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Updates, News, and Happenings at LLCC...

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Café Operations Updates

Phase II of the Café remodeling/rebranding is delayed for a bit in order to make sure that food quality and service meet the expectations of the Board of Directors, our CAM, and our members. With that in mind Chef Brandon Lawin has been promoted to handle food and beverage management for both the Inn and the Café as well as his cooking duties. His experience and expertise will help us to economize operations for food purchasing, menu offerings, staffing, and training for both establishments.

New Café cook staff will be hired, trained, and supervised by Brandon as we work to offer good food and service while maintaining a small work force. We are grateful to Tom and Tim for getting our Café up and running and wish them the best in their next cooking adventure.

We will look to finishing Café Phase II during our much slower winter months. The Board of Directors will determine off-season operations this fall.

Lake Limerick Daze

What a fun community celebration! Thank you to all who planned, managed, or participated in the water skiing competition, youth activities, the hole-in-one and putting competitions, canoe/kayak races, the beer garden, the snack shack, and the parade. Clearly, the volunteers made for a great day for all of us. Several members reported that the always-popular cinnamon rolls were “gone in 60 seconds!”

Summer Board Meetings

Board study sessions during July and August have been cancelled because of scheduling conflicts with several board members and the very limited number of weekend days available to enjoy our community life. The study sessions will resume in the fall with an off-site retreat in September and monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month. The regular Board of Directors meetings will continue to be held on the third Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM in either the Inn lounge or restaurant. The Executive Board will meet on the first Saturday of each month in the Crow’s Nest at 8:00 AM.

Town Meeting Set for July 15th

Over the last year the Board of Directors has held quarterly town meetings to share information regarding finances, employees, restaurant operations, and other important issues. The format will change for this session. Several LLCC board members will be available for conversations and Q and A instead of making a formal presentation. The meeting will be held in the Great Hall from 1:30 to 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 15th.

Fireworks Complaints

We have received many complaints regarding fireworks. Members described neighborhoods as sounding like “war zones.” LLCC does not have authority to enforce county fireworks ordinances, and Sheriff’s resources are stretched making it unlikely that LLCC neighborhoods will be patrolled. Being good neighbors keeping in mind the law, pets, and others sensitive to loud explosions will help.

Budget Building

CAM Deborah Wallace is working with department heads and committee chairs to develop an accurate and manageable budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. Details will be shared via the web site, "The Communicator," and the LLCC Newsletter. The Board of Directors will approve the budget in September for submission to the members for a vote in October at the Annual Meeting.

Keeping Accounts Up to Date

Keeping up on bills can be a real challenge. The last thing LLCC wants to do is take collection action for unpaid dues, assessments, or water bills. If you find yourself falling behind please contact **Rhonda Hunt** in the office right away. She will work with you on a payment plan so that you can get caught up and avoid the misery of collections. The association can't "forgive" a debt, but we will creatively work with you to get you back on track. Ignoring your LLCC bills costs you and the association big bucks that can run into thousands when legal fees are attached.

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.

Security Services

In the past LLCC has hired individuals to provide security services primarily at our parks. We have also contracted with the Mason County Sheriff's Department for extra neighborhood surveillance. This was incredibly expensive with questionable results and also led some members expecting LLCC to provide 24/7 police protection. Presently we have one part-time security person who patrols our parks and common areas. He is also responsible for noting derelict properties and taking photographs for Architecture Committee action. The board will be re-examining this issue.

Inn Restaurant – Um, Um Good!

Chef Brandon continues to offer special menu items and fun events including a recent BBQ and Chicken Dinner Picnic. Regular patrons continue to praise the quality of food and service, and the number of meals served continues to rise.

The Inn Committee will be re-introducing comment cards to make sure that our members have opportunities to share their thoughts and suggestions. In the meantime, make it a point to enjoy a wonderful meal with friends at our own LLCC Inn Restaurant.

Treating Everyone with Respect

We have had several incidents in the past few months 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 are left to the CAM and the staff she heads.

Safe Boating on the Lakes

Each year members are sent updated Lake Rules via the LLCC Newsletter and our website. If you haven't reviewed them lately please take time to read them again. Our rules were developed over the years and reviewed annually by the Lake/Dam Committee to help keep all boaters, skiers, wake-boarders, tubers, and swimmers safe while enjoying our beautiful lake.

Speed limits and slow times provide opportunities for all types of safe and fun recreation. If you see someone not following the rules take time to remind the offender that the rules are for everyone if you feel comfortable doing so. You can also note the lot and division number on the stern of the boat or the WA registration number and turn in a complaint form to the office. Better yet, volunteer to join the Lake Patrol. Giving a few hours a month driving the LLCC Lake Patrol boat will help everyone be safer.

