

LLCC NEWS

Lake Limerick Country Club Newsletter



March 2019

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President's Message

It is time to vote. This is an important time in the life of our association. Over the last three years we identified a number of issues but more importantly we achieved financial stability. The Board secured a Community Association Manager, new leadership with department heads in Water and Maintenance, a Chef and we plan to have new hires for the Golf Course by elections. I would like to remind everyone that the task of recruiting Board members has been difficult and volunteers are not abundant. That is why

I thank this years' slate for the commitment they are making. Likely the next year will bring discussions on policy, best practices and finances (dues or assessments). Please weigh in proactively and follow the proposed changes. The time to voice your opinion is at the Committee and Board level. After policies and budgets are approved by the Board, they are very difficult to change. Your involvement will help plan our future and provide for our changing demographics. So, at the very least as a HOA member get to know your Board, express yourself and be part of the solution.

Paul Wagner, President

Lake Limerick Board of Directors

Lake Limerick Events



MARCH

16 Meet the Candidates
17 St. Patrick's Day

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APRIL

20 Annual Meeting & Magpies Bake Sale
21 Easter Brunch
27 Fishing Derby



MAY

12 Mother's Day Brunch
18 Magpies Fashion Show
TBD Welcome Snow Birds

Please check the Lake Limerick web site for the latest event information.
www.lakelimerick.com

Treasurer, Connie Wong

Hi! I have joined the HOA Board as Treasurer, assuming Mike Prather's position, after he resigned due to family health reasons. I will be filling in for the remainder of his term. I am currently familiarizing myself with the office, the work and the budget and I appreciate your patience with my training in this position. I hope to have user-friendly statements for the community members available soon, and to be able to answer your questions and concerns with confidence in the coming months.

A little of my history: I graduated from WWU with a BA in Accounting in Dec. 1984. I worked at Ballard Community Hospital for approximately 8 years, as a staff accountant, and subsequent lead staff accountant. My duties were to do general ledger account analysis, review all supporting journals for the revenue and expense categories on the monthly Profit and Loss statements, help prepare the annual budget, and work closely with auditors on the annual audits. I worked for Swedish Medical Center after Swedish and Ballard Hospital merged. It was after being home with my first child during maternity leave in 1994, that I chose to remain a stay at home mom, and resigned from my position at Swedish Medical Center.

My husband Roman and I have owned a cabin here for the last 15 years as a getaway from the city of Seattle. We enjoy the lake and all the community offerings. We have lived at Lake Limerick full time now for almost 2½ years, since Roman's retirement.

I want to thank the board for allowing me to serve in the treasurer capacity at this time.

Water Committee Chair, Don Bird

Upgrades and Outages: We are working on several upgrades and improvements to the water system including:

Upgrading the water system control system to more closely monitor high and low pressures and well status including being able to send cell phone alerts when there are problems. These upgrades are expected to be completed by the end of March.

Adding variable frequency drive controls and a new hydropneumatic tank at Well #3 (close to the fire station) in order to better control the water system pressure. These are partially complete.

Testing and replacing distribution system control valves that are not working properly. This work will be ongoing as each of the distribution system valves are tested.

Improving the security at each of the water pumping stations.

Some upgrades require sections of the water distribution system to be shut down in order to make the necessary changes. We will notify affected customers with signage and broadcast e-mail alerts ahead of any planned outage.

High water loss: In January we had a higher than normal water loss when we compare the total amount of water pumped out of our wells vs. the amount distributed to customers. Fortunately, Joe located and fixed a significant leak in the system so we hope the next reports will show much lower loss.

Cold weather and frozen pipes: Due to the very cold weather in the last few months we all need to be watchful for possible broken pipes and leaks within houses, outdoor faucets and irrigation systems. Check on your neighbor's property if they have been away for the winter. If needed there are a few water shutoff tools in the LLCC office and the Water Office to borrow in order to shutoff water at the water meter. Remember that all water piping and fixtures on the customer side of the water meter is the customer's responsibility and the water sources and water distribution system are Lake Limerick Water System's responsibility.

Contact information: For Water System issues please contact the following:

Water Billing Questions:

LLCC Office: 360-426-3581

Water Distribution System Problems:

Water System Manager, Joe Castelluccio Jr. Water Office: 360-426-4563

Northwest Water Systems (when Joe is not available): 1-888-881-0958

Roger Milliman, Community Association Manager

As I look out seeing the remaining snow on the ground, I remind myself Spring is thankfully only a few sunrises away. As a Community we worked through a heavy snow fall starting February 9 accumulating to 20 inches in many places. We appear to be in a ten-year pattern from hearing comments about 1997 and personally remembering the winter of 2008. For everyone that shoveled and plowed driveways, streets and mailbox areas before Mason County could get here, ran errands and helped their neighbors WE THANK YOU! We have terrific community spirit and it shows in many ways.

Fortunately, through the efforts of our maintenance and greens personnel led by Duane and Jason we were able to plow the Inn and Café parking lots reopening the Inn the following Wednesday and Café on Friday for the Members with more than enough cabin fever. On the next day over 50 Members enjoyed our annual Valentine's Dinner. For the handful of reservations that were not able to make it and others who have not been to our restaurant and Blarney Room recently, plan to come in soon. And by the time the Newsletter is published, our Golf Course will reopen after a long snow melt and course cleanup.

Our Water Department led by Joe continues to maintain and improve our private water system with planned upgrades. Combined with Joe's efforts and Office communications, we strive to keep you informed.

Chef Josh is preparing delicious meals of your favorite dishes and with an updated menu, new entrees and weekly specials with great flavors. Dale continues serving the best drinks on the water in the Blarney Room where "everyone knows your name". Our restaurant servers are led by Faith with new training standards providing Members with memorable experiences. The lounge (4pm) and restaurant (5pm) are open Wednesday through Sunday and the Café currently Friday through Sunday 8am – 2pm for breakfast and lunch.

Our Office staff with Christy, Rhonda and Terry continues to respond to your calls and visits paying bills and providing information. We strive to provide excellent customer service with a smile! The office is open Monday through Friday 9am – 5pm and the third Saturday each month during the morning.

I can't say enough about the dedication of our Committee Chairs and volunteers enabling our Community to deliver in so many areas. We all benefit from the efforts of the Magpies and ten Committees: Greens, Architectural Compliance, Architectural Permitting, Lake/Dam, Water, Inn, BOD, Executive, Youth and Hearings. If you want to know what's going on, plan to attend a regularly scheduled meeting and get involved.

Lake Limerick is preparing for our yearly community events including the Fishing Derby on Saturday April 27. This is a terrific Family event with the Inn Committee serving breakfast and lunch. And of course, the Blarney Room will be open with drink specials. The Derby begins at 6am with prizes awarded starting at 1pm.

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 50+ year history and growing.



Meet the Candidates

Saturday March 16th @ 3:30pm

Lake Limerick Great Hall

Appetizers & Drinks to Follow

Lake Limerick Annual Meeting

Saturday April 20th @ 2:30pm

Lake Limerick Great Hall

Board of Directors Candidates



My name is **Dean Dyson**. My wife and I have been owners here for about 10 years. We have lived here permanently the last couple of years. We enjoy the community and the people who live here. I felt that in this upcoming Spring it would be time for me to give back to this community and run for a board position.

I am a dentist and ran my own practice in Burien for 37 years. I served on a condominium board of directors at various positions including treasurer and president. There were about 120 units in the condominium complex. I have also served for about 25 years in a variety of positions on my church's board. I have chaired the forensic committee of Seattle-King County Dental Society for 3 years in the 1990's, and I am still part of this committee at this time. Before moving to Lake Limerick permanently, I was president of my church St. Vincent de Paul conference.

I know that none of these organizations has a Lake or Golf Course, but I do think they have given me similar experiences that would help me work on the problems, work with the people, and work with the other board members of Lake Limerick. Therefore, I am applying for the vacant position.



Kelly Evans - I have been privileged to serve on the board of directors for Lake Limerick Country Club for nearly eight years. During that time, we have seen some significant changes – some great and some not so great. Positives include a new golf cart shed, re-paved cart paths, remodeling of the café, significant upgrades to our parks (and more coming), improvements to the Inn, a dredging project, and increasingly strong community pride and volunteerism. We have also had some problematic issues with the Navy and the railroad right-of-way, many personnel changes, theft, accounting challenges, and growing cynicism by a small minority in our community.

Because of or in spite of the above, we have continued to flourish as a unique, watchful, caring, and sharing community focused on creating and maintaining a good life for our members for 50-plus years. I want to continue to be involved in our life and growth. It is for this reason I am running for re-election to the board of directors.

I have served as vice president for three of those years and board president for just over one year. During that time, I worked with some incredible people who have the best interests, albeit not

always the same interests, of our community at heart. Being involved in the life of Lake Limerick continues to be immensely rewarding and one I enjoy – 99% of the time.

During my time on the board, especially as a member of the executive committee, I have become convinced that it is increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to adequately fulfill board responsibilities living here only part time. To that end my wife, Cyndi, and I chose to purchase another home in our community and become full-time residents. We will sell our home in Puyallup this spring or as soon as we can dispose of/move 25 years of stuff – the same challenge many of you have experienced!

As board a board member, vice-president, and president I focused on collaboration and inclusion bringing a new direction to the board and our proceedings. I helped our board establish more ways in which to involve our community in decision-making and project development.

Over the last three years some outstanding folks have joined the board and brought new thinking and energy to the group. I applaud their involvement and hope that it will continue. I also see the need to maintain a sense of historical perspective on the board. As the longest serving current board member, that is a focus I desire to bring to the board as we move ahead. I care deeply for this community and am fully committed to meeting the demands of board service. I ask for your vote to continue the privilege of serving you as a member of the LLCC Board of Directors.



My name is **Pat Paradise** and I'm running for a seat on the Lake Limerick Board of Directors. I've been a property owner at Lake Limerick since 1973, and a full-time resident since 1982. While living at Lake Limerick, I have in the past, served on the Lake Limerick Board, the water committee, and been elected to the Pioneer School Board for 14 years. I am a former general contractor, mechanical contractor, and small business owner. I have over 40 years of major construction and project management experience. Four generations of my family currently live in and enjoy Lake Limerick. As a community, we enjoy our lakes, golf course, clubhouse bar & restaurants. Our association infrastructure has reached 50 years old. We need to ensure our facilities last another 50 years. I am running for a seat on the Lake Limerick Board of Directors because I am dedicated to preserving and maintaining our association. With maintenance, upgrades, and replacement in our future, I will pursue the actions needed to sustain us long-term.

Please vote for me, Pat Paradise, to serve on the Lake Limerick Board of Directors.



My name is **Tim McKern** and I live at Div3 / Lot 199. My wife Sheri and I have lived here since February 2007. We enjoy our Community and the area. I am currently your Fire Chief with Central Mason Fire and EMS. I have over 41 years in the Fire Service. I have had the honor of serving for Central Mason since 2002. Our community is growing and watching this is exciting and pleased that as a Community we embrace this change. Our Lake Limerick Board has had many challenges over the past few years and has met them head on with transparency. As a Board Member we must continue with that vision that the Community has set forth for our Board. I have my own vision that I instill in both my professional and personal career. Trust, commitment, and integrity to all that we serve and encounter every day. I also challenge all of you to get out and get involved in your Community. We have a lot of talent in our neighborhood and should capitalize on that. Let your Board of Directors know what you think as they are your voice of tomorrow. I think as we approach tomorrow we must set a mission and core values for the Vision we have today.

"True leadership lies in guiding others to success-in ensuring that everyone is performing at their best, doing the work they are pledged to do and doing it well."-Bill Owens

Water Committee Candidates



Esther Springer-Johannesen - I am running for a position for the water committee. I have recently moved to Lake Limerick on a full-time basis and now have time to dedicate to a committee that provides us with some of the best water in the Northwest.

I have significant experience of the more than 20 years at LLCC, having served on multiple committees as well as on the board of directors. I am ready for a new challenge and to broaden my range of knowledge of the water system at LLCC.

We need to make sure we can achieve our goals for main line replacement that were set several years ago, but also to replace other aging equipment in our infrastructure such as valves, pumps, and generators. We need to insure we have sufficient water supply at all times, irrelevant of weather conditions. With longer and hotter summers our water system demands have increased and if the last few years are any indication they will continue to intensify.

With our aging infrastructure I would like to be involved in the water committee with hopes of continuing to help keep LLCC water as one of the finest in the Northwest now and into the future.



My name is **Brandon Koch** and I am running for a second term serving the Lake Limerick Water Committee. My family and I are in our fourth year of our second residency in Lake Limerick and I enjoy contributing to our community. I bring a small business background to the committee having managed small business over the years and am proud that the Lake Limerick water System can deliver a superior product for a great value. I would like to continue to contribute on the Committee and would appreciate your vote.

PROXY BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS:

Your ballot may be returned by mail or hand delivered to the LLCC office. All ballots must be received by the day of the meeting no later than the end of recess for voting.

All ballots will be mailed with two envelopes. The ballot must be placed in the plain envelope, marked 'FOR BALLOT ONLY" and sealed. That envelope will then be placed in the second colored envelope which will have the member's lot and division number and a space for his/her signature. Signatures will be required for a ballot to be valid. As the ballots (in the envelopes) are received in the office they will be logged into the Proxy Voters Lot. The outer envelope will be removed and the ballot in the sealed plain envelope will be placed in the ballot box.

IN PERSON VOTER REGISTRATION:

Will be available between 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the day of the election for those who did not receive a Proxy Ballot. The Proxy Voters Log will be used to verify that no ballot has been received.

BASIC VOTING RULES:

A couple with one (1) lot gets one (1) vote;

A couple with more than one (1) lot gets two (2) votes;

Single person with one (1) lot gets one (1) vote;

Single person with more than one (1) lot gets one (1) vote.

LLCC Bylaws, Article II, Section B; Any one member may only cast one vote, regardless of the number of lots owned.

2019 Lake Limerick Fishing Derby - April 27th



Derby Contest

6AM to 1PM, Tickets @ \$10, Three Ways To Win:

Biggest Fish By Weight

Two Divisions (adult@ 16 & over/children@ 15 & under)

Five Winners each Division (\$100,\$60,\$40,\$20,\$10)

Second Chance Drawings

Derby Ticket is Entry, Adults (Four \$25 gift cards), Children (bicycle)

Raffle Drawing

Tickets @ \$1.00

Breakfast, Lunch & Drink Specials (Inn)

Breakfast Buffet Opens @ 8:30

Biscuits, Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Bacon, Sausage

Adults @ \$6.00, Children @ \$5.00 (10 and under)

Bar Opens @ 9 AM

Bloody Mary's and Screwdrivers @ \$3.00

Hot Dogs and Chips from 11AM to 1PM @ \$3.00

Rules Posted @ LLCC Office. Derby Tickets on sale at DJ's Market, LLCC Office, Pro Shop and Inn Lounge

Lake Limerick Fishing Derby Rules

Saturday, April 27, 2019

GENERAL : Derby tickets are \$10 for both children (15 and under) and adults (16 and older) and entitle the purchaser entry into the derby. The tickets are non-transferable and will not be sold on the day of the derby. The derby will officially begin at 6:00am and promptly conclude at 1:00 pm. The target fish for the derby is rainbow trout. All contestants must comply with Washington State Fish & Wildlife rules and regulations as well as LLCC boating and fishing rules.

You must and have a derby ticket and personal identification in your possession while fishing. Fish must be legally caught in Lake Limerick during the hours of the derby. Young children (~6 years or younger) must have a derby ticket and be supervised by an adult (who also has a derby ticket). They must catch and retrieve their own fish. As previously noted, children 15 and under and adults 16 and over must have derby tickets to participate in this event (separate ticket required for each).

DERBY RULES: All fish submitted for weigh-in must be presented to a derby official no later than 1:00 pm. Valid identification and a derby ticket must be provided to enter a fish. You can only enter one fish per derby ticket and all fish prizes will be awarded based on fish weight. In the event of a tie based on fish weight, fish length shall be used as a tie breaker. If there is still a tie, time of fish weigh-in by a derby official shall be used as a tie breaker. Only one prize is allowed per contestant, so only check in your biggest fish. Also note that if you have weighed in a fish which qualifies for a derby prize and subsequently catch a larger/heavier one, you may submit it for weigh-in. If it is larger, you may replace the original fish. All decisions by the derby officials are considered final.

Qualifying fish in each division will become property of the derby officials until the end of the derby. Qualifying fish retained by Derby officials must be picked up by contestants no later than 1:30 pm (no exceptions). Qualifying fish in each division may be cleaned and inspected by the derby officials at their discretion prior to awarding of the prizes. The derby officials have the right to disqualify any fish based on evidence of tampering.

DERBY AWARDS: Fish derby awards shall be as follows:

> Adult Division (16 and over) 1st place @ \$100, 2nd place @ \$60, 3rd place @ \$40, 4th place @ \$20 & 5th place @\$10

> Children's Division (16 and over) 1st place @ \$100, 2nd place @ \$60, 3rd place @ \$40, 4th place @ \$20 & 5th place @\$10

The awards ceremony will begin immediately following final weigh-in of all fish. You **must** be present to win/claim a derby award.

SECOND CHANCE AWARD'S: In addition to the derby awards, there will be four \$25 second chance door prizes for adults and one second chance children's second chance door prize. If your fish does not qualify for a cash prize, your derby ticket can be entered in the drawing for these door prizes. Winning entries will be drawn from this pool of non-winning tickets immediately following announcements of cash prize winners. **Turn in your derby ticket at the main derby weigh-in area by 1:00 pm to be in the drawing. You must be present to win,**

RAFFLE DRAWING AND SILENT AUCTION: There will be a raffle drawing for various purchased and donated items at the conclusion of the award ceremonies. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase prior to and up through the day of the derby. The raffle drawings will take place following the second chance prize drawings. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 and you may purchase as many as you like. Your name and phone number must be written clearly on the raffle ticket in that **winning ticket holders do not need to be present to win.** Raffle prizes can be claimed within 7 days of the drawing at the LLCC office. Prizes will be forfeited after 7 days. Winners names will also be available at the LLCC office for 7 days.

During the hours of the Derby, a silent auction may be held for significant items donated to the derby by both Lake Limerick members and local businesses. The auction will be in the fish weigh-in areas and be dependent on donations (no donations, no auction). Individuals wishing to bid on an item may review the item and write their bid on the applicable bid sheet. **Please note that your written bid is final and you must honor it.**

No Refunds/No Exceptions

Have a fantastic day Fishing!!

Magpies, Sharon Hadsall, President

Hoping for warmer weather, we've begun planning for our **SPRING FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON**, which will be held on **Saturday, May 18th**. Tickets will go on sale at our April 2nd Magpies meeting (10 AM at the Inn). We'll be selling tickets in tables of 8. Be sure to purchase yours early, as this is a popular event. After April 2nd, they will be on sale in the office. Cost is \$22.

We'll also be holding our annual **BAKE SALE** on **April 20th**, the same day as the LLCC Annual Meeting, so grab those aprons and bring us your favorite treats. Sales begin at 12 Noon. Meeting starts at 2 PM. For those who do not know, Lake Limerick Magpies is a volunteer group of women whose main purpose is to raise funds to help support our restaurant, golf course and café ... plus it's a chance to socialize and get to know others in your community. We hold an Annual Bazaar (October 26th), operate the Snack Shack at Lake Limerick Daze (July 6th), have bake sales and offer social events in the spring and again in the fall. Also the past few years, we've sponsored local families in need at Christmas. We welcome new members to our meetings which are held the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 in the great hall.

Vern Duggan, Greens Committee Chairperson

Hello from your Greens Committee. I don't know about you, but the snow needs to go away! Hopefully the sun will come out soon, so we may enjoy all of our assets (lakes, cafe, inn, parks, trails and golf) that we have at Lake Limerick.

We have some new and exciting things going on this year. We will have a new 7th green. The rebuilding the green is scheduled to take place at the end of March or the first of April. It will take 7 to 8 days to complete. The goal is being able to play on it the first of June. We raised \$9000. for the rebuilding of the green from various fundraisers. We will be putting a temporary green in until the new one is ready. We will still be able to report our scores for our handicap. I encourage everyone to establish a handicap. All you need to do is go to the pro shop and sign up for a GIHN handicap. It costs \$40., \$35. of the fee is for the USGA,(US Golf Association) to track your score and \$5. for a LLCC admin.fee.

By the time you read this, we will have hired a new Golf pro. Our previous Pro, Ron Stull had to step down due to his health.

Our first event of the season is the Clam Chowder Tournament, 3/19/19. Sign up at the Club house. All are invited. It will be Bill Huston's word famous clam chowder, served after the tournament. Please sign up soon, so we will have an idea how many will be attending.

We encourage you all to come and join the Womens' and Mens' Clubs. Come and enjoy playing with your friends and neighbors. It is a great way to meet people.

We at your Greens Committee, are dedicated keep cost down and increase revenue. Our golf course is a great asset for Lake Limerick Golf and Country Club.

Thank you from your Greens Committee

John Ingemi, Community Compliance

Since it's being formed in November 2018, the Lake Limerick Community Compliance Committee has been very busy dealing with a backlog of non-compliance issues and with a number of requests for assistance in regards to the rules and regulations of Lake Limerick.

The Lake Limerick Country Club is a beautiful and eclectic community. We have two lakes, golf course, numerous parks; we have dining and functions that are open to all of our Association Members. Our many Committees are a great way to meet other members and to find out how things operate; how rules and regulations are formulated and established, and especially, "WHY!"

We would like everyone to know that we strive to treat all members equally. We don't care if you live in Division 01, 02, 03, 04 or 05, the rules and regulations of the Lake Limerick Community apply to all. Here they are called the Lake Limerick Bylaws and the Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions. These documents are available in the HOA Office at the Inn upon request or you can go to the website and download them. There are also many of the forms that we currently use for complaints, permits, etc. The Lake Limerick Community Compliance Committee usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM in the Inn's Great Room. Committee members can also be reached by calling the HOA Office and leaving a message or by sending an email to: llccarch@hctc.com. We will make an effort to get back to you a.s.a.p.

Remember, we work for EVERYONE! And, sometimes violations of the rules can be the result of a misunderstanding or misinterpretation of our Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions. Let us work together before any violations become issues, and those issues become problems. Let's work towards building an even better and brighter Lake Limerick.

Debbie Moore, Lake/Dam Committee Member

LLCC FISHING DERBY - ATTENTION FISHERMEN

Lake Limerick has started planning for our 2019 LLCC fishing derby. This year, the derby will be on April 27th and, as in past years, there will be; 1) cash prizes for biggest fish (children and adult categories, 1st thru 5th places) 2) special door prizes (second chance) and 3) a raffle drawing plus silent auction for prizes donated by both local businesses and our community members. Ticket prices remain at \$10 for children and adults and will go on sale in March. Our goal is make this day exciting and fun for all LLCC members. Fishing will begin at 6:00AM and promptly end at 1:00PM. There will again be breakfast, lunch and drink specials at the Inn (Derby headquarters). If you have something you would like to contribute for our raffle, if you have ideas on how to improve our overall derby process or if you would like to help with the event itself, please coordinate with Dennis Muretta. (djmuretta@msn.com) or Deb Baker (debbie@thefair.com).

BOAT REGISTRATION

If you acquired a new (or new to you) power or pontoon boat 16 feet or longer powered by a motor of 10 HP or greater - register it at the office before you put it in the water. When you come to the office you must bring with you a current original Washington State boat registration that shows the length of the boat, and that a member is the owner of record.

LAKE RESTRICTIONS – HOW TO HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE

The key to safety on a small and busy lake is to be able to predict what other people are going to do. Predictability happens when there is a plan that we all follow. We call our plan “Lake Restrictions.” Some of it was covered in your boating course to get your boaters license, and some of it is to protect the shoreline (your parks included), non-boaters in the water, and each other. Please **READ** those restrictions so you know what to do and you’ll have some idea as to what other people will do when we are all playing on the water. Let’s all be predictable! **PLEASE READ THE LAKE RESTRICTIONS AGAIN TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORIES. J**

PARK MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

Our parks open on April 27th. The committee and the staff of LLCC are working to implement the installation of the new playground toys we’ve purchased for the Lake Leprechaun Park and Old Lyme Park. We’ve run into some unexpected installation issues and delays and are working to get them resolved. With any luck, by the time you’re reading this, they’ll be installed. In working with the toy manufacturer, we found out that the fall zones around all of our swings were too small – and creating a hazard for “swingers.” To be proactive, all of the swing sets have been modified to make sure the fall zones were appropriately sized for the type of swing installed. Recently, the committee had an impromptu visit to Log Toy Park to see if there were some simple, cost effective ways we could improve it as well. We’ll work on that a bit more once we’ve successfully implemented current improvements at Lake Leprechaun Park and Old Lyme Park.

LAKES WEED TREATMENT

We’ve successfully treated the lakes last summer. In late September Harry Gibbons, our lake management specialist and I toured the lakes. Harry and I noticed an abundance of the bright lime green slimy algae growing everywhere, just under the surface of Lake Limerick. It’s not dangerous in that none of us will become ill if we come in contact with it, but it is a striking indicator that our lake is receiving too much nutrients and the main cause is not the weeds. Our growing geese population, aging septic systems and deep desire to have lovely green lawns between our homes and the lakes are the main contributors. The warming climate is not helping as we’re not having enough cold weather in winter to kill it off. Although, as I write this, we’ve had a really good cold spell this February, which will help in the short term.

Sure, there are some treatments that could be applied such as Alum treatments to control the algae issue, but the cost of doing such a treatment can be anywhere between \$50,000 to hundreds of thousands of dollars. I really wish I was exaggerating. As a community, we have an advantage as we can make choices to make a difference to things we can control.

If there are weeds in the lake in front of where you know your drain field is – it’s time to check your drain field and septic tank and fix issues you discover. Those weeds are indicating you have a problem. For all of us, plant vegetation, bushes and ground cover, between your drain field and the lake to use up some of those nutrients and make sure your septic system is functioning correctly. Do not feed your lawns.

Then, there are the geese. Ours are NOT migratory. A recent analysis by Harry Gibbons states the following: *“The key point to understand is that geese feces are deposited 28 times a day and the nitrogen and phosphorus of that waste is 1/3 of human waste per day. That is, 3 geese equal 1 human in terms of nitrogen and phosphorus produced within daily in humane urine and feces. The average human excretes 1.3 to 1.6 pounds of phosphorus per year. Each pound of phosphorus loaded to a lake can generate 10,000 lbs of algae. Also, that pound of phosphorus can be recycled within the lake up to 40 times. This means that 3 geese at the lake can contribute to growing 13,000 to 16,000 pounds of algae that in turn, due internal lake recycling of phosphorus, can become 520,000 to 640,000 pounds of algae over a few years. But remember if the geese are resident they add phosphorus to the lake every day so the potential to contribute to an algal problem grows with every day and every goose present at the lake.*

From a wildlife sustainability perspective based upon relative food source and netting around the lakes, the goose population could support in the range of approximately 3 to 15 geese at Lake Leprechaun and 30 to 60 geese at Lake Limerick. (This is a rough estimate based upon studies conducted by WFWD at other lakes and could be more or less than stated above for Leprechaun and Limerick.) However, from a water quality and overall beneficial use sustainability of the lakes; that would translate to 13,000 to 65,000 pounds of algae each year in Leprechaun and 130,000 to 260,000 pounds of algae each year in Limerick. In addition, due to phosphorus recycling there would be an increasing impact each year and in a relative short time frame the overall production of each year would dramatically increase resulting in potential HABs and the loss of the lakes' beneficial use and they would become a health risk." He also stated: "From a lake beneficial and ecological sustainability perspective the resident population of geese should be 0 to 1 at Leprechaun and 2 to 6 at Limerick." At this moment, we estimate that there are about 45 – 65 geese permanently residing at both lakes.

Harry provided some guidance as what we could do to encourage the geese to find somewhere else to live as follows: *"There are several ways that will result in a reduction in the nuisance generating number that are currently at the lakes. The following are some common approaches that have been employed successfully at several lakes and lake parks/golf courses:*

Use of trained dogs to run after and harass geese in lawn, open space, golf courses, and beach areas,

Use of radio controlled boats and planes to harass the move the geese off the lake,

Use of motion detection harass water sprinklers to spray geese on lawns and docks,

Use of motion detection noise and model predictors like owls, swans, and dogs on docks,

Shoreline water landscape to block visual sight lines from the water to trick the geese into thinking there might be a predator in the yard,

Prohibit feeding of the waterfowl it is not needed and most food such as bread is not good for them."

Our committee will be looking for ways and means to educate and work with our general membership about what each of us can do, and what we can do as a community, to keep our lakes healthy and the algae controlled.

Following our "weed treatment plan" Harry and I will tour the lakes sometime in late May or June this spring/summer to observe where the trouble spots are and determine what adjustments to the plan need to be made. We will do our best to have the first weed treatment occur mid-July.

WEIR BOARDS

LLCC staff will begin placing weir boards into the Lake Limerick and Lake Leprechaun dam structures beginning April 1. The weir boards provide higher lake levels in the summer and help maintain flow in the Cranberry Creek watershed. You should notice water levels rising throughout April, especially in Lake Leprechaun before the fishing derby fish are planted. Yes, Lake Leprechaun DOES get fish planted in its lake too.

DOCKS NUMBERING

Numbering your docks is mandatory. Steve Glenn, a member of the Lake Dam Committee is making dock placards with reflective lettering. They are 4" x 10" aluminum plates that your division and lot number are placed on, which you can then attach to your dock with screws. The cost to you will be \$10 and the plates with numbers attached can be ordered in the office or using the application form on the LLCC website at

STYROFOAM SUPPORTED DOCKS

To comply with state regulations, sometime around 2003, Lake Limerick Country Club enacted rules prohibiting the use of Styrofoam or a Styrofoam type product, whether wrapped or unwrapped, to support your dock. In August 2018 and October 2018 infraction letters were mailed to owners of docks still using Styrofoam floats or Styrofoam floats wrapped in plastic. You also received such a letter if your dock's condition had deteriorated to the point of no longer meeting the condition requirements for docks. Having a dock is a privilege and can be revoked if you choose not to comply with the rules that allow you that privilege in the first place. Many of the recipients of the letters have responded to the committee with plans for their dock to be in compliance or removed from the lake by the summer of 2019. The Lake Dam Committee is deeply grateful for your response and willingness to be in compliance with the rules that govern us all. Thank you. For those of you who've not responded to the infraction letter, please do so immediately. If you have any questions, please contact the Lake Dam Committee or come to one of our fascinating meetings.

HELPING A NEIGHBOR – FINAL THOUGHT ON DOCKS

There are a considerable number of your neighbors faced with replacing floats, rebuilding docks or removing their docks from the water this summer. Some of them will be struggling with this, either financially, physically or both. If you see them working hard – and it looks like they could use a hand – or knowhow, consider helping out. If you have tools or a truck that might make it easier for them, offer the help. If nothing else, thank them for sacrificing their time and effort in helping keep the Lakes pristine. It's amazing how a kind word can make a struggle easier.

LAKE LIMERICK COUNTRY CLUB, Inc.
LAKE RULES AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

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- 1) Violation of any Federal, Washington State, Mason County or LLCC Lake Rule may result in the suspension of member's boating privileges and/or the assessment of a fine.
- 2) Members shall be responsible for their guests conduct.
- 3) Non-member power vessels (including relatives and guests) ARE NOT PERMITTED on the lake unless actively engaged in fishing.
- 4) Launching or recovery of a trailered boat from a member's property is prohibited.
- 5) No parking of motor vehicles is allowed within 20 feet of the shoreline.
- 6) All members' vessels, which require Washington State Registration, must be registered with the State, and also be registered with LLCC.
 - a. On INITIAL application for the LLCC watercraft tag, the original Washington State Registration must be presented.
 - b. The LLCC watercraft tag shall be clearly visible, either on the port or starboard side. If it cannot be seen there, then displayed on the windshield.
 - c. All vessels with Washington State Registration and NO division/lot numbers or LLCC watercraft tag WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE LAKE, unless actively fishing from that boat.
- 7) All member registered vessels shall be identified with their division and lot numbers.
 - a. The numbers are to be 3 inches high and of a CONTRASTING COLOR to the hull.
 - b. The numbers are to be displayed on the hull (towards the stern), on the port **and** starboard sides. If they cannot be seen there, then they are to be displayed on the port **and** starboard sides of the windshield.
- 8) No motorized vessel over 19 feet in length is allowed on the lake. Vessel length will be as stated on the State of Washington Vessel Certificate of Title and/or Vessel Registration. Vessel length, if disputed, will be established by physical measurement, by an authorized Lake/Dam committee member, consistent with Washington State Law, WAC 308-93-285 – Vessel Length Measurement.
 - a. Exception:
 1. Pontoon boats up to 20 feet in length are allowed.
 2. Members may request an exception from the Board, for a competition ski boat up to 20 feet in length provided certain criteria are met (ex: amid ship engine, flat bottom, no weight enhancing devices and limited wake). Requests must be submitted to the Lake/Dam Committee.
- 9) Use of personal watercraft (i.e. jet skis, and remote controlled towing devices, etc.) is prohibited.
- 10) Maximum vessel speeds on the lake shall be as follows:

a Lakeside of the buoy line (except as noted below)	8 MPH
b Lakeside of the buoy line during skiing hours (10:00 AM-7:00 PM daily)	35 MPH
c Shore side of the buoy line	NO WAKE
d Bird Sanctuary, King's Cove (Log Toy Cove)	NO WAKE
- 11) Stunting, burning donuts (making circles) and swerving (making S's), etc. are prohibited.
- 12) Vessels and skiers, exceeding 8 mph, shall remain lakeside of the buoy line at all times and 100 feet from other vessels, skiers and swimmers.

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- 13) Tow vessels shall have a responsible driver and responsible observer/flagger. Individual property owners shall be, at all times, responsible for verifying the qualifications of the observer/flagger and driver in their boat, according to Mason County Ordinance.
 - a. An observer/flagger shall be at least 12 years of age.
 - b. A red warning flag shall be used to denote a person in the water.
 - c. Vessels must be operated in a counter-clockwise pattern.
 - d. Skiers wishing to "drop a ski" must do so at the buoy line. Dropping a ski in the ski lanes is strictly forbidden.
 - e. When a vessel is pulling more than one person, and one falls, the other person(s) is/are required to drop off immediately. Under no circumstances shall a vessel continue down the lake, leaving a person(s) in the water.
 - f. Vessels pulling a skier shall not go inside of the buoy line (shore side) at any time. This includes starting or dropping off skiers.
- 14) Ski tournament practices are held the two weeks prior to a ski tournament (weather permitting) as follows:
 - a. Friday 7 pm to dusk
 - b. Saturday 8 am to 10 am and 7 pm to dusk
 - c. Sunday 8 am to 10 am and 7 pm to dusk

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- 15) Wind surfers and paddle boarders and all persons being towed shall wear an adequate approved floatation device.
- 16) Operation-Right-Of-Way Rules states that a swimmer has the right of way over any craft "AT ALL TIMES".
 - a. Any swimmer more than 100 feet from the shore or lakeside of the buoy line MUST be escorted by a vessel displaying a red flag.
 - b. Swimming or floating on an inner tube, mattress or other flotation device SHALL NOT be allowed lakeside of the buoy line during skiing hours.
- 17) Buoys are NOT to be used by swimmers as floatation or mooring devices.
- 18) Overnight parking of cars, vessels and campers SHALL NOT be allowed at any community access area, unless specifically authorized by the Board.
- 19) Skiing means any person(s) on water skis, a wake board or a kneeboard being pulled by a vessel.
- 20) Tubing means any person(s) on a floatation device being pulled by a vessel.
- 21) For personal safety, riding on a vessel deck, side, or standing while the vessel is under power, at speeds of 8 MPH, or greater is prohibited.
- 22) All boaters are responsible for their own wake.
- 23) All boats shall use legal navigation lights after sunset.

Reference:

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 79A.60 Regulation of Recreational Vessels
Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 352-60 Recreational vessel equipment and operation
Mason County Code Chapter 9.04 Motorboats (Ordinance No. 83-88)

Lake Limerick Country Club
Dock Sign Purchase Request

Member Name(s)	<input type="text"/>	Division / Lot	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>		
Mailing Address	<input type="text"/>		

I have read the Lake Limerick Country Club Dock and Float Guidelines and hereby agree to abide by them as written. I am requesting to purchase a standard dock sign from Lake Limerick Country Club for \$ 10.00, to comply with the following section in the guidelines:

"E. Identification. All member docks/floats should be identified with their division and lot numbers. The numbers are to be 3 to 4 inches high, of a CONTRASTING COLOR to the dock/float and permanently attached. The numbers are to be displayed facing the lake (parallel to the shore). The numbers are to be maintained so they are legible at all times."

Member Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Received By (office staff)	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Sign Provided (office staff)	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>

This form should be submitted to the Lake Limerick Country Club business office along with payment for the purchase. Members will be notified when the sign has been made and can be picked up.