



Neighborhood News

LAKE FOREST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, August 2019

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President's Message

As I write this message, its summer but it's raining like its springtime. I'm sure we will be back to hot weather soon.

If you haven't been down to the park lately, you will have some surprises in store. A number of your fellow residents teamed together during the winter and spring months to clear out some overgrown trashy trees below the lower trail to make two new picnic areas – semi-private areas with a nice view of the lake. The effort turned out to be quite labor intensive, but well worth it. Local contractor, Jon Thompson with Msite Construction leveled and spread gravel for the picnic pads and connecting trails. They also regraded the area around the picnic shelter and installed a dry stack masonry retaining wall on the west side of the shelter. To top these off, we relocated a little used barbeque from the east of the shelter to one of the new pads. On community pride day, participants planted many flowers along the retaining wall. *(Photo note: images taken with a wide angle fish eye lens that gives a unique perspective.)*

The two new picnic areas and the existing picnic area on the beach are available on a fist come / first served basis. The shelter area can be reserved as always. Users are responsible to clean up as you finish and remove any trash. When you use them, please send us an e-mail and let us know how they are working out. Charcoal briquettes only allowed in the barbeques – no other fires.



President's Message, Continued

In future years we plan to install another dry stack masonry wall in the east side of the shelter, new picnic and sitting benches and a barbeque for the northwest pad. We have some opportunity to clear some additional picnic areas further to the north if usage warrants the effort.

The local fire district has replaced the loaner life jackets to the beach rack. They inspect the jackets weekly to make sure the jackets are all there and in good condition. Please return them to the rack when you have finished.

So, here is wishing everyone a happy and enjoyable summer.

Wayne Anderson, President LFEHOA

Maintenance of Lots

Exterior Maintenance by Owner -Keep lots in a neat and clean condition. Keep trash and yard waste bins out of view from any other Lot. Motor homes, boats, trailers, campers, etc. (referred to as Recreational Vehicles) may not be stored in open view from any Lot or right-of-way. Permanently stored RVs must be adequately screened from the view of adjacent rights-of-way and Lots. Screening of RVs must have ACC approval in advance. **Exceptions** - Temporary (less than 48 hours) parking of RVs on driveways is permitted while preparing or maintaining the vehicle before or after a trip. With advance notification to an ACC member, RVs may be parked on the Owner's Lot for up to 1 week, to accommodate visiting guests.

2018 Financial Audit—LFEHOA

A financial review committee has conducted an audit of the Associations books annually since the Association was formed. On May 31, 2019, the LFE 2018 books were performed by Committee Members, Debbie Brothers and Patti Hammett. The outcome of the audit: Lake Forest Estates successfully passed.



Just a reminder to all homeowners – Our park, sports court and common area is maintained through your HOA dues. Therefore, if you see anyone abusing our facilities, feel free to tell them to leave or call 911. Maple Valley Police will respond and deal with the vandals (we have an agency agreement with the MVPD and Chief Nesel is very helpful).

A Bit of History ... Before Lake Forest Estates— Eddyville, WA

Building on the article that appeared in the last LFEHOA newsletter by Wayne Anderson, I'm expanding a bit about a town called Eddyville that was right near the border of Lake Forest Estates, heading south on the trail by the lake. While I am absolutely NOT an expert on this subject, Wayne and I are learning more and more about the historical aspects of our surrounding community through our metal detecting hobby and wanted to share this with anyone else who may be interested in this subject.

One of the first developments on Lake Wilderness was the Hanson saw mill on the South end of the lake: on the left end of the lake as you stand on our dock. This was started by Carl Magnus Hanson which he operated until 1899. He also had a 160 acre homestead on Lake Sawyer. Eddyville is shown on the early 1894 maps of the area and was more or less a company town for the workers and had a small school.

If you walk south from our development, you start to get to the Eddyville area after you pass the two permanent benches on the left side. There is a build up mount of gravel behind those two benches but that is a modern sewer access point. There is another smaller mount on the left side of the trail past there that we're speculating must have been a water tower location for refilling the steam trains.

After you pass that point, there is a distinct widening of the trail on the left side and we believe that was a siding area for train cars to sit while they were loaded with lumber from the mill. The old road from the mill to there comes out on the right side right past there. We think Eddyville was on the right side of the trail where there are various homes now. My family and I have walked and road bikes hundreds of times past this area and never gave it a second thought until now.

Here is a picture of some railroad artifacts that Wayne and I found this past week metal detecting by the Lake Wilderness Depot which was located on the other end of the lake where the chain-link fence abuts the trail by the arbo-retum on the right side of the trail. On the left side is a plate that the train rails would have set on and been nailed down to timber ties. On the right side is a strange piece that Wayne figured out through online research that it was a train car journal bearing oiling access cover. On top are 3 rail spikes with a modern quarter that Wayne also found. While this stuff is basically junk, it is a hoot to find these historical items. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. We've just scratched the surface of all the sites around Maple Valley still to be explored.

Giles Nelson



Letter to the City on Behalf of LFEHOA re: Legacy Site



Lake Forest Estates

Homeowners Association

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July 13, 2019

Mayor Sean Kelly and City Council
City of Maple Valley
PO Box 320
Maple Valley, WA 98038

Mayor Kelly and City Council,

On behalf of 115 homeowners of Lake Forest Estates Homeowners' Association, we would like to offer the following input.

Now that plans for the initial development of the Legacy Site are underway with the *temporary* relocation of the Farmer's Market, we thought it time for Lake Forest Estates to comment. Our Association is supportive of the vision recently presented by the Legacy Site Task Force, and also development that is complimentary and compatible with both the Site and the surrounding communities. By that we mean preserving the trees as much as possible, and integrating buildings into the existing forest as was shown in the Task Force video presentation. In our opinion, the last thing Maple Valley needs is another highly visible clear-cut like what just happened at highway 169 and 240th. We also understand and agree that the first step in the process is to begin to activate the Site.

We disagree, however, with the plans presented so far that call for clearing five acres of land immediately adjacent to our development to accommodate a temporary move of the Farmer's Market. The proposal calls for four acres of parking with one acre of pavement for vendors, which doesn't seem compatible with a temporary use, and is significantly larger than the current space at Rock Creek. We also share the expressed concern about spending \$15,000 on a pole barn for the facility that clearly doesn't mesh with the aesthetics of the site. We also understand that there is a concern about the future viability of the Market and no plan to expand it beyond seasonal use. Given that clearing five acres is a **permanent** change, we would advocate for a smaller footprint that **preserves** the trees, or another location either on the Legacy Site or in town such as at the high school. It may also be financially prudent to hold off on any interim development until a master plan has been completed and approved.

It would seem that the heavy equipment maintenance building on the southwest corner of the site would be an ideal location as it would be visible from the road and would

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already have utilities in place. Possibly an exchange to relocate the business to a more appropriately zoned commercial property could be arranged. We recognize however, that since it is a private business, it may not be an option now but perhaps in the longer term.

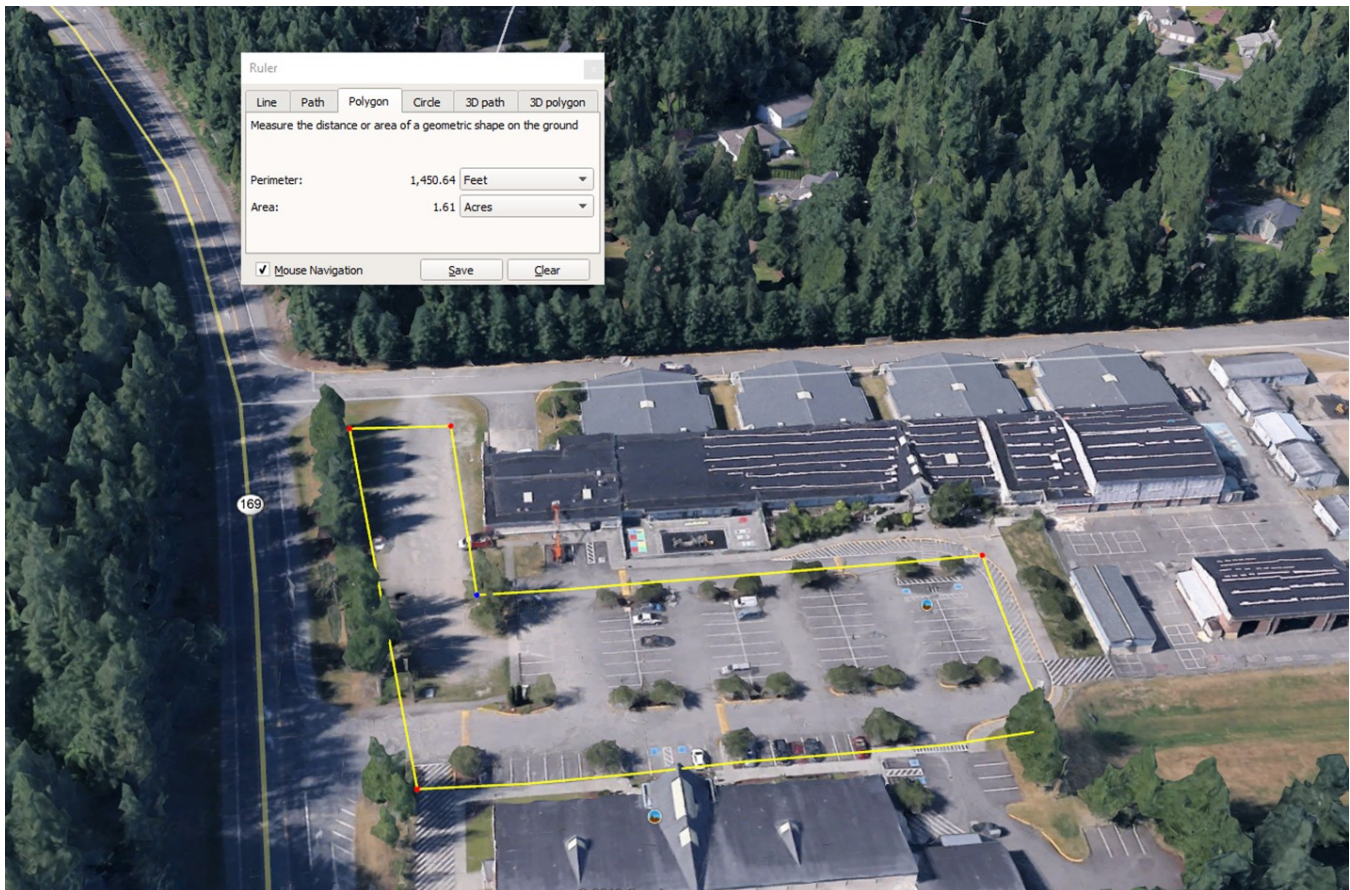
We also understand that there is a proposal to move the temporary market to a location nearer highway 169 and directly across from Rock Creek where the original homestead house was located. That location would be more elongated and run parallel to the highway. It would be more visible and also replace the pole barn with a timber frame structure that would be more complimentary to the forest. When not in use, this location could also serve as a type of visitors' center for the Site with signage and access to the existing trail system and proposed Active Forest.

Lake Forest Estates supports this alternative location provided that it is done properly and fits within the context and vision for the Site of preserving the trees and creating a lasting legacy for Maple Valley. We have enough shopping, apartments, strip malls and parking lots. We urge you and the Council to move forward cautiously and judiciously, as there is only one chance to thoroughly plan and get this right

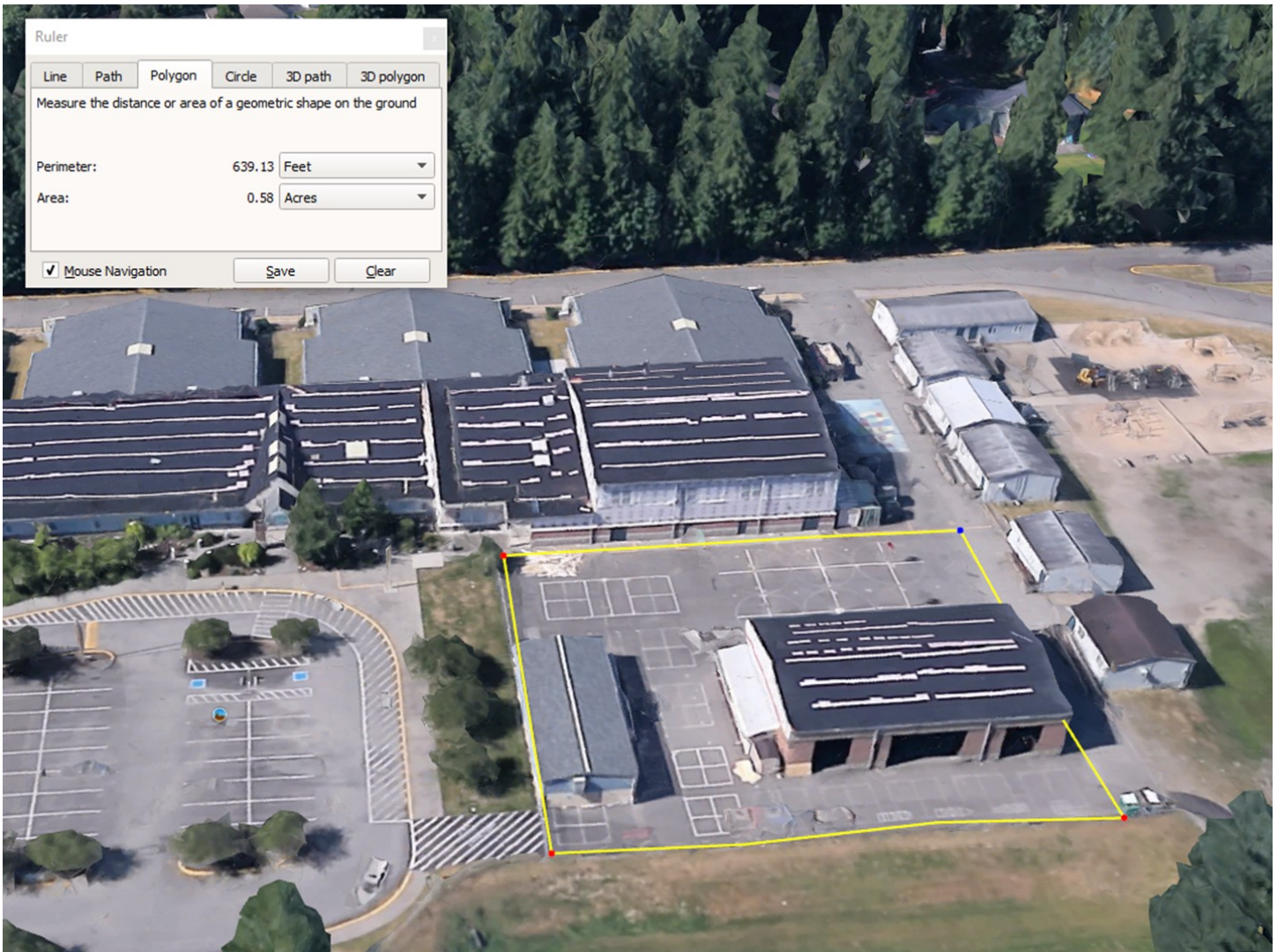
Regards,

Eric Hancock
Legacy Site Committee

Wayne Anderson
President – Lake Forest Estates HOA



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Picnic Shelter Reservations

- The picnic shelter can be reserved by LFE homeowners and renters for private events.
- Reservation requests for groups larger than 50 need to be submitted to the Board for approval.
- A reservation covers only the picnic shelter and immediate area. The remainder of the park is open to all homeowners.
- Reservations should be made with the LFE Secretary at least two weeks in advance:
 - * First come, first served.
 - * The reservation form may be downloaded from our web site: www.LakeForestEstatesHOA.com.
 - * The name and phone number of the Secretary can be found on the Association Website.
 - * A completed reservations form and a refundable \$50.00 cleaning deposit is needed to confirm your reservation. This deposit will be refunded if the area is cleaned up and your trash removed from the park immediately after the event.
- The HOA Secretary will provide the homeowner with a "Picnic Shelter Reserved," notice to post on the day of the event.
- Out of respect for your fellow homeowners, the picnic shelter and surrounding area should be left in the condition that you found it.

Fourth of July Fireworks! *Photo credit—Wayne Anderson*



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LFHOA Maintenance Work Accomplished	
<i>Since Last Newsletter</i>	
Task Completed	Completed By
Clear park area for new picnic areas	Many residents
Shelter retaining wall, gravel pads and trails for new picnic areas, regrade shelter area	Jon Thompson and Msite Construction Company
Straighten the mooring chains for the swimming dock	Eric Hancock, Jason Benda, Giles Nelson, Gary Schroder, Wayne Anderson

If you see items needing repair, let us know! Volunteers are always welcome to pitch in!