



# Neighborhood News

LAKE FOREST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, March 2025

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## President's Message

Happy New Year, Lake Forest Estates!

I hope this newsletter finds you all enjoying the start of 2025. I know many of us are still adjusting to the ongoing construction on SR 169. While it may feel frustrating at times, I want to remind everyone that this project will significantly change the traffic flow and safety in our area once completed. Let's continue to be patient and understanding as we navigate these inconveniences.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated to the local food bank on December 20th. It's truly inspiring to witness the kindness and compassion within our community. Our collective efforts made a significant impact on those in need, and it's a reminder of the power we have when we come together.

Speaking of community spirit, I'm excited to announce that our annual Community Pride Day is just around the corner! This wonderful event brings our neighbors together to beautify our shared spaces. Each year, we see more and more residents volunteer their time and talents to make our park, entrance, and common areas even more spectacular. I encourage everyone to consider joining us – it's a great way to meet your neighbors and contribute to the ongoing improvement of our community.

Thank you all for making Lake Forest Estates such a wonderful place to live.

Respectfully,

**Emil Scioli - President, LFEHOA**



## Important News and Updates!

### LFEHOA Financials - Dues Notification

During our LFEHOA Annual Meeting, homeowners approved 5.6% dues increase for CY 2025. This resulted in dues increasing from \$852 to **\$900**. This \$48 increase will cover inflation and ensure that we continue to fund Reserve Study Assets. HOA Dues notices will be mailed out to homeowners in January. **Payment is due by February 28, 2025.**

### Volunteer Needed Create LFEHOA Newsletter

Dear Homeowners – Are you interested in putting your creative talents to work. The LFEHOA is looking for a volunteer to help us pull together our quarterly newsletter. You don't have to write the articles just package the final product. Lori Kaid, who has graciously and artistically pulled together our newsletter for the past 12 years, would like to retire from this activity because they are moving early this year. Lori will help and assist to make this a seamless transition. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this very important assignment.



### Election Results - Officers

This year LFEHOA Election results were announced at our monthly zoom meeting held on December 12th, 2023. The newly elected board members will serve a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026.

We are pleased to announce that our current officers, President (Emil Scioli), Secretary (Joe Pan) and Contracts Administrator (Stuart Morriss) have graciously agreed to run again and serve our community for a second term. Their commitment, dedication and experience help make LFE a highly desirable place to live.

We would kindly like to remind pet owners that they are responsible for all waste cleanup immediately following their pet's droppings.

Please share this information with family members.



### Dog Etiquette in the Park

As we embrace the winter season, the LFEHOA Board of Directors has been asked by several members of the community to address our community park usage, particularly regarding our four-legged friends.

During the past two months, we have received a number of complaints of off-leash dogs causing a nuisance to our Association members while using the park. We kindly ask all residents to exercise consideration and respect for each other when enjoying our shared space.

To protect the right of all homeowners to enjoy the use of the common area, including those with dog phobia and little kids, the Lake Forest Estates Board of Directors is investigating amending the park rules to require all dog owners to leash their pets when others are present in the park. This simple act ensures the whole community is safe, comfortable, and able to enjoy the use of our beautiful common area.

We recognize that some residents use the park for short periods to exercise their dogs offleash. Before allowing a dog to be off leash in the park please first verify no one else is using the park, including checking the beach area, and promptly leashing the dog if another Association member enters the park. If allowing your dog to be off leash while using the park, please pay extra attention to promptly cleaning up after your dog and keeping your dog off bushes and plants that the community works so hard to maintain.

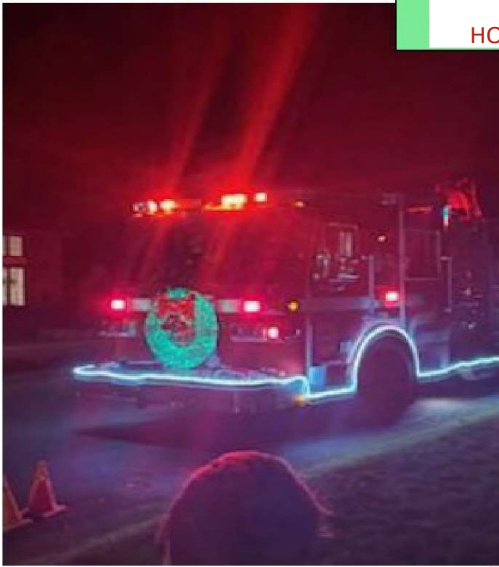
In addition to our park rules, King County regulations, which are adopted into Maple Valley City Code, require all dogs "at large" to be "under control" at all times. "At large" means any animal off the premises of its owner and not under control of a competent person. (Ord. 19638 § 10, 2023). "Under control" means a domesticated animal is restrained, by a human using a leash or competent and effective voice or signal control, from approaching any bystander or other domesticated animal and from causing property damage. (Ord. 19638 § 39, 2023). For a dog to be at large and not under control is a public nuisance under King County Animal Control Regulations and Maple Valley City code.

Let's approach our park usage with humility and mindfulness of our neighbors' needs. By sharing the space respectfully and being considerate of each other, we can ensure that Lake Forest Estates remains a welcoming community for all.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Together, we can make our community park a joyful place for everyone to enjoy this winter season and beyond.



FIRE ENGINE EVENT – DEC 20, 2024  
HOSTED BY TAMI MILLER AND CALVIN MARK





Fire Engine Event, Cont.



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# Mark Your Calendars!

- **April – Easter Egg Hunt Event**
- **May – Community Pride & Spirit Day**
- **June – Community garage sale**
- **July – 4 of July Event**