



MVPCC

Spring News

April 2009

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PAY ANNUAL DUES NOW!

- Mail your payment to:
23609 W. Lake Kayak Dr.
Monroe, WA 98272

ANNUAL 2009 MEETING:

- Saturday June 13, 2009
2pm at Park Picnic Shelter

Spring Visitor at Lake Kayak on
March 2009, "Bald Eagle."



Photo by: ©Chuck Briggs, 2009



Photo by: © Riitta Kivirinta, 2008

... 2008 – 2010 Board "Spring '09 Greetings" ...

Spring is finally here, and we have some exciting news to share with you as it is a **"SEASON OF CHANGE!"** See following pages for more information...

UPDATES FROM THE BOARD:

Member Voting Policy - The board recently discussed member voting and determined that the policy will be based on past practices until further research is able to be completed.

MVPCC allows the privilege of voting and holding a position on the board to be based on membership dues being current.

Executive Committee - The board approved the creating of an executive committee consisting of the elected officers from the board and any additional members of the board of directors that are interested in participating. The committee will report to the board at board meetings and handle any board or community related business activities and organizational needs between board meetings.

New Dues Policy - The board recently approved a revision to the MVPCC dues policy with a fee for late dues payment.

- \$25 fee per year will be added if dues are not paid by the June 2009 MVPCC Annual Meeting.
- A lien will be placed on the property if dues are not paid by 12/31/09 that will include annual penalty fee and county processing fee.



Mountain Country

Article by: Lisa Mallant, MVPCC President



Photo by: © Laura Gunion
"Looking Through Canal"

2009 MVPCC DUES :

- Due date - March 15.

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SEASON OF CHANGE:

- Saturday May 2nd, 2009
10am - 2pm at Park

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MVPCC BOARD MEETING 2009 SCHEDULE:

May 12, 2009

July 14, 2009

August 11, 2009

Sept 8, 2009

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NEWSLETTERS:

- Newsletters will be published twice a year, targeting spring and fall. Any additional communications for the community may be included in combination with the Dues Invoices and / or the Annual Meeting notice. Contact a board member if you want to provide an article, photos, or suggest a topic to be included.

Lake Kayak, part of the Cascade foot hills, is located near 1000 ft in altitude. This winter had year round residents feeling like we indeed live in Mountain Country!

Personally, I lost track of accumulating totals, but I know we got 4 feet plus of snow by Christmas! The New Year brought warmer temperatures and rain that caused wide spread flooding. Lake Kayak held onto the ice layer, but nevertheless high water began to flow over the Beaver Dam near the outlet.

On January 8th Tom Morgan received a call from Rudi Mallant about high water in the pond nearly breaching the shore. Tom contacted Molly Graham and it was decided that the opening of the valve designed to drain the lake within 10 feet was a last resort. Tom and his 10year-old son, Kody Morgan, and Leo Gonzales worked to unburden the Beaver Dam that had water running over the top of it. After about 5 minutes of throwing branches to shore the Beaver Dam broke loose with Leo on it! Fortunately all went well. Tom says that it took a full day for the water to finally recede to 6" and it wasn't till January 10th (48 hours) before the water was below the top of the weir and he felt it is safe enough to continue work. He used his equipment to remove the jammed up debris and clear both ends of the culvert. The washed out shore was protected from further erosion by being covered with straw.

Spring in Mountain Country will help to obscure the devastation, but this was one winter we will measure by! (See www.mvpcc.com for Lisa Mallant's complete article).

"Our appreciation to all those who were involved in protecting integrity of our shoreline and lake containment."

Come see Lisa Mallant at the "Lake Kayak booth" "Season of Change" event on May 2nd and she will share more news and info on our lake and community!



Photo above: Lisa's Family in a "Strange Mobile"

"SEASON OF CHANGE!!!"

Article by: Mike Pearson

With the new season comes new hope and new beginning! Spring represents "fresh start of a brand new life!" and with that an opportunity to make a change! **MARK MAY 2ND ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!**

I cannot change the past, but my goals, as a MVPCC board and an executive committee member, are to inspire all members of our community to participate in the re-growth of our neighborhood.

While we may live down the street or just around the bend from one another, the dynamics of this isolated paradise has changed in my twenty six years of living at Lake Kayak. I have seen toddlers grow into fine young men and women, while they may have moved away and started lives of their own, many of their parents still reside at Lake Kayak. The bond that held this community together was - and still is - our children.

We need to set an example to our neighbors of community spirit and loyalty as they are currently missing. I can't replace the park. I can't control barking dogs or loud motorcycles. I can't control the gunfire in the woods. I can however hold my tongue when it comes to my many neighbors, friends and members of this community. If you have a complaint, please provide a solution, get involved or learn to live with it. We live in the wilderness, and I hope we can all learn to appreciate it. There are issues that are outside of the scope of MVPCC board authority and those problems need to be handled neighbor to neighbor.

We, as the board members however, need to treat everybody with the same respect, no matter what our differences may be, and to give all members an opportunity to be heard and represented. With this note...

...THE BOARD OF 2008-2010 WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES TO THE FIRST ANNUAL "SEASON OF CHANGE" GET TOGETHER ON MAY 2ND, 2009 (BETWEEN 10AM AND 2PM) AT THE COMMUNITY PARK!!!

Please come as you are and get to know your neighbors a little better, have some **FUN** while utilizing this time to learn about our community, wildlife around us and how you can start making a difference by signing up for some job opportunities and most of all to be heard!!! You are important to us and we want to make sure that different points of views will be represented!

We look forward to seeing you for some **REFRESHMENTS, FOOD AND FUN !!!** See www.mvpcc.com for more details and look for the upcoming sign at the bus stop!

We will also have **GREAT SURPRISES** including a drawing that will be held for two local restaurants: "The Grange" and "Ixtapa," gift certificates (\$50 each). In addition there will be gifts for people who love birds and want to get involved in bird feeding and observation. These fun gifts have been donated by our board members. There will be great activities and information for everybody who is interested so come check it out!

IT IS TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING AS IT IS THE "SEASON OF CHANGE!!!"
COME JOIN US, HAVE FUN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!!!

We Need a Healthy Respect for Our Fellow Neighbors

Article by: Riitta Kivirinta. Special thank you to Terrie Foote for her contribution to this article.



It is a **"Season of Change,"** and I hope that we can make a change for a more peaceful neighborhood with neighbors solving problems – neighbor to neighbor and respecting each other with different points of view and trying to understand each other's needs. I believe that most of us like to live in rural country, be left alone and not to be told what to do and how to behave, but some of us also like to enjoy quiet times in our gardens and listen to the wildlife instead of constant noise such as barking dogs and dirt bikes, just to name some of the biggest complaints regarding noise around here.

Being an owner of two dogs myself, I believe that we can be left alone and live the "American Dream" in our properties as long as we have a healthy respect for our fellow neighbors. That said, there is a growing concern in our community over the dog issues which include dogs barking and dogs roaming (tipping over garbage cans, annoying dogs that are on their own property and defecating on other people's property). This bothers many people, and it creates unnecessary tension between the neighbors.



I admit that I have struggled with this issue and article as there has been concern not to upset the neighbors, and how to address this matter the most objective and "neighborly way." After careful consideration, I decided to include the concerns that have been brought to my attention by many different neighbors, most of them being dog owners themselves. Terrie Foote, our fellow community member, researched this topic so I have summarized some of the key points to plead to those neighbors who have issues regarding barking and / or roaming dogs in our neighborhood. If you become aware that barking, roaming, garbage or other destruction is caused by your pet; please do your best to resolve the situation. Hopefully you are contacted in a courteous way either neighbor to neighbor or by Animal Control, and ideally you are able to accept the need to make an improvement for the good of the neighborhood. Here are some of the key things that you can do:

- Please clean up after your dog when you're in a community or public property to prevent the transmission of parasites, infection and disease. Some of these can be transmitted to children and to other animals. They are a serious health concern and can even lead to death of your beloved pet. That's why it is critical that you keep your pets current on their vaccinations.
- It is against the law to allow your dog to roam off your property. Snohomish County has a countywide leash law, which requires any dog off the property of the owner to be under the control of a responsible individual. If you see roaming dogs contact their owners or Animal Control.
- Please do not let your dog bark or howl incessantly so that it becomes a nuisance to the fellow neighbors! Do your best to correct the situation when brought to your attention as it may lead to Animal Control being involved and to more serious problems and unnecessary tension between the neighbors, if their concerns are not dealt with.
- Please do NOT punish the dog that is "acting up," because he is NOT the source of the problem, but the person who owns the dog and allows him to "misbehave." Please try to contact that person in a courteous manner, and if all else fails, you have an option to contact Animal Control or take legal action as provided by law. See page #6 of this newsletter for the Animal Control contact information.

WILDLIFE



If you see any injured wildlife, such as birds or wild animals, please call injured wildlife place listed on page #6 of this newsletter. They are volunteer workers who will guide you with proper steps and how to help injured wild animal in your given situation. Do not put yourself or the injured animal at risk, but call a professional.



LAKE KAYAK BIRDS

Article by: Riitta Kivirinta

Secretary of Interior, Ken Salazar, March 19th, 2009, released the first ever comprehensive report on bird populations in the United States, showing that nearly a third of the nation's 800 bird species are endangered, threatened or in significant decline due to habitat loss, invasive species, and other threats. Some of these bird species are located right here in Lake Kayak!



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service coordinated creation of the new report as part of the U.S. North American Bird Conservation Initiative, which includes partners from American Bird Conservancy, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Klamath Bird Observatory, National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Geological Survey. **The report is available at: www.stateofthebirds.org.**

Although we live in the midst of wonderful wilderness here in Lake Kayak, I believe that there are numerous measures that can be taken in our community that would help these birds and other wildlife survive better and to preserve their habitat. My hope is that we can continue and increase our efforts in educating the community members and get people involved. After all, it is a **"Season of Change!"**

My husband, Chuck Briggs, and I have been feeding, observing and documenting Lake Kayak birds since we moved here in the spring of 2006. We just published a photography bird guide of the Lake Kayak that includes many of the birds that we have seen here. This book is available to the community members at the <http://www.blurb.com/user/cdbtx> website. All profits will go towards the benefit of our community!! A copy will also be donated at the **"Season of Change"** event.

I will be available to our community members at this **"Season of Change"** event to discuss and share our experiences regarding gardening for the wildlife, feeding, photographing and identifying Lake Kayak birds. Please come see me on May 2nd at the "Wildlife Booth!" I look forward to talking with you!
~ Riitta, MVPCC Director

... Did you know this about the BIRDS and the BEE...arS ?

It is a Season for the BIRDS!



Photo by: © Chuck Briggs, 2008.
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"Osprey with a Fish." Location: Lake Kayak. This picture won "The Best of Show Photo" award in Monroe State Fair / 2008.

- Did you know that we live in a bird rich area with [Over 80 Different Species of Birds](#) identified on our little lake? You can now purchase a ["Lake Kayak" book](#) that identifies many of these birds in photos. Go to website: <http://www.blurb.com/user/cdbtx> All profits will go towards benefit of our community!!!
- Did you know that many of Lake Kayak Birds can now also be seen on the web site at: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/bp/briggs/index.html> or in the upcoming book of "Birds of North America" by Cornell University (to be published in 2010). In the meanwhile, you can also see Lake Kayak birds at <http://www.betterphoto.com/Premium/Default.aspx?id=275673&mp=V1>

IT IS SPRING AND TIME FOR THE BIRDS AND GARDENING FOR THE WILDLIFE!!!

Go to: www.mvpcc.com

for more info regarding Lake Kayak birds, nesting, bird feeding, wildlife gardening and the "Lake Kayak" Book!!!

CAUTION!

- Did you know that we have had some [BLACK BEAR SIGHTINGS](#) in our small community? Do you know what to do if you encounter one? Check out our updated community website for some useful information regarding that!!!

Go to:

www.mvpcc.com

Also, if you hear unfamiliar animal sounds.....

Check out:

www.junglewalk.com

Please find below some useful contacts that you may need one day.

(Tip: Save this page and place it on your refrigerator for easy access).

CALL 911 for EMERGENCY

Animal Control

Telephone: 425.388.3811

Hotline: 425.388.3440

On Line complaints:

http://web5.co.snohomish.wa.us/AuditorApps/AudComp_PublicEntry/AudComp-05-EnterCompData.asp

Fish & Wildlife

Telephone: 360.902.2200

Website: www.wdfw.wa.gov

Snohomish County

(Contact County Permitting Office for Permitting & Permitting Violations such as illegal clearing of property within 150' from Lake Kayak water & creeks)

Telephone: 425.388.3411

GARDENING FOR THE WILDLIFE – Contact National Wildlife Federation (NWF) at www.nwf.org or call 1.800.822.9919 for more info on gardening for birds / butterflies / other wildlife, non-invasive plants & more! Check out also www.mvpcc.com!!!

Help for injured wildlife

(not domestic animals)

Call 24 hours a day:

Second Chance Wildlife Care Center
Snohomish, 425-335-0788

Deer Creek Wild Animal Rehab
Everett, 425-334-8171

Sarvey Wildlife Center
Arlington, 360-435-4817

PAWS

Lynwood, 425-787-2500, ext. 817



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SEE OUR COMMUNITY WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO:

WWW.MVPCC.COM

*We hope you have a wonderful spring and enjoy all the incredible wildlife in our unique community !
See you soon in our upcoming events! Remember, it is the "Season of Change!"*