



FAWN LAKE NEWS AND VIEWS August 2023

Taking Pride in our Community

Each year, the office receives several complaints about the general upkeep of our individual lots and the easements along the roads. These are not directed to any one member, but is an overall view of the community. As one long-time resident put it—"Our once neat & tidy park is looking like the start of a homeless camp." While our maintenance gurus, Don and Jerry work hard to keep the parks, ground and roads looking good, we need everyone in the community to do their part.

All residents are responsible for the maintenance and overall appearance of their property, including keeping lawns mowed; removing yard debris and trash and keeping their lots free of threatening or hazardous trees, limbs, flammable or hazardous materials. Noxious weeds (as defined by Mason County and the State of Washington) are prohibited and must be removed as well. While always a topic of discussion, this does include the easement area next to the roadway.

As a community, we must come together to help each other keep our property values intact and our community clean and safe. Many elder residents no longer have the physical ability to maintain their yards or do not have funds to access low-cost maintenance options. Let's reach out to help them. We also have many young people in our community who have time and extra energy that is being spent doing things that do not contribute to the success of our community.

Perhaps, neighbors can get together and find ways to connect these two groups? Nicer looking yards, less damage to Fawn Lake public areas, and building empathy for others—not a bad outcome for a bit of effort. We encourage you to take the time and have conversations with your neighbors. Do they need help? Can they help someone else? How can we team up to help others who need it?

BOARD TO CONSIDER A BAN ON FIREWORKS

The Board has received a bylaw change request to ban fireworks in the Fawn Lake Community. The Board will begin the discussion of this change request at the Board Meeting on August 21st.

An email was sent to all members currently enrolled in E-Service inviting written comments on the proposed change. All members may submit comments in writing to the office. You may email your thoughts to fawnlakeoffice@gmail.com. Members are welcome at the Board meeting to view the discussion but no comments will be accepted from the audience. If you would like to give your input, please do so in writing by August 11th.

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Sign up for E-Service

Get community notices & News and Views by email! E-Service Agreement forms are available in the Office or on the FawnLakeCommunity.com website.

MESSAGES FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bill Knight: Water

Tree Removal on Alpine - There are approximately 80 trees that are growing on top or near the asbestos concrete water lines. The concern is that the roots of these trees will expand with the growth of the tree and potentially break the water lines. The most critical are 26 trees along Alpine that must be removed to avoid further growth of their roots. All of these trees are located on Fawn Lake property. We have hired a contractor that will begin removing the trees starting **August 1st** and will take several days to complete. The contractor will cut the trees to ground level and remove the trees and branches. The trees will be moved to the water towers and will be available to all residents to cut up for firewood. The branches will be chipped and moved over by the tennis courts and available to all residents for yard mulch. If you have any further questions please contact water@fawnlakecommunity.com.

In-Line Valve Installation - A new in-line water valve was installed on Clematis and Azalea. The contractor finished the installation three hours early so the affected residents didn't have to go without water for the entire day. The benefit of installing additional water valves is when we have a water main break and the water has to be turned off for repair, fewer residents are affected by the shutdown.

Curt Pense: Septic Systems

On August 30th-31st, AAA Septic will be here to pump and inspect the tanks of the 27 properties on the community drain field (LOSS). If you would like your septic pumped at the negotiated price of \$435 plus tax for up to 1,200 gallons, please contact the office to get on the list by August 11th. You may email the office at fawnlakeoffice@gmail.com to get more information and to sign up. AAA Septic accepts cash, check or credit card at the time of pumping.

Bill Kysor: Parks & Grounds

Its time to clean up and clear out the launch areas at the parks. Chapter 14, Section 4G of our bylaws states ".....All boats on the shores of Fawn Lake will clearly have the name and address of the Member inside the bow on the starboard side." There are two reasons for this requirement. First, if a boat is stolen or drifts off down the lake, it is easy to identify and contact the member for retrieval. The other reason is to avoid the accumulation of abandoned and junked vessels on our shores.

Please ensure your vessel is properly marked in the next week or so as we will be checking all of them mid-month. Any boats not marked will be pulled from the parks/launches and stored for 30 days to allow owners to claim them. Any boats not claimed at the end of the storage period will be offered up at auction to the residents of the community.

Steve Jacobson: Treasurer

We are in the beginning stages of organizing a Bylaw Review Committee. These folks have volunteered to research any complaints that are received, or that they come across, and make recommendations to the Board for enforcement.

We have begun the budgeting process for 2024. The first step will be the requests for operating funding which should be received before the end of the month. Those will be published to the community through email. Comments from the community will be accepted.

We have invested \$500,000 in rolling CD's, which means we will have one mature each quarter. Interest earned on the CD's is 5.25%.

It is that time of year again. We all need to maintain and keep our property clear of any fire hazards including grass, weeds, etc.

FAWN LAKE SECURITY GATE & COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2023



SAFE COMMUNITY
SAFE HOMES

Participate in the Fawn Lake Community Directory. Submit your name, address and contact info to securitygate@fawnlakecommunity.com or via the google form in our Facebook group.

GATE UPDATES

Member Only Entrance?

Many of you have expressed interest in a Member-Only Entrance Gate. This gate would function by reading a sensor on your car or responding to a remote. We are looking into this option and value your input. Please email us: securitygate@fawnlakecommunity.com We have quotes and a team developing to consider the pros and cons of this potential, future option. If this interests you, please reach out.

5 mph Exit Speed Limit

We need to SLOW DOWN when exiting to prevent extreme wear on our exit spikes, replacement cost @ \$30,000+ A new 5MPH limit sign is posted with a gate violation fine attached to anyone disregarding the slower speed. Our next step is a speed hump at the exit gate. However, this speed hump comes at an expense. Please remind your guests and neighbors to slow down when exiting through the gate.

>> **SAFE COMMUNITY** <<

>> **SAFE HOMES** <<

Neighborhood Watch

Help us re-start Neighborhood Watch here in Fawn Lake. We need sector leads to do this. For more information, email the Security Gate committee: securitygate@fawnlakecommunity.com Also check out the Safe Home Tipsheet from our MCSD meeting, included in the June 2023 FLMC newsletter.

Security Lights in Fawn Lake

We have high-quality security cameras keeping an eye on members and guests in Fawn Lake. Soon, we expect to have added lighting for walkers and to alert neighboring homes of after-hour activity in our community. Motion lights are recommended by MCSD for added home security. Please report crime or thefts to MCSD at 360-426-4441 or to 911 when criminal activity is in progress.

Mason County Sheriff (MCS) reporting system shows crime in Fawn Lake at more than 50% lower...than the rest of Shelton.

Heather Tremblay: Office Operations

The FLMC Office is pleased to hear the many positive comments regarding our new member service hours, updated process and procedures and new staff serving our community. We have plans to continue adjustments that better serve Fawn Lake residents such as more website improvements and online fillable FLMC forms. As oversight for FLMC Office Operations these past 10 months, I feel confident with the state of our Office in service of our community and am happy to announce a new FLMC Trustee, Debra Deir, who will take on the Office Operations Trustee role. Debra has been a longtime support and active participant in FLMC operations. I expect she will take FLMC Office Operations to even higher levels.

I will continue serving our community as Security Gate Community Liaison Trustee and appreciate your involvement and support. As a volunteer Board, many of us still work and are not yet retired. We need and appreciate the FLMC member volunteers who work alongside to maintain and better our community.

Thank you again, please continue to engage and help us ensure Fawn Lake continues to be a clean, well maintained and beautiful space to live.

PUD Pole Inspections

PUD #3 contacted us and they will begin pole inspections in our community starting August 1st. They expect it to take 2 to 3 days. If you have a PUD pole on your property, they will need to enter your property to inspect it. In the rare instance that PUD crews must replace a pole which may be deemed unsafe, requiring replacement and an interruption in service, customers affected by the outage will be notified in advance either by letter or a knock at the door. As always, the PUD recommends that you protect your electronics with surge protectors. Please be considerate; slow down and give them a wide berth when you see them working in the community.

TIP OF THE MONTH

More Gate Tips

There has been a lot of “conversation” going around about people receiving calls from the gate from people they don’t know. Sometimes, these people are implying that they work for Amazon, etc. but really are just trying to gain access to the community for unknown reasons. Amazon, Fed Ex, UPS all have their own access. If you are expecting a delivery that comes from a local business or uses a lesser-known carrier, you must provide your 3-digit code when placing your order so they can contact you for delivery. The Office does not open the gate for personal deliveries.

Do not open the gate for anyone, unless you are sure who they are and that they are here to see you. Do not use your remote to let others in to the community. Each resident here is responsible for giving their own access information to their guests and service providers.

The other conversation is about “gate breaks”. When entering into the community, we encourage you to go slow through the gate and even pause your vehicle for a moment once you have passed beyond the gate to deter someone behind you trying to “piggy-back” in. The road has sensors and once you pass beyond the gate the weight of your vehicle will send a signal to bring the gate down.



COMPLETE BURN BAN CONTINUES

Propane units only

A “Scary Good” Opportunity coming your way!

For those in the community who enjoy a good scare or just love decorating for Halloween, a rare opportunity is coming soon. A lot of really great Halloween decorations are being donated to Kitten Rescue by a couple in the community. These are fabulous, high quality items that will be available to purchase at the September Kitten Rescue Garage Sale, benefitting this great organization.

A LOOK AHEAD

Monday, August 21st: General Board Meeting, 7pm at Bryant Hall

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 August Birthdays!!!

USED EYEGLOSS DONATION BOX IN OFFICE

Shelton's Lions Club has placed a donation box for used eyeglasses here at the office. You may drop off your old, unused glasses during Member Hours. They accept sunglasses and reading glasses, as well. This is a cost-free contribution with enormous emotional and economic benefits. In cases where eyesight is very poor, a pair of glasses can mean recipients are suddenly employable or family members are able to see what their loved ones and their surroundings truly look like for the first time in their lives. Suddenly having clear vision, when there was once no hope, is an experience of such magnitude that it's joys cannot be fully expressed except through the looks on patients' faces when first looking at their new world.

Your old eyeglass may be lurking in places you've long forgotten existed, but drawers and shoeboxes are two obvious locations to start. Beyond that, try the garage, your cars' glove compartment and even in your handbags and toolboxes.

The Community Corner!

Got a promotion, got engaged, had a baby or a new grandchild, celebrated a milestone or something else fabulous? We would like to share your good news! Send us a short write up about your awesome news and we will put it in the newsletter. Send to fawnlakeoffice@gmail.com. Please note, all submissions will be reviewed for appropriateness before being published.

The Community Corner

Meet Jack De Clautier and Dani Yongue, who have lived in the Fawn Lake community for 25 years. They raised their son, Shane, here and recruited many of Shane's friends in the neighborhood to participate in charity events such as Adopt-a-Family and Christmas elves for the local retirement homes. Jack and Dani are dog lovers and their current furry family is Skeeter and Suki.



Dani works for the state but her newly-acquired talent is playing general contractor, as they erect a new building at Taylor Towne, alongside Hwy 101. This will be the new location for Jack's Madrona Autoworks. Jack started out at the shop as lead mechanic/manager for 15 years before they were given the opportunity to become business owners. No small task! They are excited to move their business to Mason County and the bonus of being just down the road.

Stay tuned for announcement of their Grand Opening party, all are welcome!





FAWN LAKE ACTIVITY GROUP

Thank you to everyone who came and participated in our 4th of July event at Willow Park! A huge thank you to all of the FLAG volunteers who helped to put together a day of food, music, games and community fun!



Keep those cans coming! The proceeds from recycling is donated to FLAG to help fund our community events. There are large recycle bins placed on the back side of Well House #3 near the Office for all community members to place their clean cans in. Please remember:

- ◆ Only aluminum beverage cans—no tin cans, plastics, garbage, etc.
- ◆ Only CLEAN cans—please insure cans are rinsed before placing in container. This keeps bacteria, odors and bees at bay and makes it much nicer for our volunteers to deal with the cans. THANK YOU!

Fawn Lake Resident Ads



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 *Let me help you with your real estate needs!
 Contact me at (253)886-4535
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Does anyone in Fawn Lake raise Mason or Leafcutter bees?

If so, want to share information and ideas?
 Contact Lis Ellis at 360-292-5442 or email groovyjoker@gmail.com

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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.