

LLCC NEWS

Lake Limerick Country Club Newsletter



June 2019

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President's Message

This time of year the Lake Limerick community really shines. Spring brings new plant growth, and blooming rhododendrons, azaleas, and lilacs. Fishing season kicked off with tremendous fishing derby thanks to our Derby and Inn committee volunteers, supported by our staff. A few hardy boaters and tubers are already plying the lake. Our parks on Lakes Limerick and Leprechaun are open, and we are removing some dangerous trees in Olde Lyme Park so that it can be re-opened and improved. The Lake Limerick Daze parade and activities are just around the corner. Golfing is ramping up, the 7th green project was completed under budget, and our golf staff and Greens Committee volunteers are starting a youth training clinic program.

Even if you don't swim, fish, boat, walk, play golf or pickle ball, you probably eat. Lake Limerick's café, open to the public, is back in full operation. Chef Josh Neely is introducing new menus at both the café and the restaurant, including a new kids menu. Your membership lets you enjoy great food at reasonable prices in a restaurant with one of the best views in Mason County.

The Lake Limerick community offers its residents many amenities not found elsewhere. However, the community is only as strong and good as its members. We need members to remember that we all have a stake in the community and share a common financial interest. We all need to understand and follow the restrictions and covenants we agreed to when purchasing and locating in Lake Limerick. We need to take personal responsibility for our actions and those of our guests and pets, particularly in common areas. We need members willing to volunteer for our committees, projects like the fishing derby, and for membership on the Board of Directors and the Water Committee. We need to understand that not everyone in a community has all the same opinions, viewpoints and interests. When there are disagreements, we need to try to listen and understand other viewpoints and not demonize those with whom we disagree. In many cases we need to remember that a "*this OR that*" resolution of an issue, where one member or group "wins" while another "loses", is less desirable than working out a "*this AND that*" answer that satisfies more members' needs and interests.

Together we can make Lake Limerick stronger as we move into our next fifty years. Your elected Board and the Association staff ably led by Community Association Manager Roger Milliman are committed to maintaining and managing Lake Limerick's financial and physical assets prudently, meeting members' expectations and continuously improving our operations. We need your assistance, advice, and feedback to succeed.

A final note: On May 23, 2019, Countywide Burn Ban Restrictions went into effect in Mason County, because the weather has increased fire danger much earlier this year than normal. Please understand and follow the restrictions and clear dry brush from your property to reduce fire hazard.

Brian Smith, President
LLCC Board of Directors



Community Association Manager

We have a lot to be proud about living at Lake Limerick with our many enjoyable amenities. It's been a busy year growing and maintaining those assets by our dedicated employees. This is what our employees do for the entire Lake Limerick area.

Assets maintained include:

- 2 lakes – Limerick @132.2 acres and 3.81 miles of shoreline (approximately 1/3 of our HOA); Leprechaun @ 6.4 acres with both supported by dams and 1 upstream detention structure.
- 7 Parks with restrooms, most with docks and swim areas open sunrise to sunset. We have Park Hosts this year at Log Toy, Banbury and Anglia.
- We own and maintain an extensive network of Greenbelts.
- Nine-hole Golf Course with multiple Tee boxes for an enjoyable 18 holes of play open 7 days per week..
- Inn Restaurant (5pm) & Lounge (4pm) open 5 days per week Wednesday – Sunday and Café open 7 days per week 7:30am - 3:00pm. If you haven't been "Inn" for a while, come and experience the new summer menus and service.
- Private Water System with 7 wells, 4 tanks and an extensive 14.27 miles of distribution network including fire hydrants.



We have experienced staff maintaining and serving our community, including grounds and buildings.

We are fortunate that our roads and street signs are maintained by Mason County staff and equipment. Additionally, our building, street and park lighting are provided by PUD 3.

What have your department employees been up to?

Administration:

Member services, Accounts Receivable and Payable; answering your phone calls, walk-in payments and questions, bookkeeping, application forms and guidance, HR, taking reservations and much more. The newly installed blue Drop Box (located in the Inn parking lot) is also available for your use.

We are in the process working with Payment Services Network developing a compliant secure electronic Dues and Water payment system. We plan to roll out after extensive testing this summer.

Facilities: Lakes, Parks, Greenbelts and building maintenance including removing dangerous trees, Inn upgrades and event support.

Golf: Staffed and operating 7 days per week. Call 360.426.6290 for your next Tee time and for information on our Summer Youth Clinics.

Greens: Maintaining our beautiful course and recently completed upgrading Green #7.

Water: Continuously maintaining our system, connecting new service and adding efficiency upgrades.

Restaurant, Lounge and Café: Serving themed and private events, serving our HOA and Social Members with exceptional service. Call 360.426.3581 for your next reservation or email mail@lakelimerick.com.

Our volunteer BOD and committee members make significant contributions to our HOA community. It's because of their volunteer efforts that Lake Limerick continues to be an attractive place to live.

Members are purchasing homes, building new and remodeling several properties validating we have desirable assets. Whether you're enjoying your property in the woods, golf course or near water, remember to take advantage of the many amenities, we have lots to offer all ages.

Lake Limerick Days (July 6) and End of Summer Bash (August 31) are being planned by our Committee volunteers. We look forward to seeing you throughout the summer. On behalf of our hardworking Team, we appreciate your thank you and smiles. In the spirit of community when enjoying our assets, meet somebody new and make a new friend.

Roger Milliman, CAM

Lake Limerick Country Club

PLEASE BE AWARE: Recently, a hypodermic needle was spotted in the swing area at the Inn Park and reported to LLCC pro shop staff. Our LLCC maintenance staff says this is not a new or isolated instance. LLCC is not immune from problems like this experienced elsewhere. It serves as a reminder to parents and others with children in the parks to check their surroundings to ensure everyone's safety.

Treasurer's Report

The last few months have been good on the financial end of the HOA. We are continuing to be in a good financial situation, and as Treasurer I want to make sure all of our monies are soundly protected. Therefore I want to look at making a few banking adjustments concerning the security of our holdings, and hope to move some funds out of savings into short term investments, to earn a little more on the dollar, as we work on our future cash needs, and do some planning for the coming years.

It is Budget planning time again, and I am supporting Roger as he sets up the budget process. The department managers are going to be making the first round of numbers in the next couple weeks at which time Roger and I will review these and make sure all makes sense, given their assumptions for needs next year. Mid July is when we hope to have it ready to go to the Board for consideration and subsequent approval.

I am enjoying learning the workings of the accounting system (Quick Books), and working with the office staff, and the Board, and I hope to keep making improvements to the financial information available to all. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns via email to the office (mail@lakelimerick.com) and they will forward accordingly. I am happy to help if I can!

Thank you for your patience and support during these first few months of my serving in this position.

Connie Wong, Treasurer
LLCC Board of Directors



Greens Committee

Hello from the Greens Committee. I hope everyone is well. We are very excited about redoing our 7TH green. We rebuilt the green in May and it will be opened, on 6/12/19. We raised \$8,700 to rebuild the green. Jason (golf Superintendent) and his crew did a great job. The work was done on time and under budget. Before, we were only using 30% to 35% of the green. We are now able to use 85% to 90% of the green. Because we improved drainage, slope change, and irrigation to the green, we will be saving money future maintenance and labor. Due to the redoing of the green, we will be able to attract more players to our golf course. Please come out and enjoy our Golf Course and walking trail.



The 7th Green Post Renovation May 2019

A reminder when walking the Golf Course Path, that the golfers have the right away. Please use caution. Skate boards and bicycles are not allowed. When walking your dogs, be sure you pick up after them. Also, the dogs need to be on a leash.

We will be having a "Fun" fundraiser this summer. We are wanting to redo the 8th green in the fall of 2020. It will be the Apple Cup 2, Fundraiser. Cougs vs the Dawgs. Everyone is invited to play.

We are planning on a youth Golf clinic this summer. Times to be announced. Signups will be at the Pro shop.

Our golf course is our Community asset. Our Committee are always looking to increase revenue and cut cost. We are also looking for ways to have more of our community to enjoy our golf course.

I hope to see you on the course. Have a great Summer and enjoy all our assets. LAKE, PARKS, THE INN, CAFÉ, AND GOLF COURSE.

Vern Duggan, Chairman
Greens Committee



Lake Limerick Events

June

16 - Father's Day BBQ



July

6 - Lake Limerick Daze
27 - Community Garage Sale



August

31 - End of Summer Bash



Please check the Lake Limerick web site for the latest event information

www.lakelimerick.com

Inn Committee

All community members are invited to participate in or view the annual Lake Limerick Daze parade July 6th down St. Andrews Drive from Penzance Road to the Inn. Parade starts at 10:00 am. For those wanting to participate by foot, golf cart, car or float in the parade, sign-up forms are available in the HOA office. Please have parade participant forms submitted no later than Friday 6/28.

Lake Limerick Daze events will continue after the parade at the clubhouse, tennis courts and lawns in front of the Inn as well as a putting course at the pro shop. Children's activities will be held at the tennis courts. Volleyball tournament will be held on the lawn lakeside with sign-up sheets to be available in the HOA office and Lounge on Monday 6/24 through Wednesday 7/3. Putting and driving contests sponsored by the greens committee will be held lakeside and at putting green. Magpies will be offering baked goods as well as event offerings such as hotdogs and strawberry shortcakes. Come out and help us celebrate summer at Lake Limerick.

Community wide garage sale will be held Saturday July 27th. More information on this event will be available soon on the Lake Limerick web site and through email communications.

Music by the lake music events this summer will be held lakeside at the Inn. Watch for future announcements on date and bands. All ages welcome and don't forget to bring blankets and chairs to enjoy the event.

Don Hautula, Chairman
Inn Committee



Compliance Committee

Summer is Here! Let's all try to enjoy it by having all of our members (not just some) following the rules of our Association. Here are a few that tend to be problematic around this time of year:

Pet issues: Contrary to what you may have read on the various Social Media Accounts, Lake Limerick is NOT an off-leash zone. You are required to keep your dog on a leash while off of your property. You ARE required to pick up after your dog, whether you are on the roads, parks, green belts, lakes, etc. You ARE responsible if your dog is loose and becomes aggressive toward another dog, pet or person. Let's make this a happy season for your pet, visitors and of course, your neighbors! Pet Guidelines and policies are available online and at the Office.

Another issue on our agenda is "Property Maintenance." We have had such success and cooperation from so many of our members on getting their property cleaned up and junk removed. Sometimes we get so busy with our many personal issues that we tend to let other things slip past the "acceptable" stage. The way our property looks reflects on ourselves, our neighbors, and our HOA overall. One of our members said, "I'm no Martha Stewart but we try to keep our yard clean and looking decent." This is how we feel and will be happy to help get rid of the junk vehicles that you might have on your property. Send us an email (llcarch@hctc.com) or call the office stating that you are interested in doing this and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Our House Numbering Project has been an ongoing item. We have accepted that it may not have been on the top of your "home improvement" items, but it is an important safety issue for Emergency Responders and is required by Mason County. Again, most of you have responded favorably, some are still lagging behind. We also have Driveway Marker Order Forms in the HOA Office. These are made by our Central Mason Fire Department and fulfill the requirement especially if your house is hidden from the road.

Finally, to use the quote, "one man's junk is another man's treasure," we appreciate our members who want to share their "riches" with the rest of the Community by putting things outside with the FREE sign on them. Most of them are great items and are snapped up as fast as they are put out there. However, if they are still there after a week's time, **no one wants them** and it's time to either donate to Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity or some other organization. Or, the dump!

Although we have gotten so much done, we realize that there is still so much more to do! If you see one of us on our "Property Check Rounds," with our "Lake Limerick Compliance Committee" placard in the window, feel free to flag us down to ask a question, tell us about an issue, or just to say, "Hi!"

John Ingemi, Chairman
Compliance Committee



Residential Outdoor Burning

BURN BARRELS ARE ILLEGAL IN ANY FORM OF OUTDOOR BURNING IN WASHINGTON STATE

1. A written permit is not required for residential burning.
2. Maximum pile size is four (4) feet in diameter.
3. A minimum 10-foot firebreak must be constructed around each pile with a 20-foot vertical clearance from overhanging branches.
4. Only one fire at a time per parcel.
5. Burn pile must be at least 25 feet from any structure or combustible material. Materials to be burned shall not be moved from one site to another. All material must originate from the property on which the burning is to occur.
6. The fire must not create a nuisance from smoke, obscure visibility on public roads and highways, or endanger life and property.
7. No residential fire is to be commenced before dawn and no material is to be added after dusk.
8. A person and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire must be in constant attendance at the site while burning.
9. "UGA's" are areas where residential or land clearing fires are not allowed (burn permits cannot be issued) because of the population density and the public health impact of smoke from large fires. Recreational cooking fires are allowed in UGA's - NO CLEAN-UP FIRES.

Provided by:

Tim McKern, Vice-President LLCC BOD & Fire Chief, Central Mason Fire and EMS

Private Use of Fireworks in Mason County

The Mason County Fire Marshals Office calls for care in using fireworks. Remember, the key to safe celebration is COMMON SENSE!

Washington State Law (RCW 70.77.395) allows consumer fireworks to be discharged between the hours of:

- 12 Noon to 11 PM on June 28th
- 9 AM to 11 PM on June 29th to July 3rd
- 9 AM to Midnight on July 4th
- 9 AM to 11 PM on July 5th
- 6 PM on December 31st until 1 AM on January 1st



These dates and times apply to fireworks discharged in unincorporated areas of Mason County.

Steps to safely discharge fireworks:

- First, set family boundaries. Only adults should light fireworks.
- Second, fireworks should not be readily available to tempt the curiosity of young children and should be stored in a safe and secured location to prohibit their access.
- Third, check with your fire department for additional restrictions in your area. Take a first-aid training. Most importantly, talk about safety with your family. Use care in selecting the "outdoor" area where you will be discharging fireworks. Place pets indoors as they may become frightened. Keep a bucket of water nearby in which to place all used fireworks. Have a charged water hose nearby to put out stray sparks. Keep a first-aid-kit handy. Teach your children to "stop-drop-roll" if their clothes catch on fire. Do not allow children to light fireworks, only a designated adult. Wear eye protection. Light only one firework at a time, move away quickly and keep a safe distance until the display is finished. Never throw fireworks or hold fireworks in your hand.
- Finally, under State Law firecrackers, sky rockets and bottle rockets are illegal to possess and discharge. Possession of illegal fireworks will result in loss of all fireworks and a possible citation.



**FIRE MARSHAL'S
OFFICE**



MEMO

TO: 2012 Retail Fireworks Stand Operators
FROM: Michael D. Patti, Assistant Chief / Fire Marshal
RE: Sales & Discharge of Fireworks
DATE: June 28th, 2012

INFORMATION ON THE SALES & DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED MASON COUNTY

SALES: It is legal to purchase consumer fireworks from a state-licensed fireworks booth starting on June 28 and ending on July 5.

DISCHARGE: It is legal to discharge consumer fireworks purchased from a state-licensed fireworks booth starting on June 28 and ending at midnight on July 4

FIREWORKS PURCHASED FROM FIREWORKS BOOTH ON A NATIVE AMERICAN RESERVATION ARE ILLEGAL TO DISCHARGE OFF OF THE RESERVATION.



WASHINGTON STATE LEGAL CONSUMER FIREWORKS FOR SALE IN TENTS AND STANDS PER RCW 70.77.136

Cylindrical Fountain

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



Helicopters, Aerial Spinners

A propeller or blade is attached, which, upon ignition, lifts the rapidly spinning device into the air. A visible or audible effect is produced at the height of flight.



Cone Fountain

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



Smoke Devices

Tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces a white or colored smoke as a primary effect.



Roman Candles

Heavy paper or cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, up to ten "stars" are individually expelled at several-second intervals.



Parachutes

Upon ignition, one or more parachutes are propelled into the air with stars, smoke, and other effects being discharged as the parachute floats downward.



Wheels

Pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. A wheel may contain up to six "driver" units; upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect.



Mine/Shells/Cakes

Mine – An aerial device that shoots stars into the sky in an upward spray pattern. Shell – A shell is an aerial item that is fired into the sky. Cake – Dense-packed collection of mine/shell tubes that are fused together.



Ground Spinners

A small device similar to a wheel in design and effect. When placed on the ground and ignited, a shower of sparks and color is produced by the rapidly spinning device.



Reloadable Mortars

A shell consisting of a container, a lift charge, a time fuse, a burst charge, and stars/effects. The lift charge propels the shell out of the tube igniting the burst charge at the right altitude, igniting the effects.



Dipped Stick, Sparkler

Stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition. Total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed 100 grams per item.



Novelties

"Trick and Novelty Devices" means any small firework device not classified as a Consumer of Display Firework. Items contain a small amount of pyrotechnic composition that is friction sensitive.



** Pictures shown are for illustrative purposes only and are not an endorsement of any brand or style of consumer firework.

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FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU – PREVENTION DIVISION
(360) 596-3946 FAX: (360) 596-3934
E-Mail: Fireworks@wsp.wa.gov



FIREWORK AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES THAT ARE ILLEGAL IN WASHINGTON STATE

Federally Legal Consumer Fireworks: These items are legal to purchase, possess, and discharge only at an Indian Reservation. Possession and/or use off the reservation is illegal.

Firecrackers

Generally 1/4" x 1 1/2" or less that come in packs to large bricks. A firecracker makes a single "pop" sound. Many firecrackers strung together will make repetitive "popping" sounds.



Sky Rockets and Missiles

Similar to the Bottle Rocket, a Sky Rocket is attached to a stick or has fins and may have a plastic cap. A missile will have fins rather than a stick. Once lit, it ascends rapidly, high into the air where it explodes.



Bottle Rockets

A firecracker type (tube) attached to a 12" long wooden stick. The stick is placed in a bottle and once lit, it rises into the air, travelling laterally before exploding.



Illegal Explosive Devices: The possession, manufacturing, or using of illegal Explosive Devices is a criminal offense.

M-80's, M-100's, etc.

Illegal since the 70's, an M-80 can contain flash powder, black powder, or a composition of materials that are sensitive to shock and can injure or kill people. Can do serious permanent damage to fingers, hands, and eyes.



Improvised Explosive Device (IED)

A pipe bomb is an improvised explosive device, consisting of a tightly sealed section of pipe that is filled with an explosive material. The pipe provides containment, meaning that a low explosive can be used to produce a relatively large explosion.



A tennis ball bomb is an improvised explosive device consisting of a tennis ball filled with combustibles or pyrotechnic material with a fuse producing a loud explosion.



Altered Firework

Sparklers are bound together in electrical or duct tape to contain the ignition of the sparklers, providing for a loud "whoomp" sound with a flash of light.



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IN EFFECT: MAY 23RD



NEWS RELEASE
May 20th 2019

MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
411 N 5TH ST, BLDG 1, SHELTON, WA 98584

TO: KMAS, KRXV, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,
SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,
THE SUN

RE: Mason County Burn Restrictions

COUNTY-WIDE BURN RESTRICTIONS *
EFFECTIVE 8:00 AM – THURSDAY MAY 23RD 2019
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Mason County Community Services - Fire Marshal, in partnership with the Mason County Fire Chiefs' Association, has determined that current weather conditions within the County have created substantial fire dangers, and that there is a need to enact **RESTRICTIONS** on outdoor burning to all lands regulated by Mason County. These **BURN RESTRICTIONS** apply to Land Clearing Fires and Residential Debris Fires. Recreational Fires, in designed concrete, stone, or metal pits like those commonly found in campgrounds are still permitted as well as the use of charcoal briquettes, gas and propane barbeques.

*Lands protected by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may have different restrictions. To find out more information or determine if you are in a Department of Natural Resources area visit www.dnr.wa.gov or call the DNR South Puget Sound Region at 360-825-1631.

Recreational fires must:

- Be built in a metal or concrete fire pit, such as those typically found in designated campgrounds; and not be used as debris disposal;
- Grow no larger than three feet in diameter;
- Be located in a clear spot free from any vegetation for at least 10 feet in a horizontal direction, including at least 25 feet away from any structure and allow 20-foot vertical clearance from overhanging branches;
- Be attended at all times by an alert individual and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire with a shovel and a 5-gallon bucket of water or with a connected and charged water hose.
- Completely extinguish campfires by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch. The use of self-contained camp stoves is encouraged as an alternative.
- No burning when winds exceed 5 MPH.

For further information, please contact the Mason County Burn Ban Information Line at (360) 427-7799.

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National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook

Predictive Services
National Interagency Fire Center

Issued: May 1, 2019

Next Issuance: June 1, 2019



Outlook Period –May, June, July and August 2019

Executive Summary



The significant wildland fire potential forecasts included in this outlook represent the cumulative forecasts of the ten Geographic Area Predictive Services units and the National Predictive Services unit.



Below average fire activity continued in April as moist conditions from the recent winter with periodically wet conditions continued. Precipitation received was above average across the northwestern quarter of the nation and across a majority of the East. Below average precipitation was observed across the southwestern states and the central Great Plains. While drier than average conditions existed in these areas, timely precipitation events did occur. Temperatures were two to six degrees above average except across the Upper Midwest and the northern Gulf of Mexico Coast where they were slightly below average. In Alaska, temperatures and precipitation were near average. Drier than average conditions continued across Hawaii. Drought conditions nationwide continued to be minimal.



Greenup is occurring across the nation entering May; fuels across the Southwest are now drying and curing and will become increasingly receptive to fire activity as the month progresses. Looking north, Alaska's interior is becoming drier and increasing activity is expected. By late May and early June, California and the southern Great Basin will see an increase in activity as fine fuels dry and cure. In July, low and middle elevation fine fuels will dry across the remainder of the West and will gradually become receptive to fire activity from south to north. Unlike most years, there could be a delayed start to the season in the higher, timbered elevations due to preexisting weather conditions and slower than average snowpack melting rates. An exception to this could be along the Canadian Border with Washington, Idaho, and western Montana where below average snowpack and moderate drought conditions exist. These areas can expect an average start to the season with a potential for above normal activity. A normal transition out of fire season is expected across Alaska in July. The onset of the southwestern monsoon may be slightly delayed.

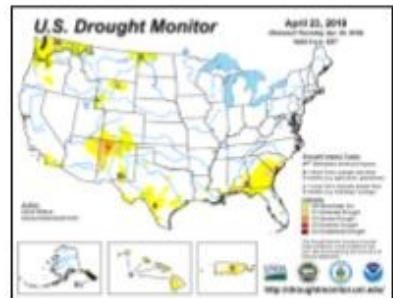
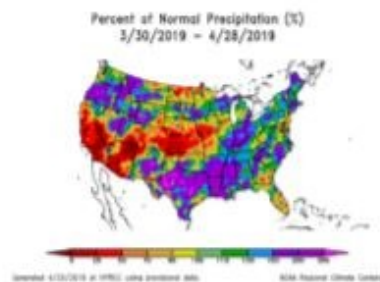
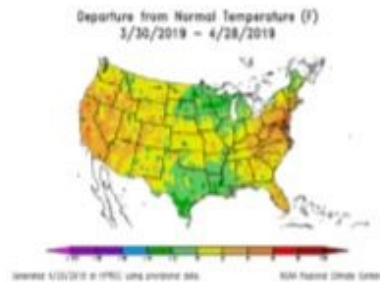


August marks the beginning of the peak of the western fire season. Most of the country can expect Normal conditions. Exceptions will be along the West Coast. A heavy crop of grasses and fine fuels has developed across California and should elevate the potential as it cures and dries. Higher elevations in the Sierra will likely see a late entry into the season due to the record-setting snowpack and slow melt-off. The Pacific Northwest has entered a period of moderate drought. An early entry is possible across the Cascades and in the Okanogan. Elsewhere, some high elevations across the Great Basin and central Rockies could experience Below Normal potential and conditions.

Past Weather and Drought

April began with generally below average temperatures and above average precipitation across the West. Precipitation events were common and increasingly impacted northwestern states as the seasonal northward shift of the jet stream to the north began. With the shift, southern California and the Southwest began to experience patterns that promoted dry and periodically windy conditions. Occasional moisture from passing systems kept drying and curing rates from accelerating. My mid-month, the frequency of passing systems began to slow. Storm systems were not as wet as earlier in the month. Short duration high pressure ridge events became more common. Temperatures remained mostly near average, but pockets of dryness were developing across California and along the Continental Divide. Overall wet conditions continued across the central Great Basin and across the southern portions of the Great Plains. By late month, a persistent ridge of high pressure had developed along the West Coast which allowed for the fine fuels to reach peak greenup and for an above average temperature pattern to develop. A persistent trough over the Inland West kept temperatures near to below average and precipitation above average. This pattern also allowed for a late season snow event across the Northern Rockies and northern Great Plains late in the month. Conditions across Alaska continued to be near average as the prior warming trend abated and as the Interior received precipitation.

The drought across the western states continued to show improvement as drought severity and coverage continued to decrease in response to the recent continued wet pattern. By month's end, most of the nation was drought-free. A noteworthy exception to this was along the Canadian border in Washington, Idaho, and western Montana, where drought conditions showed little change. Some drought development and expansion was observed across portions of the South and across Hawaii. While the developing drought across the South should be short lived, drought across Hawaii should persist.



Left: Departure from Normal Temperature (top) and Percent of Normal Precipitation (bottom) (from High Plains Regional Climate Center). Right: U.S. Drought Monitor (top) and Drought Outlook (bottom) (from National Drought Mitigation Center and the Climate Prediction Center)



Water Committee Needs New Member

The Water Committee has a vacancy with the recent resignation of member Norm Bartoo. If you are interested in serving the Lake Limerick Community as a member of the Water Committee, please submit your application to Christy Smith at the Lake Limerick Business Office by July 5, 2019. We will review the applications at our July 13th committee meeting in order to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for action at their July 20th meeting.

All Lake Limerick Country Club members in-good-standing are eligible to serve. Applications are available at the Business Office or online at the official Lake Limerick Country Club (lakelimerick.com) website:

<http://lakelimerick.com/wp-content/uploads/StaticDocuments/DeclarationOfCandidacyWater.pdf>

The Water Committee consists of 6 Lake Limerick members. The term of each member is 3 years with 2 members up for election each year. The Water Committee meetings are normally held at 9:00am the second Saturday of each month in the LLCC library but they are subject to change if the members choose another time. Any Lake Limerick member is welcome to attend the Water Committee meetings. We would encourage interested candidates to attend our next meeting at 9:00am on Saturday June 8th.

The Water Committee oversees the operations of the Lake Limerick Water Systems which includes 7 wells, 4 reservoirs, 14 miles of distribution system including mainline and service pipes, customer meters and backflow prevention devices. We work with Northwest Water Systems as our Satellite Management Agency and our Water Systems Manager to:

- Oversee operations of the Lake Limerick Water System
- Establish and maintain the annual water budget
- Review extraordinary expenses
- Establish water rates
- Make recommendations to the Board including capital improvements to the water system

For further information on the Water Committee Purpose please refer to the Lake Limerick web site at:

<http://lakelimerick.com/wp-content/uploads/StaticDocuments/CommitteePurposeWater.pdf>

The successful operation of our Water System is critical to maintaining adequate clean water available at a reasonable cost for our members. We would welcome interested members to apply for the open position on the Water Committee.

Don Bird, Water Chair



Lake/Dam Committee---

This years' LLCC Fishing Derby proceeded without my participation. So, of course the weather was mild, the fish massive and lots of folks enjoyed themselves. I console myself in looking forward to next years derby. Here's the wrap up from Dennis Mueretta of the one I missed:

"2019 Fishing Derby Wrap-Up

The derby was well attended, and derby & raffle ticket sales exceeded 2018 levels. Total revenue for both food service and actual derby was again greater than expenses. The weather was also cooperative for a change. Thanks to all who participated, and we hope your whole family enjoyed the event. We are continuously trying to improve the derby, so if you have suggestions in this area, please forward them to us through Christy in the office.

Derby WINNERS were as follows:

ADULT DIVISION

- 1st place: Nicole Yantzer 3 lb, 10 oz
- 2nd place: Curtiss Steen 3 lb, 6 oz
- 3rd place: Shane Haworth 3 lb, 5 oz
- 4th place: Jon Sullivan 3 lb, 4 oz
- 5th place: Steven Spencer 3 lb, 2 oz

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

- 1st place: Hunter Leth 3 lb, 9 oz
- 2nd place: Mathew Plant Jr. 3 lb, 1 oz
- 3rd place: Evan Smith 2 lb, 9 oz
- 4th place: Myre Odom 2 lb, 14 oz
- 5th place: Gavin VanDeBrake 1 lb, 1 oz



Lastly, we again thank the various individual and business DONORS and VOLUNTEERS who made this event a success. Without your contributions, we would not be able to host such a "world class" event for our community. If you get the chance, thank them for supporting our community!

See you next year
The Derby Committee"

The Lake Dam Committee thanks Dennis Muretta and his excellent team for running another fabulous Fishing Derby. A special shout-out and BIG thank you to DJ's Mini Market who helps us by selling Fishing Derby Tickets and all of our local businesses that supported us by donating great second chance and raffle ticket prizes.

Parks

The Lake Limerick Staff has done a great job cleaning up Old Lyme Park. Recently, 12 trees have been identified as dead and dangerous. We've received permission from Mason County to cut them down and will be doing that soon. A tree that fell destroyed the swing there and we'll be installing a new swing like the gorgeous ones at all of the rest of the parks. It's still in the plans to install additional playground toys at Old Lyme park in the near future. Thanks to the Maintenance folks for helping keep all of our kids safe while using the playground toys in making sure fall areas are sufficient and toys are in top-notch condition.

We've also added or will add dog bag stations and garbage cans at all of the parks. Please use them as needed.

The Inn Island erosion issue continues to be an ongoing topic of concern. There are no easy answers to this one as there are a great deal of components to consider. As soon as the Lake Dam Committee figures out a plan we'd like to propose to the Board, we're presented with the news that what we want to be done, can't be done due to permitting issues, design, cost or all of the above. We continue to work to gather information so we can propose a plan that is cost-effective,

beautiful, permit friendly and meets the goals of all of the users of that site, safely.

Docks

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 can be placed on, then attached to your dock with screws. The cost to you is \$10 and the plates will be available to order in the office – and takes about 2 weeks to process. Some members have been kind enough to let us know that the plates look REALLY nice. Let someone on the committee know if you need help with attaching your purchased plate to your dock. We're happy to help. Or make your own dock plate using the following guidelines: The lot/division 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.

It is on our agenda to inspect docks and floats on June 1st, 2019. If your dock is still floating on white or blue encased Styrofoam or is in need of repairs, you are required to repair or replace the dock/floats to be in compliance with the LLCC Dock Rules and Guidelines. Or, you can remove your dock from the lake. Out of compliance docks/floats need to be repaired/replaced as soon as possible. These duties are requirements, not requests, and if we find your dock in violation, you will receive official notification requiring a response. If you are selling your property and you know that your dock is out of compliance, especially as it relates to unencapsulated Styrofoam floats, you need to disclose that to your buyer.

Whether you plan to repair your dock, or you are replacing it, you need to fill out the 2-page Architecture Permit Application, which can be found on the LLCC website. At the same time, print out the dock rules and guidelines and read them **very** carefully. When looking at the dock rules, you'll notice that there are a lot of very specific rules related to measurements. We compare those rules to the information in your application to determine if the dock/float you are proposing will be in compliance. When you are filling out the application please ensure the following:

You've completed both pages of the application. The plot map needs show where your dock is located on the shoreline, the distance between the dock and each of your neighbor's lot line. It also needs to show all measurements of each dock component. If you'll be using one of the exceptions in Section H Clause for exceptions, you might want to include the depth at the end of your dock. If you are invoking the grandfather clause, do not remove your current dock until you have the permit in hand for the replacement.

The description needs to state whether you are replacing your dock/float or repairing it – the application can't be for both.

Provide specific information regarding the materials you plan to use. For floats, that means number of them, dimensions, manufacturer and type. The phrase "Lake Dam approved floats" is insufficient as we do not provide a list of floats we've preapproved for you to select from. We look at the float you plan to install to determine if it is in compliance. In this case a specification sheet, a brochure or print out from a website attached to the permit application is worth a thousand words. Same goes for the decking material – what is the material, board thickness and color. How are you anchoring your dock?

As there are so many rules regarding the docks, the absolutely best way to have questions answered is to come to a Lake Dam Committee meeting. We can meet and discuss exactly what you want to do and assist you in applying the rules to your proposed dock. We have a couple of meetings coming up on June 1st and again on June 29th.

Speaking of permit applications. If it's been a while since you've turned in your application, and you haven't received your permit or heard from anybody on the Lake Dam Committee, please call me at 206-682-8060 Mon – Thurs, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or e-mail me at

. We'd like to help you get the permitting process completed so you can proceed in removing unencapsulated Styrofoam floats and repairing or replacing your dock as needed.

Lake Health Management

You might have seen Harry Gibbons, Tim Reber and myself on the lakes on May 31, 2019 inspect-

ing them (amongst other tasks) to determine if our weed treatment map needs a bit of "tweaking" based on any developments that occurred last winter that had not been anticipated. Treatment will begin on or shortly after July 16, 2019. Our contractor will be responsible for making sure proper notices are posted prior to treatment with aquatic herbicides. Herbicide treatment is regulated under a permit issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology. Advisory signs will identify water use restrictions along waterfronts. Please read any instructions/notices you receive on this issue and comply. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please e-mail Debbie at debra4moore@gmail.com.

You can do your part to help reduce nuisance algae growth, and most importantly the potential for blue-green algae blooms, by making sure you aren't letting garden fertilizers get into the lake if you own a lakeside lot, by maintaining your septic systems and by hand pulling weeds in your lakefront and moving them out of the area immediately. Leaving them on the beach or dock allows the nutrients back in the lake - which is counter-productive.

RULES, RULES, RULES – LLCC has Lake usage rules for the purpose of keeping folks safe – please read them – and follow them.

Please find the rules on our web-site and re-read them. Not only could it save someone's life; that life could belong to someone you love! If we are all following the same set of rules when we're on the lake then we greatly reduce the chance of an extremely unfortunate accident. We've included the rules page in this newsletter. The following are some of the more critical rules:

- The integrity of the ski lanes must be maintained. Vessels with something or someone in tow have the right of way over all other watercraft (except sailboats). All vessels, including fisherman, must yield the right of way to vessels towing someone and must avoid the ski lanes during skiing hours.
- When a skier or tuber falls, the towing vessel must quickly come off its plane and turn towards the buoy line to retrieve the person that just fell. Do not turn left into the lake under full throttle making a sweeping turn. It is an unpredictable maneuver and blocks the path of any boat that is behind you which needs to pass you on the left.
- Stay a safe and reasonable distance from other skiers, vessels, swimmers, anglers and danger areas. The towrope should be no more than 75 feet long.
- Stunting, such as doing donuts or making swerving "S" maneuvers, increases wake size, is unpredictable and is absolutely not allowed.
- No starting or dropping of skiers or tubers **inside the buoy line**, this is extremely dangerous.
- Never exceed 6 mph shore side of the buoy line. That includes the starting or dropping of skiers or tubers.

Reminders:

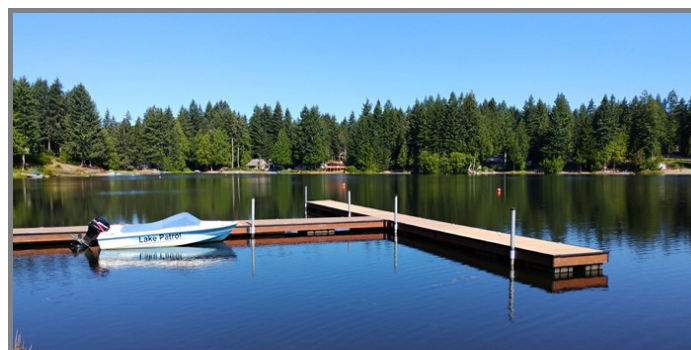
Guest Passes are required for a member's guests to use the any of our parks.

When you go to a park, please take your membership card with you. If you can't find yours, drop by the office and ask for a new one.

Register Your Power Boats - boats required to have WA Licenses are required to be registered with Lake Limerick and bear the Lake Limerick Decal.

For any of the above issues – if you have any questions, please contact the Lake/Dam Committee, contact the office or come to our next meeting on June 1st or June 29th, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Blarney Room in the Inn. Lake Dam Committee hopes you have a great and safe summer.

Debra R. Moore, Committee Member
LLCC Lake/Dam Committee



---- LAKE RULES ----

- 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 flotation 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 flotation 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 flotation 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)