



# FAWN LAKE NEWS AND VIEWS

## April 2025

Welcome all to Spring!

This is a time where our weather warms up and we have many more residents walking in our community. I continue to be concerned about the vehicles speeding in Fawn Lake. Not only does it violate our bylaws but it is extremely dangerous to our residents. Please be sure to honor our community speed limit and to come to a complete stop at all the stop signs.

This is also the time when we hold our Spring Annual General Meeting. It is set for Saturday, April 26th and will be held at PUD#3, Johns Prairie Rd. Social time starts at 8:30am, with the meeting starting at 9am. Mark your calendar now. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

A big thanks to our Board Members who have been working diligently for our Members. We have lots of activity going on with the Water, Parks & Grounds and the Gate. We also continue to refine our Reserve Study (thanks Steve!) to ensure we are on track to make ongoing replacements for aging assets.

We would love to see some new faces on the Board of Trustees. It concerns me that we haven't had enough interest to even conduct a vote for many years. Let's make this year different. Please reach out to the office for a Board Trustee Application. Applications will be accepted in the office through Friday, April 25th. Or bring it to the Spring AGM where nominations from the floor will be accepted. At the close of the meeting, the slate of nominees will be closed. If we have enough nominations, we will conduct an election in May.

Trustees all have Committees to oversee. We appreciate all who have volunteered up till now. It helps our community run more smoothly and often helps in trying to keep our costs down. From tech support to construction to clean-up to painting to Community Events, every little bit helps. Keep an eye out at the AGM for a sign up sheet. We can always use the help!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring AGM and at Fish On!  
Debra Deir, Vice President  
Acting President



**PSST! DID YOU HEAR?  
FISH ON! IS ON!**



**SEE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**FAWN LAKE SPEED  
LIMIT IS 20 MPH!**

### DON'T BE THE LAST TO KNOW!

Sign up for E-Service

Get community notices, account information and the News and Views by email! E-Service Agreement forms are available in the Office or on the [FawnLakeCommunity.com](http://FawnLakeCommunity.com) website.

### After Hours Emergency Number

After Hours Emergency Number is 360-868-8281. It should be called only after Business Hours and only for emergencies related to Fawn Lake services. If you are having a personal emergency, please call 911 immediately.

During Business Hours, call the office at 360-426-1657 to report your Fawn Lake-related emergency.

# **MESSAGES FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

## **Debra Deir: Vice President-covering Bylaws**

- ♦ We see many Members that take such pride in their homes and gardens where others don't seem to see the conditions that their properties have degraded to. As Bylaw Committee Chair, I will be focusing on these properties along with ensuring that yards are kept up. Many of you were aware that FLMC had landscape work done last year prior to July 4th, to protect our community from fire. These costs were charged back to the applicable Member. With all of our homes so close, fire would be devastating to our community, not just on July 4th. Please make sure yards are neatly trimmed to minimize our fire exposure.

## **Steve Jacobson: Treasurer**

- ♦ The Reserve Study is designed to show anticipated expenses over the next 30 years. That's a long time, but it is set to that length to give guidance as to when funding will be needed.  
It also breaks expenses down by category: (All numbers are approximate)

Roads:	\$1,075,000
Buildings, Septic, Parks & Grounds:	\$650,000
Gate/Security:	\$95,000
Water System:	\$7,000,000

Obviously the two biggest amounts are the water system and roads, which are key to our being a successful community.

## **Teresa Becker: Parks, Grounds & Roads**

- ♦ Spring is here and so is the time for cleaning up winter debris in our yards. Please note that it is the lot owners responsibility to remove and dispose of any debris. Do not leave debris along the edge of the road with the assumption that the Parks & Grounds crew will remove it. The P&G crew is responsible for keeping the roadways clear of storm debris, as well as the parks and other common areas, not individual lots.
- ♦ New email address! The new email address for the Parks, Grounds & Roads Trustee is now **[maintenance@fawnlakecommunity.com](mailto:maintenance@fawnlakecommunity.com)**

## **Bill Knight: Water**

Within the last year we have had the ability to read your water meter monthly rather than quarterly as in the past. Taking readings monthly allows us to trend your usage and detect potential over usage and water leaks. The bylaws allow each resident 40,000 gallons of water each quarter. Any usage over the 40,000 gallons, the resident is charged a fee for the gallons used beyond the that limit.

Most water leaks are discovered by a resident or neighbor that hears the sound of rushing water. Under-ground water breaks are more difficult to detect and are eventually detected when the surrounding ground becomes wet and soggy. By trending your usage, we can detect a water leak in a timely basis. When we discover that a resident might have a leak, a warning letter will be sent to you. If you receive a warning letter, please take the time to check to see if you have a leak around your yard and under your home. We have already sent out warning letters to several residents and one of them found two water leaks that they didn't know they had. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our water system, please contact me at [water@fawnlakecommunity.com](mailto:water@fawnlakecommunity.com)

## INTRODUCING THE FAWN LAKE WATER TEAM

Our Water Department Team consists of Water Trustee Bill Knight, Water Master Tom Moore, and Water Technicians Neal Adams and Troy Henderson. The production and delivery of safe, clean water to the community is the single-most important activity that keeps our community viable and successful. This intrepid group keep our water system running, which is no small task!

From daily, monthly and annual testing of water quality; to monitoring well production and backwash; to semi-annual flushing of the mains; to regular maintenance of all equipment at our 4 wells, 2 water towers and the communication system that runs it all; to taking monthly meter readings of resident use; to late night emergency repairs on broken lines—these dedicated staff members do it all with a smile. (Well, most of the time!) Along with these tasks, they are responsible for inventory control of the necessary chemicals, tools and water line supplies and complying with all state and federal reporting regulations. Throw in several 811 Locates within the community and call outs during the year to assist residents with water issues and this team is busy!



Bill Knight  
(Left)

Tom Moore was  
not available for  
his mug shot!



Neal Adams  
(Left)

Troy Henderson  
(Right)



### Heather Tremblay: Gate

- ♦ Exit Spikes Renovated: The exit swing gate operated full time during the renovation of the spikes. We have conducted a survey on using the swing gate full time going forward and will let the community know when a final decision is made about full time operation. Please SLOW DOWN when exiting our community and enter slowly or pause at entry speed bump to prevent tailgaters.
- ♦ 4-Digit Codes: We are updating all 4-digit codes (used for medical and vendors) so they begin with a 9 to reduce accidental calls to residents from the gate. We will be sending out a letter to those who currently have a 4-digit code in the upcoming weeks that requires your response to ensure your code remains active. This is only for holders of 4-digit codes and does not affect anyone's 3-digit code.
- ♦ Incident reporting ONLINE to the Sheriff's office is highly recommended. This ensures they have accurate stats on activities in our community, alerts them to suspicious/drug activity at specific addresses/neighborhoods, and encourages patrolling of our community. Easy online form submission process. Click here to go to the Mason County Website: [ReportFiling-WaMasonCountySO](#) If you prefer, call the non-emergency number 360.426.4441 to report crime, theft, vandalism or other illegal activity after it has happened. Always call 911 for crime that is in-progress.
- ♦ Community Emergency Response Training: CERT Training 2 weekends (Fri 5/2 & 5/9 & Sat 5/3 & 5/10) in May. Sign up now and tell your neighbors. (Minimum 18 people are needed for training.) Applications are in the office. All abilities/ages are encouraged to participate—anyone can be a part of this important community response. When disaster strikes, be prepared to act and respond. Training and equipment provided FREE. See the training flyer on page 6.
- ♦ Board Member Committees: *You are invited to be a part of the leadership here at Fawn Lake!* We value member participation with opportunities for every age, ability and interest level. Together we can lighten the load, keep our dues down, and ensure our community has the right level of investment to keep us operating smoothly. **Will you consider joining us for a few hours per month?** Bring your talents, experience and skills to Team FLMC. Email [gate@fawnlakecommunity.com](mailto:gate@fawnlakecommunity.com) or [fawnlakeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fawnlakeoffice@gmail.com) for more information.
- ♦ Let the office know when you place your home on the market. The office has guidelines for you and your realtor to support gate access for interested buyers. Let your potential buyers experience the benefit of our gated community in ways that promote the sale of your home!
- ♦ Swimming/Boating Season is coming up! The new Life Jacket station will go back up when school is out. We are planning a dedication celebration to include water safety tips, food and fun! Stay tuned!

## A LOOK AHEAD

**Monday, April 21st:** Monthly Board Meeting, 7pm, Bryant Hall

**Saturday, April 26th:** Spring General Meeting, 9am, PUD#3, Johns Prairie Rd

**Sunday, April 27th:** Fish On! Family Fishing Event, see enclosed flyer for more information

**Ladies Crafting Group:** Every Tuesday 10am to Noon. Meet in Bryant Hall. Are you new to the community or just looking to meet some new people? Tuesdays are the best time to meet this group of crafty LADIES!!!! Come on in, relax, and have some fun while you share your talent and interests.

**Happy Birthday to all Fawn Lake Residents with April Birthdays!!!**

### TIP OF THE MONTH

#### The Geese Problem

With Spring now here, we can expect more geese to return to our lake. In fact, the geese population at our lake continues to grow. With all of these geese, we can expect our lake to be polluted and our yards to be littered with the waste.

We consulted with Bryan Murphie, Wildlife Biologist with the State of Washington, that the best way to control our geese population/"problem", whether they are migratory or geese that are permanent residents, is to make life uncomfortable for them. Specifically, some of the things our residents can do is keep their grass a little taller at the edge of the lake (the geese will not go on grass they suspect has snakes or other predators in hiding); the use of green lasers, the use of pinwheels or small, low to the ground mylar flags on the lawn, nylon or fish line borders and, above all—making sure you DO NOT FEED THE GEESE.

If everyone follows these simple tips, there's a good chance the geese will simply go to another lake or to an inlet in the Puget Sound and our geese problem will be solved!

Thanks for your efforts!



- ♥ Steven Charles, long time resident and past president (total of 5 years) for FLMC passed away February 27th after long-term health issues. Steve was also part of the Watch Person Program for well over 3 years. Steve and his wife, Jan, loved living here at the lake and participating in numerous events including volunteering at the annual fishing event. Steve also regularly donated his amazing wood sculptures to our silent auctions, to help support all things Fawn Lake. You are invited to attend a Celebration of Life on May 11th, 1-5pm, at the Cabana.
- ♥ Betty Bridgewater passed away in early March. Betty and her husband, Steve bought property in Fawn Lake in the early 90's, eventually selling one of their lots to Steven and Jan Charles. Betty has extended family who still reside in the community. Betty had recently moved from Fawn Lake to join her adopted Cook family in their new home.



**Fawn Lake Community**

# **Fish On! Is On!**



**Sunday, April 27th**

Free for all ages

**Whether you fish or not, come join the fun!**

**All residents and families welcome**

Valid WA State Fishing License needed for ages 15+  
14 & under (youth category) no license needed

**Pancake breakfast 7-9 a.m.**

\$5 per person (while supplies last)

**Weigh-In 8 a.m. - 12 noon**

Have your best fish (trout only) caught that day  
weighed in at the Cabana



**Prizes awarded during  
free hot dog lunch along  
with raffle drawings.**

**Donations for raffle prizes  
(kid and adult) gladly accepted.**



## **Mason County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Volunteer Training Opportunity (2025)**

The Mason County CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness and how to respond to emergency situations in their community. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders and provide immediate assistance to victims at a disaster site.

CERT is a twenty-hour training program that prepares you to help yourself, family, neighbors, and co-workers in the event of a disaster. To receive a class completion certificate, you must attend all twenty-hours of training.

If you are interested in attending the next class please fill out the form below and send to Mason County Division of Emergency Management (DEM), 100 W. Public Works Drive, Shelton, WA 98584 or e-mail: [MCDEM@MasonCountywa.gov](mailto:MCDEM@MasonCountywa.gov)

### **DATES/TIMES**

#### **LOCATION: 100 W. Public Works Drive, Building #1**

<b>Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, 6:00–9:00 PM</b>	<b>Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:00–9:00 PM</b>	<b>Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM</b>

### **MASON COUNTY CERT TRAINING REQUEST FORM**

(Please print or type the following information and send it to Mason County DEM)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALT. PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- Minimum age is 18 unless Parents or Guardians attend class also.
- All information is **confidential**.
- You will receive further class schedule information and registration materials in the mail.
- Thank you for your interest in the Mason County CERT Program.

Mason County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) 100 W. Public Works Drive, Shelton, WA 98584 360-427-7535 E-mail: [MCDEM@MasonCountywa.gov](mailto:MCDEM@MasonCountywa.gov)



## Fawn Lake Resident Ads



**SHELTON**  
FIRST BAPTIST  
**CHURCH**

[sheltonfbc.org](http://sheltonfbc.org)

**Sunday Services 9:00 + 10:30 am.**

**Latino Service 5 pm.**

*Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus.*

428 W. Cota St.  
Shelton WA 98584  
**(360) 426-8461**  
[fbc@sheltonfbc.org](mailto:fbc@sheltonfbc.org)



**Calvary Chapel South Sound**

123 West C Street  
Shelton, WA 98584  
564-228-7170

**Sunday at 10:00**

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Call David at 360-500-1675 or email  
him at  
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### HOME UPGRADE PROGRAM EXPANDED:

## HVAC Rebates for Qualifying Households from Mason PUD 3.

Bradley Air Company is working with Mason PUD 3 to offer heat pump rebates for low and moderate income households. This program aims to provide financial relief while promoting energy efficiency. If you qualify you could receive:

**Ductless Mini-Split System Rebate up to \$6,000**

**Ducted Air Source Heat Pump System up to \$9,000**

#### Here's what you need to know:

**Expanded Eligibility Criteria:** The home upgrade program has been expanded to include both low and moderate income households.

**How to Apply:** PUD 3 customers can fill out the assistance application online at [Pud3.org/rebates](http://Pud3.org/rebates) or contact the PUD 3 conservation staff at 360-426-0777.

**Potential Savings:** By upgrading your HVAC system, you may also lower your energy bills and experience a more comfortable home.



#### To learn more,

please visit [www.bradleyaircompany.com](http://www.bradleyaircompany.com)  
or call us **360-426-1284**.

Our team is here to assist you.

We look forward to helping you achieve greater comfort and savings in your home.





# Fawn Lake Board of Trustees



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(elected/appointed in November of each year for one year terms)

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## **Communicate with the Board**

If you have a question, comment, compliment or a complaint you would like to voice directly to one of the Trustees or Officers, email the board member at the address listed under their name and title above. The Board cannot address your concerns if we don't know what they are. *We want to hear from you!*

To address the Board of Trustees in person, you can submit a request to speak at a monthly Board meeting. Be sure to include the topic you'd like to discuss or the question you want to ask the Board. Submit your request to the office, during member service hours, **at least two weeks before the meeting date**, as stipulated in our bylaws.