planned to begin August 28th and should take about four days. The golf course will be closed while this work is being completed and is expected to re-open for Labor Day weekend.

Restaurant Reminders

Chef Brandon is now our Food and Beverage Manager as well as gourmet chef. He is in charge of both the Café and the Inn Restaurant. We are already seeing economies in planning and purchasing. The following is an email from one of our members. It speaks for itself.

“A great big thank you to Chef Brandon! The dinner entrees are amazing!! I hope the Oscar Style Chicken never gets changed or taken off the menu. I order it every time we are dining at the Blarney Room. The

sauce is to die for, the chicken is moist and the mashed golden potatoes are heavenly! I really can’t tell you enough how much I enjoy this meal! Kudos Chef Brandon and staff!

Bon Appetit,

Maureen Glenn”

We hope to see you soon for a delicious meal and good company with Chef Brandon!

Budget Preparation

CAM Deborah Wallace is preparing our next budget based on real data for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Committees and department heads have provided extensive information supporting needs and wants. She is synthesizing all requests, editing with “reality”, and getting documents ready to share with the board and the community. She is focusing on strong fiscal management and careful use of resources. This will be the most accurate and comprehensive budget our association has seen in some time. Members will have opportunities to comment and offer suggestions well in advance of the October budget election. The Board of Directors will vote on a proposed budget at the September 16th regular meeting. Details of the proposal will be sent with the election packets. This budget will be voted on by members in full compliance with the requirements of law as determined by the Mason County Superior Court in the matter of Lake Limerick v. Gors, and the Lake Limerick Country Club by-laws.

Start Planning for New Year’s Eve

The peppy party planning people are putting together a great event for New Year’s Eve and have asked that

we remind folks that it is not too early to mark your calendars. Here's all the info:

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
ON DECEMBER 31st IN THE GREAT HALL!**

The party begins at 8:00pm and goes until 12:30am. We'll celebrate the new year with the band the "True Romans."

<https://www.facebook.com/thetrueromans>

Tickets (\$25/person) are on sale now. The great hall has room for 100 people so get your tickets early and don't miss out on the party. For questions, volunteer options to help with the party, or tickets, please contact Kristi Gray at kgray48@comcast.net or 206-619-0868.

Annual Meeting Topics

As an HOA Lake Limerick Country Club is required by state law and its By-laws to hold annual membership meetings for the purpose of keeping members informed and conducting elections for board and water candidates (April) as well as voting on fiscal year budgets (October).

The October 21st annual meeting will be held in the Great Hall at 2:00 PM. Members will hear current "State of the Association" and financial information. Ballots will be counted and election results shared during the meeting. We are hoping that the Magpies will be holding their bake sale or another tasty event as well. These meetings are a great way for members to connect with their neighbors and keep abreast of Association business. Hope you can come!

LLCC Web Site Update

The Board of Directors electronically voted on August 3rd to contract with **Computer Creations NW** to develop our new website. Their bid was comprehensive, well defined, and provided multiple options for the Association to update as future needs arise. We expect to see a brand-new look for LLCC that is easier to navigate and provides the timely information our members desire. In the meantime, Leedia, our member services coordinator, has made improvements to our current website which should get us through the next couple of months.

End-of-Summer Bash

It's not too early to start thinking about the annual LLCC End-of-Summer Bash scheduled for Labor Day Weekend. Volunteers made Lake Limerick Daze such a success, and we are hoping for more of the same for the Bash as well. Committees are preparing for some fun activities and sure could use more help from our members. This is the perfect time to get involved, meet your neighbors, and enjoy the fun before the rains arrive.

Treating Everyone with Respect

We continue to have incidents with folks forgetting the "golden rule" in the way to treat others including staff and members-to-members. Please be reminded that members are not allowed to direct the work of employees. Employees report to their supervisors or the Community Association Manager. The Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for all employees, but day-to-day management of operations, human relations, member services, and association facilities is left to the CAM and the staff she heads.

Smelling the Roses

As BOD president I sometimes have the opportunity to step back and look at our facilities with a critical eye noting hazards, needed repairs, and ideas for future development. Last Wednesday I toured the golf course with Jason to review the cart path project and get a better understanding of his vision for course improvements. What struck me was the beauty of the facility, the solitude it offers, and how well it has been maintained. If you are a golfer or course walker undoubtedly you have noticed the same things. Whether or not members choose to use the golf course, it is an asset which benefits every property owner. Before fall arrives take an hour for an inspiring walk. You will come away with a new appreciation for what we have at Lake Limerick. The same is true for our incredible lakes. Thanks to years of good stewardship they are in excellent shape unlike some others nearby with serious toxic algae blooms. The golf course, lakes, parks, Inn, and Café are all assets that make our community so special. Your Board of Directors is committed to maintaining and improving what we have for the enjoyment of every member. Next time you are out take time to smell the roses and appreciate what we have. It will make your day!