Message from the Lake Arrowhead Community Club Board of Directors August 2025

John & Laurise Creed erected a shed and gate on or in the proximity of their property within the Lake Arrowhead community. The LACC subsequently alleged that, by erecting the shed and gate, Mr. and Mrs. Creed had blocked a neighbor's access to their property from Arrowhead Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Creed contacted the Mason County Department of Public Works, and Rick Brush, the Right of Way/ Property Manager for Mason County, responded with a letter dated April 30, 2012 (the "County Letter"). LACC was copied on the County Letter. The County Letter described Arrowhead Drive as being a "platted easement for public travel within the Lake Arrowhead subdivision. According to the County Letter, any right of private access over a neighbor's property would require a separately recorded private easement. The language of the County Letter reflected that Mr. and Mrs. Creed were not blocking or otherwise interfering with the County's rights in the platted easement area.

Mr. and Mrs. Creed then engaged an attorney to conduct further research into the issues presented. The attorney wrote a letter to the neighbor in which he concurred with the information presented in the County Letter. Based in part on the County Letter, the attorney concluded that the neighbor did not have an easement right of access over the Creeds' property.

In August 2015, Frank Van Schoten, representing himself as President of LACC, sent an email to Mr. and Mrs. Creed in which Mr. Van Schoten told them that LACC had concluded that their shed and gate could remain in place.

Since that time, LACC has given various notices to Mr. and Mrs. Creed that their shed and gate were placed in violation of various governing documents of the LACC. One or more of these notices also stated that LACC deemed Mr. and Mrs. Creed to be out of compliance and that the LACC was revoking certain community privileges granted to them as Members of LACC. The LACC now acknowledges that such notices were issued in error.

Accordingly, the LACC hereby rescinds any notices of violation that it issued to Mr. and Mrs. Creed after August 25, 2015, related to construction or placement of a shed or gate.

Mr. and Mrs. Creed are entitled to certain privileges by virtue of their membership in the LACC. To the extent that LACC has ever suspended or revoked those privileges based on construction or placement of a shed and gate, those privileges are now restored. Those privileges include, for example, the use of all community facilities, parks, boat storage, dump station, lake, and docks, all subject to the same limitations as those enjoyed by Members in good standing. Those privileges also include the right to vote as a Member of LACC and to participate on the LACC Board of Directors, all to the extent permitted by the governing documents of LACC.

LACC, its Directors and Officers, and Mr. and Mrs. Creed have agreed to refrain from discussing any further information regarding this dispute with any third party(ies) by any means including, without limitation, the use of social media platforms. This shall not be interpreted as precluding or limiting the production of association records upon request by its Members.

The representations above are made solely by LACC, acting through its Board of Directors, and are not intended to in any way limit, restrict, impede, support, or otherwise affect any property rights between Members in the LACC community.