President’s Message

Halleluiah, spring is here at last!!

It’s certainly nice to see the flowers and greenery again. If you haven’t been down to our park lately, we’ve a number of improvements to our shared facility. See Troy Loftus’ article for a more complete description. All thanks to a lot of work by a lot of your fellow residents and a local contractor, Jon Thompson with Msite Construction.

Be sure to join us with our annual Community Pride Day where we join together to accomplish an improvement project for our common facilities. This year we will choose a project to complement improvements we have made this fall and winter. Mark you calendar for 9am Saturday May 4 – lunch served after. It’s always fun to meet our neighbors and accomplish something we can all enjoy.

I regret to announce that Katie Gillespie has decided to resign as HOA Secretary for personal reasons. We thank her for the time she served the association.

That means we are looking for someone to help us as Secretary. This is a voting member of the Board. Time commitment is about 3 or 4 hours a month to keep our meeting minutes and several other records. Please give any Board member a call if you have an interest or have any questions. LFEHOA exists only if members are willing to contribute some time to share the burden of maintaining our facilities.

We have included a copy of our Park and Sport Court Rules. Please make sure all your family members who will be using our facilities are familiar with and follow the rules. We have a continuing problem with intruders inappropriately entering the park and using the sport court. As a owner of the park, you do have a responsibility to ask for users you don’t recognize to show their HOA key as identification and if they don’t belong to request their leave. Maple Valley Police do have keys and will respond to the park to remove trespassers when requested.

Our park picnic shelter can be reserved by sending in a reservation request (form on our web site) and making a $50 deposit. The deposit will be returned when the shelter is cleaned after your activity. Note that the reservation covers only the shelter area – the remainder of the park is available for all residents. The remainders of the picnic areas are available on a first come / first served basis.

I’d like to make a special thank you to Boy Scout Troop 711, Mark Menzie and Dick Lopes. They led a clean up campaign from the debris left behind from our winter snow and ice storm. Thank you for your service to our community.

Wayne Anderson, LFEHOA, President
A Bit of History … Before Lake Forest Estates

Over the years of living at Lake Forest Estates, I’ve often wondered, what was Lake Forest Estates before the development was established in 1989?

Recently Giles Nelson and I spent a delightful afternoon with Dick Peacock with the Maple Valley Historical Society. We wanted to learn about the history of the Lake Forest Estates and the neighboring area. We knew that the county trail through our development was originally an old railroad for hauling coal from the Black Diamond area mines to Seattle and that a sawmill had been located on the south shore of Lake Wilderness, but we knew few details. It turned out that Mr. Peacock was the third generation living on his family farm bordering the rail line and had many fascinating stories and photos.

Imagine our local area as a virgin old growth forest prior to the 1880s. No roads or any settlers’ improvements of any significance. This would be the realm of the native inhabitants. Personal transportation was generally by foot or by horse. The transcontinental railroad had just started service to San Francisco in 1869.

Coal mining first started in Black Diamond in 1882 with pack mules transporting coal to the Seattle markets. It was distributed up and down the west coast by ship. Coal was a very limited resource in the western states and the Black Diamond area coal was one of the few high grade sources which made this an energy boomtown.

In 1883, the Columbia and Puget Sound Railroad (C&PS RR) started building the railroad line from Renton to Black Diamond. The C&PS RR purchased and absorbed the Seattle & Walla Walla Railroad which had a functioning railroad around Lake Washington, terminating in Seattle (it had never made it to Walla Walla). Steam trains started daily service from Seattle to Black Diamond in January 1885. The C&PS RR changed its name to Puget Sound Railroad (PS RR) in 1916. Steam engines continued regular service until PS RR was purchased by Great Northern Railroad in 1951, scrapping the steam engines and converting to diesel locomotives. The last train to Black Diamond ran in 1970. Service continued to the Maple Valley depot until it was shuttered in 1980. Trains continued sporadic service through Maple Valley to North Bend and Snoqualmie until late 1980s. The Maple Valley Depot was located near the Testy Chief restaurant (now the Sevens Restaurant). Ultimately the track was pulled up and the railroad right-of-way was taken over by King County, now the Green to Cedar River Trail through our community.
A Bit of History … Before Lake Forest Estates Continued…

It’s really amazing to think that for 85 years a steam or diesel train chugged its way through our development four times a day! You folks living along the trail wouldn’t need an alarm clock!

Next issue – learn about the saw mill on Lake Wilderness and the town of Eddyville. Where did all of our old growth timber go?

If you are interested helping with research and reporting about the early history of our area, please give me a call. It’s really fascinating.

Also the Black Diamond Historical Society leads several walking tours of the old Franklin ghost town each spring. Franklin is just a few miles east of Black Diamond. It’s really a great way to learn some of the area history and an enjoyable afternoon adventure. Contact the Historical Society at 360 886-2142. If it’s too late for this year, plan on it next year.

Wayne Anderson, LFEHOA, President

Legacy Site Update

There hasn’t been much happening with the Legacy Site yet this year. After our recommendations were accepted and the final UW student presentation was delivered late last year, task force was officially disbanded. I did check with the City and the Legacy Site will be an agenda item for a Council study session in either May or June.

The date has not been set yet but the meeting will be open to the public and I hope to attend at least the portion related to the Legacy Site.

The links to the Legacy Site on the City’s website are still active and all of the materials related to the Legacy Site Task Force including the meeting minutes, final recommendations, video and work product of the Task Force, the University of WA and the Urban Land Institute can be accessed with the link below:


Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Eric Hancock, Lot 69
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- 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.
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Community Pride Day 2019

Our community pride day will kick off the summer season on May 4th. This year we will cleaning up the area east of the picnic shelter.

We have had a lot of good volunteer work over the last few months. The main project being clearing of some small trees and brush along the west side of the park to make room for a new picnic area and benches. Using more than 100 man-hours of community labor to clear the area and chip up the resulting brush piles, we have created new spaces that will serve our community well.

To continue with the effort the community pride event will focus on a continuation of the efforts started this year.

The enhanced usability, cleaner look, and more open space align closely with results from HOA member surveys. Please come help maintain the jewel of our community and then enjoy a lunch on us.

Homeowner’s Dues Update

Thank you LFE Homeowners - We collected 91% (105 H/O Dues) with 9% remaining (10 H/O Dues) as of April 10, 2019. As a reminder, 1% late fee began accumulating as of March 1st and will be applied if dues are not paid by March 31st. Late notices will be sent out in April.

Note: If you have any questions or concerns regard HOA Dues, please reach out to the current treasurer, Sandra Munsey at lfehoa.pobox782@gmail.com

Volunteerism

LFE is always looking for volunteers to help and support events such as:

- April – Hiding Easter Eggs
- May - Community Pride Day
- June Annual Garage Sale
- December - Hanging Christmas Lights

Also, if you like to host a LFE community event, please send us your ideas. For example, parents of LFE used to decorate their children’s bikes on the morning of the 4th of July and as a group, ride down to the park where children games and lite munchies were provided by the parents.
The Lake Forest Estates Homeowners’ Association Park and Sports Court are owned by and maintained for the enjoyment of the current homeowners and their resident family members at Lake Forest Estates. Conditions of use and responsibilities are contained within our CC&Rs.

**Authorized Users**

Homeowners and their resident family members.

Homeowner’s parents, children, and grandchildren not currently residing within Lake Forest Estates may obtain use privileges if the homeowner notifies the HOA, indicating names, relationship, indicates that non-residents agree to abide by these rules and the homeowner agrees to be liable for any damages caused. LFE keys checked out to the homeowner may be used by the registered non-resident family members for unaccompanied use of the Park and Sport Court. No keys will be issued to non-residents. Guests will be limited to two (2) per key. Privileges may be revoked if problems develop.

Renters/lessees and their resident family members within Lake Forest Estates may obtain use privileges if the homeowner notifies the HOA Treasurer with the name, phone number and e-mail address of the renter. The Treasurer will contact the renter and issue keys upon the renter making a key deposit and agreeing to abide by these rules. LFE keys are to be returned prior to vacating residence. Non-resident family use privileges will be granted to renters according to the previous paragraph. Privileges may be revoked if problems develop. Homeowners are not to pass LFE keys to renters.

**Hours:**

- Gated park and lakefront - Dawn to Dusk.
- Sports court - 9 AM to Dusk.

**LFE Park and Parking Lot Keys:**

- Contact the Treasurer for new or replacement keys.
- Keys are issued to homeowners and renters and are for the use of resident family members only.
- Keys are not to be given out to any other individuals, except as allowed above.
- LFE keys must be used to enter or exit the park and parking lot.
- A key must be in the authorized user’s or their family’s possession while they are in the park.
- Persons without an authorized key or as authorized by these posted park rules will be asked to leave or may be referred to Maple Valley Police.
- Keys found in the possession of unauthorized people will be confiscated.

**Parking:**

- All vehicles should park in the HOA parking lot.
- No parking on the private drive adjoining the park, King County Trail or on park access roadway.
- If the parking lot is full, please be considerate of homeowners living adjacent to the park by observing the “No Parking” signs posted on the adjoining streets.
- Parking lot and park entrance gates are to be **closed and locked** immediately after entering or exiting.

**Supervision of children:**

- Children under 12 years of age should be accompanied by an adult.

**Alcoholic Beverages:**

- The consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted in the park in accordance with Washington State liquor laws, i.e., persons must be 21 years of age or older.

**Fireworks:**

- No fireworks of any kind permitted in the park, beach, dock, sports court or parking lot.

**Guests:**

- The park and sports court are intended for use by residents of Lake Forest Estates.
- Guests must be accompanied by an authorized user with a LFE key at all times.
- The authorized user is responsible for opening and closing gates for their guests.
- In the park, authorized users under 21 years old are limited to two guests each unless accompanied by an authorized user over 21 years old.
Homeowner’s Responsibility:
- The homeowner will be responsible for adhering to these rules and for any damages caused by members of their household, authorized non-residents, guests or pets.

Pets:
- Pet owners are to clean up after their pets in the park and sports court areas. A dispenser for plastic bags for this purpose is located on the restroom building.

Sports Court:
- To preserve the surface of the sports court –
  - Athletic shoes are required.
  - No bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards or wheeled vehicles are permitted.
  - No fireworks.
- Court use is on a first come – first served basis; no reservations. One-hour time limit if others are waiting.

Fires and BBQ’s:
- No campfires are allowed.
- Fires are permitted only in the BBQ’s.
- Use only charcoal briquettes in the BBQ’s.

Beachfront and dock:
- Swim at your own risk. No lifeguard.
- Children under 12 should be supervised.
- No climbing on or diving from the dock handrail.
- No bicycle riding on the dock.
- No swimming under the dock (there are mooring chains under the dock)
- No glass containers on the beach or dock.

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Enforcement
- Any LFE homeowner or resident may ask users to show LFE key or proof of residence. Homeowners are encouraged to escort unauthorized users out of the park and/or report inappropriate activity to the Maple Valley Police.

Safety issues or items needing maintenance:
- Please report any safety problems or facilities needing maintenance to a HOA Board member. The LFE e-mail address is LFEHOA.POBox782@gmail.com.

Please enjoy and help maintain our facility
Easter Egg Hunt Pictures ... Enjoy!!!!
LFEHOA Elected Board Members

- President: Wayne Anderson, 425-432-6087
- Vice-President: Giles Nelson, 425-432-8677
- Contracts Administrator: Troy Loftus, 206-293-6752
- Secretary: <Is this YOU?>
- Treasurer: Sandra Munsey, 425-432-2129

Other Important Contacts

- Park (Shelter) Reservations: <Is this YOU?>
- Park Keys: Sandra Munsey, 425-432-2129
- ACC Committee: Bernie Glaze, 425-413-0409; Gary Schroder, 206-498-9250
- Finance Committee: Patti Hammett
- Welcoming Chair: Kim Hancock, 425-413-5086
- BlockWatch Chair: Sandra Munsey, 425-432-2129
- Newsletter Publisher: Lorelie Kaid, 425-413-9575
- Webmaster: Giles Nelson, 425-432-8677

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