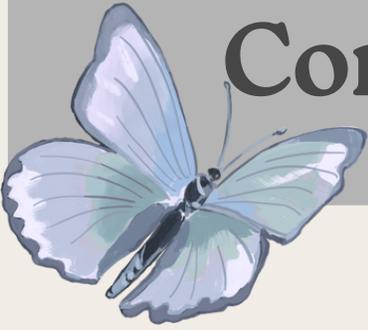


# Lake Forest Estates Community Newsletter



February 2026

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## A Message from Your Board President

### Lake Forest Estates: Investing in Our Future Together



Dear Neighbors,

As we step into 2026, I am filled with an immense sense of pride for Lake Forest Estates. We live in a community defined not just by its beautiful scenery, but by the people who call it home. This year, we have a unique opportunity to lean into that pride and work together to make our neighborhood even better.

Our vision for the HOA Board has always been clear: we are here to guide and oversee, making the strategic decisions that protect your property values and keep our community thriving. However, the true heart of Lake Forest Estates isn't found in a boardroom—it's found in the neighbors who look out for one another and take ownership of our shared home.

### 2026 Projects: Restoring Our Standards

This will be a year of visible progress. After a long period of patience, we are finally nearing the end of the external construction at our main entrance. As that wraps up, the HOA will begin our own restoration projects to bring our entry back to the high standard you expect. This includes:



**Entrance Restoration:** Refreshing the landscaping and signage to welcome you home.

**The 169 Fence:** Replacing the aging fencing along Highway 169 to improve both aesthetics and sound buffering.

**The Community Dock:** We are planning a full refresh of the dock surface this year to ensure our waterfront remains a safe, beautiful place for summer memories.



### **A Call for New Champions**

As we look toward the future, I want to share some personal news. To make room for a fresh vision and new leadership, I will be stepping away at the end of my term to make way for our 2027–2028 President.

Because of this, **I am looking for champions today.** We need members who are ready to step up, learn the ropes, and help lead these upcoming projects. Whether you have a background in project management, a green thumb, or simply a passion for our community, now is the time to get involved.

The Board exists to provide the framework, but it is time to truly make this community yours. We need your energy and your ideas to ensure Lake Forest Estates remains the premier place to live in our area.

I am always available to discuss these projects or how you can get involved. Please feel free to reach out to me at [President@lakeforestestates.com](mailto:President@lakeforestestates.com).

Let's make 2026 our best year yet.

Warmly,  
**Your HOA President** Lake Forest Estates



### **Important Update: 2026 Annual Dues**

Hello Neighbors,

It is that time of year again! To keep our community running smoothly, we are officially kicking off our annual dues collection. Please take a moment to read the following updates regarding how to receive your statement and submit your payment.

#### **✉ Check Your Inbox**

This year, dues letters will be sent via email. We are moving toward digital delivery to save on postage and ensure you get your notice instantly.

Haven't seen it yet? Please check your spam or junk folder first.



Need a copy? If you haven't received your digital statement, please reach out to us at [lfehoa.pobox782@gmail.com](mailto:lfehoa.pobox782@gmail.com) so we can verify your contact information and resend it.

### Important Deadline

All dues must be received by February 28th.

### Payment Methods

We offer several ways to pay, though we encourage digital options for faster processing:

**Preferred Methods:** Zelle and Online Bill Pay are the most efficient ways to ensure your payment is recorded quickly. (Check your dues letter for specific Zelle account details).

**By Check:** If you prefer to pay by check, the collection mailbox will be located on Emil's porch.

Thank you for your timely payments and for helping keep our neighborhood a great place to live!

### **Neighborhood watch notes**

Maple Valley is a very safe town, and Lake Forest Estates is a very safe neighborhood. However, theft has become more of a problem, and because of that, we want to remind everyone to stay vigilant to protect your property and valuables. Thieves are very opportunistic, and can strike in seconds.



A few reminders for you:

- Keep the garage door closed unless you are in the garage or out front.
- Keep bikes secured when not in use.
- Keep auto doors locked and take valuables inside.



**Safety Tips**

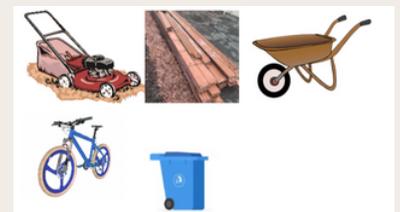
Make sure windows are locked at night or when you are away from home. Talk to your neighbors when you leave so you can watch each others houses.

Happy New Year to all!

### **Reminder from your LFE ACC (Architectural Control Committee)**

“Stuff” should be stashed behind a fence or otherwise out of view from the street.

Article IX Maintenance of Lots Section 1 - Exterior Maintenance by Owner “Each lot and residence shall be maintained by the Owner in a neat, clean and sightly condition at all times and shall be kept free of accumulations of litter, junk, containers, equipment, building materials and other debris.



# Community Safety: A Reminder Regarding Our Furry Friends



Dear Residents,

As we enjoy the beautiful winter scenery at our community park, I want to address a topic that is vital to the safety and comfort of every neighbor: **leash compliance**.

Last year, we experienced two significant incidents involving off-leash dogs at the park. Since then, the Board has been inundated with complaints from residents who no longer feel safe using our shared spaces. While we all love our pets and appreciate the joy they bring, Lake Forest Estates is a community of many different needs—including those of small children, elderly neighbors, and other leashed dogs who may be reactive.

**The Board’s Role and Your Responsibility** It is important to clarify that the HOA is not a police force. While we will be sending formal letters to residents identified as breaking the leash rules to ensure our records are clear for insurance and liability purposes, our enforcement power has its limits.

**If you witness a dog off-leash and feel it is a safety concern, we strongly encourage you to take the following steps:**



**Document the instance:** Safely take a photo or video.

**Contact Animal Control:** Report the incident directly to the county. They are the governing authority for leash law violations and public safety.

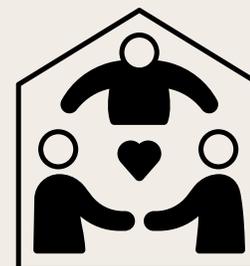
**A Note on Community Spirit** We are incredibly fortunate to have residents who dedicate hundreds of hours to our events and construction projects. Their hard work is the reason our community thrives. However, community pride also means respecting the rules that keep everyone safe.

On the other hand, for those who use their voices primarily to express concerns, I invite you to also use that energy to join us in the “heavy lifting.” Real solutions come from active participation. Whether you are a long-time volunteer or have yet to step forward, we need everyone to work together—not just by following the rules, but by contributing to the community success.

Let’s keep our park a place where everyone feels welcome and safe.

Warmly,

Your HOA President [President@lakeforestestates.com](mailto:President@lakeforestestates.com)



## The Fire Engine Event – 12/19/25. Hosted by Tami Miller & Calvin Marks

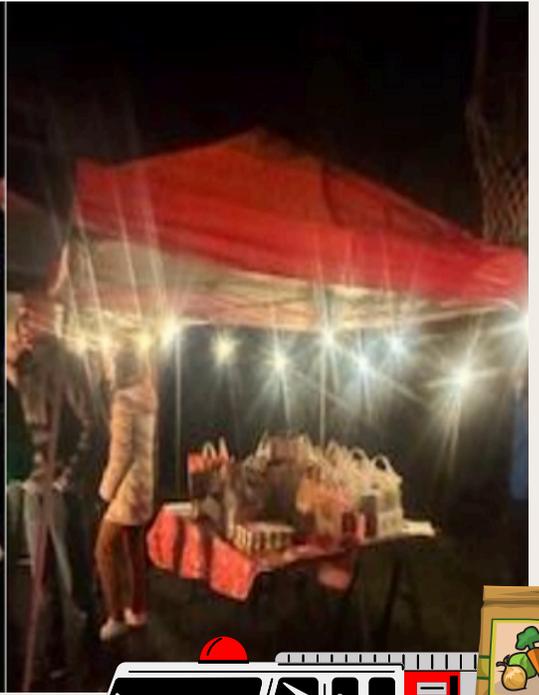


The Fire Engine Event with Santa was once again a big hit with both children and adults. Kids enjoyed visiting with Santa and playing with neighborhood friends, while parents had the chance to socialize and connect with one another. The event was full of fun, featuring delicious cookies, candy, hot coco, and cheerful Christmas sing-alongs for everyone to enjoy.

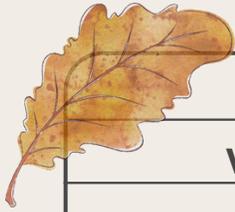
Despite the rain, the event was well attended by the community. It was thoughtfully organized and hosted by Tami Miller and Calvin Marks. The Maple Valley Food Bank proudly sponsored Santa's arrival aboard a decorated fire engine truck. This beloved annual tradition is a wonderful way to bring neighbors together while giving back to those in need.

A heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to making this event a success.





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