



FAWN LAKE NEWS AND VIEWS

October 2024

Welcome to our new Board Member

Chris Clifford has joined the Board of Trustees as of the September Board meeting. Chris will be overseeing septic systems and assisting with the implementation of water projects. Chris brings experience in utilities, engineering and grant writing. He is also a photographer. Thanks, Chris, for turning your passion for the community into action!

There are still 2 mid-term vacancies on the Board. Please contact the office for more information. Bring your experience and knowledge to the table to help ensure a bright future for Fawn Lake.

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FAWN LAKE SPEED LIMIT IS 20 MPH!

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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 website.

SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Semi-Annual General Meeting

Saturday, October 26th, 9am
Johns Prairie Room, PUD 3
2621 E Johns Prairie Rd

Sign in and social time starts at 8:30am.
Meeting starts promptly at 9am.

During the meeting there will be presentations from the FLMC Board of Trustees, a vote for Budget Ratification (open to Members in Good Standing), and a call from the floor for nominations for those interested in joining the Board. Currently, we have 2 mid-term vacancies. Proxy forms will be available online and in the office.

After the Business Meeting, we will have a 30-minute moderated Town Hall where Members will be able to ask questions of the Board Members.

2025 BUDGET AND ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

The Board has voted for the 2025 Operating Budget, the Capital Expense Budget and the 2025 Annual Assessment. The Operating Budget for 2025 is \$350,000. The Annual Assessment per property is \$1,400 for 2025.

As per state law, the community does have a say in this process. At the October 26th Fall Semi-Annual General Meeting ballots will be provided for those community members in good standing who wish to express their opinion on the budget and assessment. If you cannot attend, you may have your proxy presented at the meeting by a member in good standing that you assign your vote. More details will be sent via USPS or email, based on your communication preference. A reminder: 50% + 1 of the community members in good standing would have to vote "no" for the Board's decision to be overturned.

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

Steve Jacobson: Treasurer

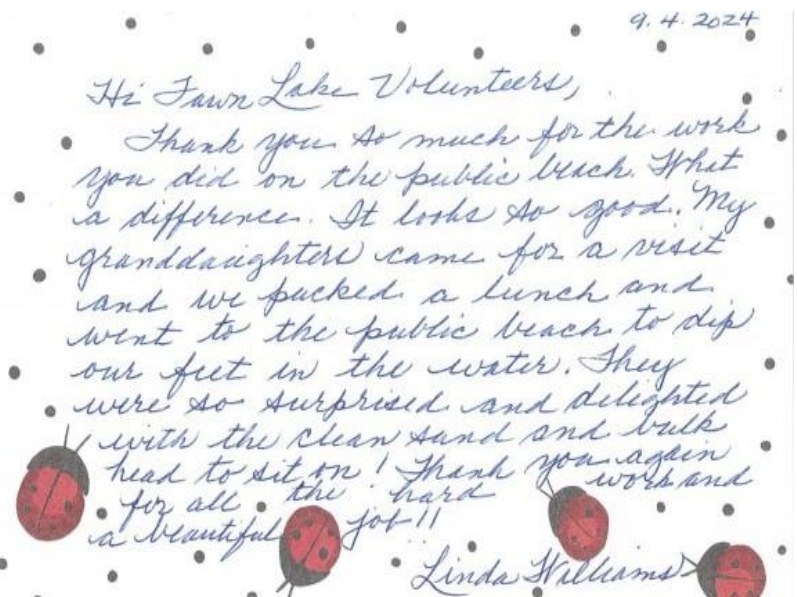
- ◇ The Board has approved the Operating Budget for 2025. The expense portion will be \$350,000. This money is used for the day to day operating expense of the community. In addition, the Board has tentatively approved \$400,000 in capital expense projects. These include \$300,000 for AC Pipe replacement (20% of the approximate total), \$10,000 for Water System Plan update, \$17,000 for water tank repair and cleaning, \$42,000 for road repair, and \$10,000 for Bryant Hall update.
- ◇ The Reserve Study calls for \$447,000 to be added to Reserve funding. Miscellaneous income is estimated to be \$71,000.
- ◇ These numbers led the Board to making the decision to increase the 2025 annual assessment to \$1,400 for the year. The assessment will be due by April 1. You may choose to pay half by April 1 and the second half by October 1.

Heather Tremblay: Gate and Community

- ◆ **New Entry Swing Gate:** We will be testing daytime operation of our new entry swing gate periodically through the month of October, in an attempt to reduce tailgate traffic. Watch your email and our Facebook group for updates.
- ◆ **Report Gate Infractions:** Tailgating causes damage to our gate and allows unwelcome visitors into our community. If you see something, say something by emailing gate@fawnlakecommunity.com. Please include style and color of car, along with date and time of the incident. Let's keep our community safe!
- ◆ **Recreational Fires Allowed:** Please use common sense and safety measures recommended by our Fire Marshal. Please note: land clearing and the burning of yard clippings, leaves, branches, etc. will remain prohibited until the fire danger rating drops to low. Details available at [Fire Marshal—Recreational Burning \(masoncountywa.gov\)](https://www.fire-marshal.com/masoncountywa.gov)

Swim Beach Improvements

Thanks to Fire District 4 and Verle's for donating the new Life Jacket Station! Our maintenance crew, along with community member, Brian Buntain, assisted the fire crew in installing the station. The station was recently taken back down to paint and preserve the wood. The station will be put back up in the late spring, as the lake opens up for more swimming and boating activity. Please feel free to borrow a life jacket whenever you need and replace when finished for others to use. Previous editions of the newsletter document the other recent improvements made to the swim area by our maintenance crew and community volunteers. Below is a message to all of our volunteers from one of our community members.



A LOOK AHEAD

Happy Birthday to all Fawn Lake Residents with October Birthdays!!!

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

Saturday, October 26th: Fall Semi-Annual General Meeting, 9am, Mason PUD #3

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.

FAWN LAKE CRAFTSMEN'S FAIR IS EARLY THIS YEAR!

FLAG is hosting another craftsmen's fair in time for the holidays. It will be held Saturday, November 9th at Bryant Hall. Besides holding it earlier in the season, we will be opening the gate for the day to allow the Shelton community to come by and shop. We will be placing advertising in the Shelton Journal. All Fawn Lake artists, craftsmen, bakers, candlemakers, etc. are welcome to participate. However, space is limited so sign up now! \$10 per vendor. Please contact Mike Salvetti at 360-358-8780 to reserve your space.

TIP OF THE MONTH

FOCUSING ON THE GATE

There has been a lot of activity around the gate this summer, including the installation of the new entry swing gate. So, now is an appropriate time to go over some tips in navigating the gate system.....

Remotes are the fastest, easiest way for residents to enter the community. If you are relying on "calling yourself in", we ask that you consider purchasing a remote for access. This helps keep traffic moving through the gate. There may be nothing more annoying after a hard day's work than to sit at the gate while a resident "button pusher" waits for their cell phone to ring so they can let themselves in. Prices for remotes have dropped to \$30 each. Renters must have the landlord purchase and provide remotes. Landlords, we encourage you to provide remotes for your tenants to help reduce congestion and issues at the gate.

A tip to ensure your remote is always ready to let you in....replace the batteries when you move your clock forward or back 1 hour, just like they recommend to check your smoke alarms. Easy to remember and you will know your remote batteries are always fresh and ready to let you in the gate.

3-digit codes are used by your guests to enter the community. When the code is entered, the gate calls the programmed phone number so you can let your guests in. We ask that you do not let in people that you do not know or not expecting. You may need to hold the 9 for just a moment (think "1 Mississippi") to ensure the tone is registered by the gate. You will know when the gate has received the tone because the phone call will end. You must provide your 3-digit code when placing orders for delivery such as DoorDash, Domino's, or for services such as housekeepers, pest control, lawn/landscape service, etc.

4-digit codes are "direct entry" codes that do not require a resident to answer the phone and open the gate. These codes are only given to residents under special circumstances such as a caregiver providing service to a specific resident who is unable to answer a gate call in a timely manner; for contractors doing longer projects for residents such as new construction; or for a one-time, special event a resident may be hosting such as a family reunion. These codes must be requested by the resident and utilized only for the purpose stated in the request. Residents who are given 4-digit codes are ultimately responsible for who they share the code with and the use or misuse of the code. Misuse of the code, will result in the resident losing the privilege.

Vendors who provide service to a broad spectrum of the community each time they enter, such as the US Postal Service, Mason County Garbage, Fedex or UPS, etc, may also be assigned 4-digit codes. Each vendor must apply for a 4-digit code under their business name. Vendors are held to the same standard of not sharing the code or using it for personal access to the community. Vendors who misuse the code will have the code revoked.

FAWN LAKE ACTIVITY GROUP

Thank you to everyone who came out for our End of The Summer community potluck. It was a big hit with beautiful flowers decorating the tables, lots of laughs, lots of food and a chance for some to showcase their cooking talents (such as Randy Haskell, killing it with a beef brisket!).

Mark your calendars now for our next potluck, scheduled for December 14th from 4pm to 6pm. Watch for more information coming in future newsletters.



PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE DEER

As the weather cools and the squirrels are busy storing nuts for the winter, many community members begin feeding the deer out of concern for their well-being during the winter. This is unnecessary and can even be harmful to the deer. It may also encourage the deer to become more aggressive toward us and our pets, as they become reliant on handouts. Wildlife adapt to the challenges of winter without assistance from us. Please read the information provided by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, located at the end of this edition.

PIRATES! AND TREASURE! AND FUN! OH MY!

Aye, mateys! You may have heard rumors about pirates taking over Fawn Lake recently? The rumors are true! Residents Brian Buntain and Lynn Risenhoover recently hosted a Pirate Treasure Hunt for their family around the lake. It was a fun-filled day that included a treasure map; working out clues to the location of the treasures; divvying up the plunder of jewels, escudos and doubloons; slaking the thirst and filling the bellies of the scurvy crew and so much more! Priceless memories that will last a lifetime!

Cap'n Morgan, Captain Renegade and some of the crew from the Oro Y Plata and La Tortuga



Fawn Lake Resident Ads

Items looking for a good home!

Vacuum cleaner—FREE

Wooden drafting table—FREE

Gate-leg table—\$20

Contact Linda at 360-427-0314 for more information.

Donations for Doggie Doo Doo!

Thanks to all the dog owners who use the doggie bags placed throughout the community by Kathy Jacobson and crew. Now is the time to step up and donate money to keep these convenient stands supplied with bags. Donations may be made at the office.

YOUR AD HERE!

Do you have something to sell? Looking for something? Place your ad here. Community residents can place a business card-sized ad for 1 month for free! Email your ad request to fawnlakeoffice@gmail.com. All ad requests need to be received by the 25th of the month to be included in the next edition.



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EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY:

HVAC Rebates for Low-Income Households from Mason PUD3

We are excited to share an exclusive opportunity that could significantly reduce your energy bills and increase comfort in your home.

We've partnered with Mason PUD3 to offer special HVAC rebates for low-income households. This program aims to provide financial relief while promoting energy efficiency.

Ductless Mini-Split System Rebate up to \$6,000.00.

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

This is a limited time offer, so we encourage you to take advantage of it as soon as possible. Together, we can make a positive impact on your household's budget and the environment.

To learn more and start the application process, please visit www.bradleyaircompany.com or call 360-426-1284. Our team is here to assist you every step of the way.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. We look forward to helping you achieve greater comfort and savings in your home.

Warm regards,

Brad McCutcheon

360.426.1284



Here's what you need to know:

What's Covered: The rebate program includes a range of Ductless and Ducted Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems, ensuring you have options that suit your needs.

Eligibility Criteria: To qualify, you must meet specific income criteria. Don't worry; our aim is to make this opportunity accessible to those who need it most. Call to see if you are eligible.

How to Apply: The application process is simple and straightforward. We've streamlined it to ensure you can take advantage of this opportunity without any hassle. Simply reach out to the PUD by calling 360-426-0777.

Potential Savings: By upgrading your HVAC system through this program, you can look forward to substantial energy savings and a more comfortable living environment.



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OFFICERS

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

****2024 Corporate Secretary & Treasurer appointed by the seated Board 12/2023,
in lieu of no President to appoint these two Officers.**

STEVE JACOBSON: TREASURER**

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OPEN: VICE PRESIDENT

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.

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For more information on
feeding wildlife, see WDFW's website at

wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/living/wildlife-feeding

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Feeding Deer in Urban and Suburban Areas... Is it Harmful?



Impacts of feeding deer in urban and suburban areas

Many well-meaning Washington residents in urban and suburban areas enjoy feeding deer in their yards, especially during winter months. Although some people see this type of feeding as helping these animals, it actually can hurt them and potentially cause illness and death for the animal.

Wildlife adapt to survive winter months without our help

Many people believe that deer lack good natural food sources during winter and therefore need supplemental food to survive. However, these animals have remarkable abilities to survive winter conditions without human help, including:

- Growing insulating guard hairs and underfur
- Storing fat
- Changing their diet to fibrous, woody browse
- Migrating to areas with less snow and better feed
- Lowering their metabolic rates
- Conserving energy by restricting movements during severe weather

**Keep deer wild –
backyard feeding does
more harm than good.**

Feeding urban and suburban deer can be harmful

Feeding wildlife can cause serious health issues for the animals and negatively affect you and your neighbors. WDFW discourages feeding deer in urban and suburban areas for several reasons:

- Deer digestive systems are well adapted to handle natural forage. Although these animals will eat feed that humans provide, carbohydrate-rich foods like fruit, grains, and corn aren't normally part of their natural diet, especially during winter, and can cause serious health problems.
- The high amount of sugars in fruit, grain, and corn rapidly ferments in the stomach, causing an over-production of acid and damage to the stomach lining. Acid and bacterial toxins can then leak into the bloodstream, causing a painful death.
- Feeding urban and suburban deer can increase negative human-wildlife interactions and result in unintended consequences for the animal and your community. Specific examples include: increased risk of vehicle collisions; increased aggression towards pets and people; increased risk of disease transmission; increased dependency on humans for food and a loss of normal, wild behavior; increased negative impacts to wildlife diversity and abundance; and increased damage to fences, gardens, and ornamental plants and trees.



Photo credit: Greg Green

- Supplemental feeding may attract carnivores, such as bears, cougars, and coyotes that may prey upon wild animals using a feed site or nearby pets or farm animals. Encounters between humans and large carnivores are typically rare, but feeding deer creates the potential for unnecessary and avoidable conflict between humans and predators. This may cause a dangerous situation for people and result in an animal being euthanized.

Though WDFW may conduct large-scale deer feeding programs in certain areas, primarily in winter, these are only done under very specific conditions. For more information on these programs or to discuss deer feeding in general, please contact your local District Wildlife Biologist or Wildlife Conflict Specialist.