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President's Corner

Things are looking good at Lake Marcel.

The LMCC board of directors has nine members, and key positions have been filled on the executive committee. Since the general membership meeting in May, John Gorman stepped up to become vice president and Laura Mills became executive secretary. Dan Gutschmidt and I remain as treasurer and president, respectively.

In her role as LMCC coordinator, Laura Mills is continuing to make improvements in the way we utilize our contractors and volunteers. See Laura's separate article in this newsletter for more detail.

Speaking of volunteers, thanks to Peter Templin for assuming responsibility in the critical area of dam operation and maintenance, along with Chuck Willis and Art Grabb.

Ann Marie Gill recently volunteered to keep the LMCC website up to date. We welcome her services in this area. Look for more improvements in the design and maintenance of our website. Ann Marie will be helping us enhance the quality and timeliness of our communication in other ways as well, including online surveys on topics of interest to the neighborhood (like traffic safety and security patrols).

One way to communicate with the LMCC board of directors, and with your fellow Lake Marcel homeowners, is to attend board meetings. We are now meeting regularly on the third Tuesday of every month at the Eastside Fire & Rescue Station in Carnation, with open session starting at 7:30 PM. Any changes to this schedule will be posted on our website.

John Held

Monthly Board Meetings & New Contact Information

Monthly Board Meetings are held at 7:30 pm, on the third Tuesday of every month at the Eastside Fire and Rescue Department in Carnation (Hwy 203). Community members are welcome to attend. This is a great way to communicate your comments, questions and concerns directly to the Board. If you are unable to attend, you can drop a note in the mail box outside the office, call us at 788-2525, email the office at our **new email address**, lkmarcel@frontier.com or send a letter to LMCC at our **new mailing address**, 31600 NE 106th St, Carnation, WA 98014. This is your community. We'd like to hear from you.

Upcoming Meetings

August 18 @ 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting (BOD)
 September 15 @ 7:30 BOD & 2016 Budget Meeting
 October 20 @ 7:30 p.m. BOD & Final 2016 Budget Mtg.

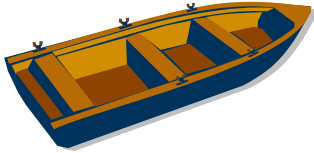
Community members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings and participate in the budget review for 2016. The final budget will be presented at the November Special Membership Mtg. for ratification.

Lake Marcel Website

You can find community information about upcoming events and LMCC documents including architectural, tree cutting and beach reservation applications, covenants and bylaws at www.lakemarcel.net.



Boat Registration



All vessels used on the lake are required to be registered with LMCC, including those stored at home. Boat registration forms can be found on the website. Any boat found on the beaches without correct registration will be deemed abandoned and removed.

Going Green – Your Electronic Newsletter

We offer an electronic newsletter to reduce the cost of our paper version. We have had a positive response from those who have made the switch.

We recognize there are some individuals without email capabilities and will continue to provide those individuals with a paper version; however with the rising costs of postage every year, we continue to try to find ways to cut costs to manage expenses.



We again encourage you, if you have not already, to send an email to lkmarcel@frontier.com or make a phone call to the LMCC office 425-788-2525 to join the cost saving effort. The email you provide will only be used for the purpose you have designated. LMCC has a Newsletter Email list and also an Urgent Advisory Email list for community crime and safety issues. Let us know which email list you would like to be on. We respect your privacy and hope you will join us by going Green.

Volunteers Make a Difference



LMCC Community Garage Sale: Daryn Robbins, Morgan Davis, Logan Davis

There is a such a LONG list of volunteers that helped make our **4th of July celebration** such a success this year, so we thought it a good idea to let the “Thank You” stand on its own!

This event is a huge undertaking and it would not have been possible without each and every one of these volunteers!

Movie Night at the Lake: the Mills Family, the Franklin Family from Vancouver, WA, the Mower Family from Pullman, WA and our own David Nordgren.

Parade: Duvall Fire Department, Summer Hopkins, Dan Materi. And most especially: All the amazing children who kicked the celebration by marching in the parade!

BBQ/Potluck and Games: Alfons Staerk, Amanda Casari, Amanda\Brenna Robbins, Angie Ward, Ann Marie Gill, Cameron Hopkins, John & Carol Luft, Carol Robertson, Chuck Willis, Cliff Ellis, Daniel Materi, Daryn Robbins, David Nordgren, Ellie Materi, Jeff Fairbanks, Jen Robison, Juliette Brown, Karen Thompson, Karen Thoresen, Karen Whitworth, Laura Mills, Lisa and David Buchar, Lynn McKee, Mackenzie Ellis, Matt Casari, Peo Orvendal, Sheetal Woods, Summer Hopkins, Talia Fairbanks, Jeff & Laurell Ramirez, Marta Shardelman

Perimeter Security: Brian Bartel, Peter Templin, Morgan Davis, Logan Davis, Daryn Robbins

Dock Set-up/tear down: Chuck Willis; Russ Nagel; Peter Templin; Morgan Davis; Bill Hart; David Glenn; Laura Davis; Logan Davis; The Meyer family from Eugene, OR, the Keck family from Portland, OR, the Holt family from Vancouver, WA

Firework set-up volunteers: Carrie Mussey, Brian Robertson

Debris Cleanup: John Held, Brian Bartel

Sound – for the entire weekend!: David Nordgren

Music Selection: Morgan Davis

Special thanks: to all those not mentioned and those who jumped in, rolled up their sleeves and helped when they saw a need!

Lake Marcel Community Club Park Rules

The parks at Beach 1 and Beach 2 are private park areas for use by LMCC Members and their guests. **All guests must be accompanied by a Lake Marcel resident.** To ensure a safe and pleasant visit for all, please be respectful of this property and to others using it by observing these rules:

- Keep the gates closed at all times.
- No dirt bikes, pocket bikes, ATV's, Quads, motorized scooters or similar allowed (not even in the parking lot).
- Don't tear up the grass or gravel in the parking lot with bicycles.
- No alcohol, drugs, fireworks, foul language, pushing or rough behavior, or sexual behavior allowed.
- No bicycles, skateboards or picnic tables on the docks.
- Skateboard and bike ramps are not allowed.
- No horses, loud music or camping.
- Dogs must be leashed or under voice control at all times. No dogs allowed in the swimming area.
- No littering.
- Children under 13 years old must be directly supervised by an adult.
- Swim at your own risk. Beaches do not have lifeguards.
- Children unable to swim need a personal flotation device (PFD) .
- Washington State fishing regulations apply. A freshwater or combo license required for ages 15 and older.
- Members must register with the office for parties larger than 25.
- Unauthorized visitors will be asked to leave.
- Stay off the lake when ice is present. Don't throw debris onto the ice.
- Damage to LMCC property may result in permanent revocation of beach privileges.

LMCC property owners are responsible for the actions of family members and guests. Violation of any beach rules may result in possible fines to property owners and revocation of beach privileges for violators.

Please call the LMCC office at 788-2525 with questions or to report a violation.

Beach Reservation Policy (for groups larger than 25)

All Lake Marcel beach reservation applications require a LMCC homeowner to sponsor the event along with a fully-refundable \$200 deposit, provided no damages occur. The fees for reserving the park space start at \$50 for groups larger than 25 people. Please contact the office for rates if the group is larger than 25 People. Fees are used to cover costs of additional clean-up, garbage disposal, water and septic use, and park impact to the other neighborhood park users. Fees may be offset by monetary equivalent volunteer work by groups such as neighborhood litter pickup, etc. All work will have to be approved by the board prior to the event. Please make reservations at least 30 days in advance. As always, park reservations are for non-exclusive use (i.e., LMCC residents are always welcome to continue using the park even during an event). A sign will be posted with the homeowner's name, reserving a location for up to 4 hours. Reservation forms can be found on the website at lakemarcel.net or you can contact the office at 788-2525 for more information.

Community Crime and Covenant Violations

COVENANT VIOLATIONS & CRIMES reported within the last 3 months include: stolen generator (1), alcohol at Beach 1 (1), rooster on property (1).

SAFETY TIPS: Place indoor lights on a timer when you are away; install outdoor motion detection lights; don't keep valuables or garage door openers in your vehicle if parked outside your garage; lock your vehicle at night.

If you see suspicious activity after dark when Beach 1 is closed, you can call the Sheriff's Dept. **non-emergency number 206-296-3311**. State that you are reporting a non-emergency and would like to request the patrol car assigned to Carnation check on the park, located at 31600 NE 106th St. Carnation, for trespassers.

If you witness a crime be sure to report it first to the Sheriff's Department emergency number (911) and then report it to the LMCC office at 788-2525 or lkmarcel@frontier.com so we can alert neighbors. You can also sign up to receive email alerts regarding community crime and safety by visiting our website at www.lakemarcel.net and clicking on Urgent Advisory Email.

Water Quality & Fisheries Update by Allan Culverwell

Some of you may have noticed signs at Beach 1 and Beach 2 back in late June indicating that toxic blue green algae may be present again (for the third year in a row). Although the tests did show the presence of low levels of the cyanobacteria toxin in June, the good news is that we have not seen any further evidence of the algae and subsequent test have turned up negative for the toxin. The bad news is that our Lake is obviously susceptible to blue green algae blooms and we all need to do our parts to reduce the chances for future toxic blooms. While we can't control the temperature of the lake, even if you don't live on the lake you can help reduce the amount of nutrients that contribute to algae blooms by using safe fertilizers (no phosphates), washing your car where the runoff won't enter the storm drains, picking up after your dogs and maintaining your septic systems. It is a shame when we have to close the lake—especially on hot summer days, so please do your part to keep the lake safe.

You may have also noticed a large amount of milfoil in the lake this year—it is about as bad as anyone has seen in recent memory, so we have contracted with a firm (Aquatechnex) to treat the milfoil this summer. In fact by the time that you read this, the lake should have been treated and the milfoil should have already started to clear up. Signs will be posted warning folks to stay out of the lake (and avoid using lake water) for 24 hours after the treatment.

A number of community members have complained about swimmers itch this year—which is caused by parasites that are deposited in the lake by ducks and geese, so please be aware and take precautions to avoid this by following the guidance published on this King County website: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/SwimmersItch.aspx>

Closing out on a positive note, the lake was successfully stocked with larger Rainbow trout again this year—and reports from our fishing community are that the fishing is good. Please take advantage of this great resource and get out and enjoy the lake!

Washington Dept. of Fish And Wildlife Need You To Know...

- °When fishing at Lake Marcel, the WDFW requires anglers 15 and older to have a fresh water or combo license.
- °You can not fish with multiple poles.
- °Washington State limit on trout is 5; however **the limit for Lake Marcel is 2**. If bait is used then the first 2 catches count regardless of whether kept or released. Anglers at Lake Marcel are encouraged to keep all the bass they catch.
- °If using artificial bait, then you can catch and release all day long. **No live or power bait** can be used in Lake Marcel.
- °Boats must carry U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejackets for all adults on board & kids 12 and under must wear a lifejacket at all times.
- °Private lakes are subject to state regulations. Citations have been issued recently at Lake Marcel by a WDFW Officer.
- °Discarding fishing line in the lake presents a danger to wildlife.
- °Licenses may be purchased at <http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/> and WDFW Sport Fishing Rules can be found at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/index.jsp>





LMCC Events Update by Laura Davis

Wow! This has been a busy July!

Though we thanked what I hope is everyone for their help during the 4th of July weekend events, I wanted to take a moment to highlight the help from **Summer Hopkins**, **Chuck Willis**, and **Bill Hart**.

This was my first year as Events Chair for the 4th – and I am humbled at the work it took to put this all together and awed at the help that came when it was needed. **Summer Hopkins** took on the most daunting task of the entire event – putting it together. **Chuck Willis** was essential in pulling together the group that set-up and tore down the docks for the display – as well as the tribal knowledge on how to get it done! **Bill Hart** loaned us the use of his dock/property/home for our fireworks crew – for three days. These community members were gracious and generous with their time, energy and resources. It is my great fortune to have had their help with this event.

As some of you know, this is the first year since we began our 4th of July fireworks tradition, some 9 years ago, that we have used a resource outside of our community to present the fireworks. This being the case, I hope to address a couple concerns here:

1. The show went much faster than in prior years. That had to do with how some of the fireworks came pre-wired in the package. The total count of shells was similar to last year. However, the shells themselves were wired in bunches to provide spectacular multi-bursts. This was something that the pyrotechnic could not undo prior to the show and did not know until they began to unbox the explosives. So, while we had fast and furious multi-burst bundles, she could not affect the timing.
2. The end of the show scare. Near the end of the show, the pyrotechnic used a flare to light any unused shells from the dock. The last one she lit burst very close to the water line. To the point that it looked as if she may have been caught in the explosion. Her team called an “all-clear” on the walkie-talkie just after that last burst – but I should have announced it over the PA that she was OK. It caused concern with several members and I apologize for the worry that caused. Our tech later assured me that is a normal “thing,” but I think we can agree that it was still alarming to the audience.

In spite of that scare, I hope you and your family were still able to enjoy the weekend in our beautiful community! As we look to next year, we will work to make it even better, easier, less work and an event to be remembered.

We had two community members (**Carrie Mussey**, **Brian Robertson**) help the pyrotechnic team for two very long days. Who knows, maybe we will soon have two more licensed pyrotechnics living among us who might be talked into putting on the show for us next year!

As we start looking to next year (yes, already!), we are interested in your thoughts on the good, the bad, the ugly and how to make this event better. Keep an eye on our website (www.lakemarcel.net) for a survey around this event.

Architectural Control Update by Allan Culverwell

Just a reminder that the Lake Marcel Community Club Covenants require that all property owners request approval from the LMCC Board of Directors prior to cutting down or significantly altering any living tree large than 24 inches in circumference. If you live in a critical area (e.g. lakefront) you are also required to get a Clearing Permit from King County per King County Code 21A.38. Pre-approval for cutting or altering trees is not required for Emergency Tree Removal or Alternation—when a tree is dead or is an imminent threat of causing serious personal injury or significant property damage. However, you must notify the Board of Directors within three business days of any emergency tree work and provide photographic evidence that the tree(s) posed these risks. In order to preserve the natural setting of the Community, our covenants also require that all lots in the Lake Marcel Community Club maintain 50% of the trees outside the areas required for the house, driveway and septic. During any application review, the Board will take into account the existing tree coverage of the property and whether removing additional trees will violate the covenants. The Board may require the property owner to plant additional native trees as a condition of approval.

Dear Lake Marcel Neighbors -

If you hadn't heard, I am the LMCC Coordinator and my name is Laura Mills. I've lived in the Lake Marcel neighborhood with my family for 9 years. I am a mother and have 4 beautiful girls. We love our neighborhood. Last year at the last general meeting, the board announced they would be looking to hire a LMCC coordinator to help the volunteer board. I am that person. Recently I was voted in as the Executive Secretary on the board as well. As the LMCC Coordinator I do the things that the volunteer board members don't have time to do. They give a lot of their time, but there is always more to do. I am trying to fill in the holes. This year my list of "to do's" has been very long. I'm working to get them all done, and wanted to share a few things with you that the board and I have been doing for our community.

- In February I began interviewing and meeting with several landscape maintenance companies to take on the duty of maintaining our parks. In the end the board decided to hire JP Landscape. They come every Friday morning at 7am and are done by 10am. They usually start at beach 1. They mow the lawn, rake up dead leaves, branches and other debris, rake the sand, rake the bark chips under the play sets, pull weeds, blow off debris, edge the lawn and trim the grass around the dam and spillway. So far they have met our expectations.
- In May we hired a handyman to help replace Daryl, our former caretaker. Bart Maxcy is our new handyman. He is a Lake Marcel resident and a handyman by trade. He is not a full time or even part-time caretaker. He does all his work around the lake either before or after his "day" job. His knowledge and experience have been valuable. Bart cleans the bathrooms, empties the garbage, cleans the office, does general repairs, cleans off the buildings, cleans the grills, puts up community signs and various other jobs.
- In June I interviewed and met with tree care companies to see about trimming our large trees at beach 1. We met with four companies and the board selected Tolt Tree Care to trim the trees at beach 1. We had over 20 trees trimmed, including the trees at the exit to the parking lot at beach 1. You can actually see the gate now. The trees around the entrance to beach 1 were trimmed and the large trees near the play set with the yellow slide were also lifted (by removing the lowest limbs) to prevent injury from kids running by.
- Also in June we hosted four different arborists to take stock of our trees' health. Arborists have varying opinions on the state of the trees in our beach, but for the most part the trees are healthy and we do not have any large trees that need to be removed at this time.
- With the dry weather and the intense heat our lawns have suffered at Beach 1. We currently use a sprinkler and hose system and pump the lake water up onto the lawn. This system is very labor intensive and our handyman hasn't had the time to keep up on all the watering required with the dry weather. Thanks to Art Grabb for stepping-in and volunteering many hours to help get the lawn watered. We are in need of more volunteers to help with the watering. If you are willing to help, please contact the office at [425-788-2525](tel:425-788-2525) or email us at lkmarcel@frontier.com.
- The board is discussing the possibility of getting a sprinkler system installed at Beach 1. I am currently looking for and interviewing sprinkler system companies for this job. FYI - We currently have a sprinkler system and timer at beach 2.
- Our dam was recently inspected by Washington State Dam Safety Engineers. The dam is in good working condition with no major issues. We will be trimming back the vegetation along the dam on the lake side and around the spillway to help insure visual inspections can be done on a regular basis more easily. We appreciate the help of Chuck Willis and Art Grabb and other volunteers for their constant attention to the dam.
- On August 7th, we will have a security detail in the area from 7-11pm. They will be patrolling the beaches and parks and approaching anyone who might be causing problems or not following LMCC rules. Please be aware this is a trial run and we hope to discourage inappropriate behavior in our parks by trying this approach.
- As always, Angie in the office of LMCC is constantly hard at work assisting the board and all of the neighbors with various needs. Angie is a wealth of knowledge and we are glad to have her in our office.

I hope this information gives you a better idea of what I do as the LMCC Coordinator and what your board, handyman and office staff are doing. There are a number of other things that are ongoing all the time, from dam inspections to milfoil weed charting and water sampling and testing. The board works hard to keep this a great area. We would love to hear your suggestions and concerns at our next board meeting every third Tuesday at the Carnation Fire Station at 7:30pm. Our next meeting will be on August 18th...I'll bring treats!

Happy Summer-

Laura Mills

LMCC Coordinator

- Friendly Reminders -

- If you lose something at the park, you can check LMCC's lost and found. We currently have several keys.
- Please do not park on the walking paths per King County Code.
- Do not trespass or dump garbage on vacant lots.
- Dog waste bags are located at both parks.

Thank you!

Are You Renting Out Your Home?

As a courtesy, please provide the name(s) of your renter (s) and phone number to the office. Having the name(s) on file as a renter allows them access to the parks and will save them the embarrassment of being asked to leave. Renters can only obtain a key to the park gates and bathrooms from the homeowner.



Upcoming Events:

Movie Nights at the Lake – We are currently gauging interest having movie nights at the lake in August using our newly purchased inflatable movie screen! No dates have been set, yet.

If you are interested in helping set up what should be an easy event; have a projector and computer to play the movie, or a sound system for audio, email laura.davis@disney.com and let me know, soon!

Movies in the catalog for viewing (and member suggestions) include: Despicable Me (1 & 2) and Kung Fu Panda. What movie would YOU like to see?



Are You Moving or Selling Your Home?

If you are moving from your house here in Lake Marcel, but still own the property, please keep the Community Club updated with your current mailing address. The same applies if you own a lot.

If you are selling your home we would like to remind you, it is your responsibility to inform the realtor and buyer of the HOA rules and regulations. Please keep the office informed of any change of address or ownership by emailing kmarcel@frontier.com or call the office at 788-2525. Thank you!



Advertise in The LMCC Newsletter

If you are interested in running an ad in the newsletter, please email your request to lkmarcel@frontier.com

Safety Measures Around Water

The summer months bring reports of members and their guests openly consuming alcohol at Beach 1, in violation of the park rules, which are clearly posted on the shed at Beach 1, the office window, the newsletters, the website and the Lake Marcel CC&R's. Please remember this is a covenant violation and members can be fined, and also have beach rights revoked. As members who share liability in our parks and lake, this issue affects all of us if someone drinks alcohol and falls into the lake or harms someone at the park. Please drink at home so everyone can enjoy the parks and lake safely.

You may have seen the new rescue/utility boats recently stored at Beach 1 near the swimming beach and also at Beach 2 near the lake. These boats are clearly labeled LMCC in red and remain unlocked with accessible oars, allowing members to quickly access them in an emergency. If you see someone misusing one of these boats please remind the individual these are for emergency use only. Thank you!

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