



#### SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, November 21 at 10:30 a.m.
Carnation Library
4804 Tolt Avenue
Carnation, 98014

Please attend so your questions can be answered and your voice can be heard.

#### **MEETING AGENDA**

- ° Chair Opening Remarks & Rules of Order
- Member Comments (2 minute time limit)
- Approval of Meeting Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of May 2015 General Membership Meeting
- Committee Reports
- Review & Ratification of 2016 Budget
- Director Nominations
- New Motions
- ° Member Comments (2 minute time limit)

#### **President's Corner**

Lake Marcel is a wonderful place to live. We who choose to call it home share ownership of two private beaches on the lake in the heart of our community. With that ownership come recreational opportunities like swimming, boating and fishing. We also share responsibility as stewards of this special resource that is Lake Marcel.

Please read on for the latest news on current events in the neighborhood, including volunteering opportunities.

The key topic of discussion at the upcoming Special Membership Meeting will be review and ratification of our budget for 2016. The next two pages contain a year to year comparison from 2013-2016 and this will be presented and discussed at the membership meeting. All members are welcome to participate.

John Held



## Lake Marcel Community Club Actual vs. Budget Comparison 2013 - 2016

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3		Ord	inary	Inco	me /	Expense						
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5		-	Ora	Prior		Surplus			0.00	8,100.00	0.00	
6				Returned Check Charges					180.00			
7				Social Events (raffle, donations, fees)			1,434.46	614.05	434.94	800.00	800.00	
8				Mem	ber A	nnual Dues	105,180.00	106,688.82	109,770.60	108,030.00	108,030.00	1
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11				Mem	ber L	ate Fees	2,457.10	1,898.48	2,397.83	2,000.00	2,000.00	
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17				Acco	untii	ng	1,830.00	1,680.00	1,645.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	
18				Aqua	tics	/ Weed Control (includes grass carp)	49.04	474.00	0.00	9,000.00	5,500.00	
19				Dam	insp	ection Fees	1,208.00	1,208.00	1,208.00	1,208.00	1,208.00	
20				Fish	eries		1,541.00	1,594.00	1,694.00	1,600.00	2,500.00	
21				Insu	ance		8,313.70	8,485.80	7,586.90	8,800.00	8,800.00	
22				Lega	I Fee	s	2,341.50	3,437.50	469.00	4,800.00	800.00	
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24				Misc	ellan	eous (bank charges, licenses, etc.)	806.62	1,202.11	724.25	750.00	750.00	
25				Offic	e Ex	penses						
26				-		e Supplies (incl QB software)	1,080.95	660.81	184.22	900.00	400.00	
27					-	age and Delivery	593.08	610.23	321.90	700.00	700.00	
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61			Other Income									
62			Interest Income				1,607.81	827.45	12.96	30.00	20.00	
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67				Cap	ital In	nprovements						
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69					Secu	rity Equipment					4,000.00	
70					Irriga	ation System Enhancement					25,000.00	
71			Total Capital Improvements			pital Improvements					31,000.00	
72			Total Other Expense					1,815.32	0.00	7,000.00	38,000.00	
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77		1.	For 2015 & 2016 Budgets, Member Annual Dues are based on assumption of 390 lots paying at \$277 per lot.									
78		2.	2014 Actual value includes write-offs.									
79		3.	For	For 2016 Budget, Office Manager payroll amount allows for 18 hours/week (average) at \$20.20 per hour.								
80		4.	For 2014 & 2015 Actuals, maintenance contractor expenses are separated out from Property Maintenance, Repairs								& Supplies fo	r better visi
81		5.	For 2015 & 2016 Budgets, July 4th value includes \$10,000 for fireworks and \$1,500 for entertainment.									
82		6.	Cas	Cascade Valley Designs was selected to provide improved website hosting and redesign in 2015.								
83		7.	Net Ordinary Income = Total Ordinary Income - Total Ordinary Expense									
84		8.	For 2016 Budget, value From Operating Accounts (e.g., checking or savings) is adjusted to make Net Income zero.									
85		-	Net Other Income = Total Other Income - Total Other Expense									
86		-	Net Income = Net Ordinary Income + Net Other Income									
87												

# **Cutting, Removing, Altering Trees**

#### The Process...

Our community covenants and bylaws make it clear for the need to obtain the proper permits when erecting structures or significantly altering or removing trees <u>prior</u> to the work being done. LMCC Tree Cutting and Building Applications can be found on our website at lakemarcel.net. Please complete the proper application and return it to the office at Beach 1. The Architectural Review Committee will have 30 days to review an application.

Additionally, as the LMCC Covenant Enforcement Policies and Fee and Fine Structure #16 states, the Pre-approval (from the Architectural Review Committee) for cutting or altering trees is NOT required for Emergency Tree Removal or Alteration. "Emergency Tree Removal or Alteration" means the removal or alteration of a tree(s) which is dead, or which is made necessary by an imminent threat of serious personal injury or significant property damage. The removal or alteration of tree(s) under emergency conditions shall be reported in writing to the Board

of Directors within three business days following the emergency work. If the Board of Directors determine on the facts known to it that the work performed was not made necessary by an imminent threat of serious injury or significant property damage, then the Board of Directors may consider the work performed in violation. Additionally, we have seen trees removed in violation of our covenants, which subsequently resulted in LMCC fines and in some instances in violation of King County environmental bylaws.

If you are unsure, please contact the office at 788-2525 and someone will get back to you to address your concerns and assist you with the process. If you suspect that trees are being removed illegally, please contact the office with the time and location, and the name of the tree cutters if possible. This process can also be used for any concerns with construction activity.

#### **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 at lakemarcel.net. Any boat found on the beaches without correct registration will be deemed abandoned and removed.



#### Thank You Volunteers!



**LMCC Adopt-a-Road**: Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> provided typical Washington weather – our first good soak. Despite the weather, 10 amazing LMCC members spent 1 ½ hours in the rain to pick up 17 bags of garbage!!

Chuck Willis, Art Grabb, Gary and Nancy Georgell, Jim and Linda Shardelman, Betsy Gillman, Ruth Bailey, Kelly Eaton and Antonio Rodriguez.

Thank you for keeping us all looking good!

# **Community Events Update**

Ready? Set...GO!

Looking back at my first year on the board it was a busy one. A lot of ramping up and even a few accomplishments - and a lot of room for personal growth. That is what makes the coming year so exciting for me!

**4**<sup>th</sup> **of July 2016 update**: I was able to secure the same fireworks company that provides 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks to the City of Carnation AND the Seafair Foundation's show at Gas Works Park! There is no contract yet, but I am working with the owner on all the details. More to come on that as information becomes available. One large task started. **Whew!** 

But, I need <u>YOU</u> to help me accomplish my biggest task – gathering together an Events Committee and begin work on this year's events early! If you love the events we have in our community, let me know by volunteering to help! There are so many events – large and small – it's easy to choose something that fits into your schedule:

- ° Adopt-a-Road program
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July events
- Movies at the Lake (new)
- ° Easter Egg Hunt
- Volunteer Recognition Potluck
- Community Garage Sale
- ° Spring Cleaning Donation Event (planning/new)

Contact me on Facebook, via the LMCC Office, or send me an email: <a href="mailto:laura.davis@disney.com">laura.davis@disney.com</a> with questions, concerns, suggestions for new events...or just to check in and say "Hello!"

Looking forward to talking and working with all of you soon.

#### **Laura Davis**

LMCC Community Events Chair

# **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.

### **Lake Marcel Covenants Protect Property Values**

The Lake Marcel Community Club covenants were designed to protect the beauty, safety and property values of the homes in our neighborhood. Before cutting down or significantly altering **any living tree larger than 24 inches in circumference**, you are required to request approval from the LMCC board.

The procedure is a simple one and forms are available online at www.lakemarcel.net. If you live in a critical area (e.g. lakefront or bordering a stream or other wetland) 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. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns about the covenants, feel free to contact the office at 788-2525 or by email at lkmarcel@frontier.com.

**Architectural Control Committee** 

#### Invasive Milfoil Treated in Lake Marcel

The invasive aquatic weed, Eurasian Milfoil, heavily infested our lake in the last few years. Milfoil was once widely sold as an aquarium specimen, but is now considered to be the most problematic plant in the state of Washington. Milfoil is difficult to impossible to eradicate because broken pieces of foliage can easily grow into large plants.

Milfoil can drastically alter a water body's ecology. Very dense mats of vegetation form on the surface of the water, interfering with recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, and boating. The sheer mass of plants can cause flooding and the stagnant mats can create good habitat for mosquitoes. Milfoil mats rob oxygen from the water by preventing the wind from mixing the oxygenated surface waters to deeper water. The dense vegetation can also increase the sedimentation rate by trapping sediments.

The Lake Marcel Community Club's policy for maintaining our park landscaping and water quality is to utilize organic and non-toxic methods as much as possible. To this end, several years ago, the board worked with state and regional departments to introduce triploid (sterile) grass carp to keep some water weeds under control, however, our milfoil population has continued to expand. In the summer of 2015 we contracted with a company to treat the milfoil chemically. This treatment occurred in August and resulted in a large die-off of the milfoil plants. However, due to the nature of this invasive plant, we will have to monitor and probably re-treat the lake in future years.

Fisheries, Water Quality and Aquatic Weed Control Committee

### **Community Crime and Covenant Violations**

COVENANT VIOLATIONS & CRIMES reported within the last 3 months include: building without a LMCC permit (1), items stolen from vehicles (4), suspected drug activity (3), found drug paraphernalia (1). Please do not trespass or dump garbage on vacant lots.

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 witness a crime be sure to report it <u>first</u> to the Sheriff's Department (911) and then report it to the LMCC office at 788-2525 or lkmarcel@frontier.com so we can alert neighbors.

Detective Brad Smith with the King County Sheriff's Dept. has asked our community to provide him with information, descriptions, pictures etc. of suspicious vehicles and individuals you suspect to be associated with drug activity in our community. You can email brad.smith@kingcounty.gov or reach his office at 206-263-9146.

If you are not receiving email alerts regarding community crime and safety please visit our website at www.lakemarcel.net and click on Urgent Advisory Email to sign up.

#### **Different Points of View on Fireworks**

Most Lake Marcel residents approve of the annual 4th of July fireworks display that is hosted by LMCC. This sentiment has been repeatedly voiced in meetings and emails and was confirmed by the results of our recent online survey. We plan to honor the majority opinion by continuing this tradition, with money budgeted for it in 2016.

In the interest of supporting intellectual discourse in our community, we are sharing here a minority opinion, which was recently offered by one of our members. Jennie Sanford-Arnold provided the following link under the subject line, "Fireworks - Cheap Thrills with Toxic Consequences." As Jennie pointed out, holding a fireworks display at Lake Marcel is not inconsequential with regards to water and air pollution for our community. http://www.backcountryattitude.com/toxic\_fireworks.html#.ViF1mA0U\_iE.gmail

We may not agree with all of the points made in the linked article, but the main idea is worthy of consideration.

Also worth noting, our current plans for the next fireworks display at Lake Marcel include the following provisions for environmental safety.

This year, LMCC has engaged in discussion with Western Display Fireworks, LTD. This is the same company that creates the show for, not only the City of Carnation, but also the Seafair Foundation show at Gas Works Park over Lake Union every year. The 67-year -old, 4th generation family-owned Canby, Oregon based company, produces over 300 shows annually – around 200 of those the night of July 4th.

Western Display Fireworks use the highest quality fireworks available in the US. This means no plastic casings and biodegradable components are used where ever possible. They have the experience with the Gas Works Park display to ensure all they can do to protect our precious waterways.

The display tradition was started in the Lake Marcel community in 2006 by the board to help deter individual firework displays in order to protect our community. Continuing this tradition has many benefits, including:

- Limiting the number of fireworks in our community Community members are more likely to attend a large show vs.
   spending hundreds of dollars on consumer firework shows.
- Safety According to the National Fire Protection Association (nfpa.org):
  - o 2011 fireworks caused an estimated 17,800 reported fires
    - 1,200 structure fires
    - 400 vehicle fires
    - 16,300 outside/other fires
    - · These fires resulted in an estimated
      - 40 civilian injuries
      - \$32 million in direct property damage
  - 2013 U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 11,400 people for fireworks related injuries
    - 55% to the extremities
    - 38% to the head
  - Sparklers and firecrackers account for almost 40% of all fireworks related accidents (Newsweek.com) with adults ranging from 25 – 44 years being the most commonly injured. 74% of those injured adults are male.
- Reducing the environmental impact One large show, using the highest quality pyrotechnics vs. using lower quality consumer fireworks and the resulting debris clogging our streets and leaching into our lake.
- Reduces the likelihood of fire in our heavily wooded community a planned fireworks show follows strict safety guidelines and is
  required to attain a permit by the Washington Fire Marshall. Should the launch site not meet safety guidelines during inspection,
  no permit is issued and the show would be cancelled.
- Increased sense of community this is the largest event of the year for our community. With the show as the climax of an amazing series of events (Movies at the Lake, 4th of July Parade, Community Potluck), it provides us our single best opportunity to congregate and meet our friends and neighbors and make new ones.
- Cost effective Though the budgeted amount seems large, the annual fireworks display is very cost effective and fiscally responsible at roughly \$25 per home.

While there are health concerns to any firework display, reducing the concentration of fireworks in our community to one larger show may help reduce the pollution in the valley while providing those who wish to enjoy the show a cost effective, safe, responsible way to celebrate our Independence Day.

#### **Maintenance Update**

We had the most beautiful summer. Warm weather and plenty of sunshine made our lake parks a popular place to be. We sure hope you enjoyed the summer and found the parks to be in good and enjoyable conditions. JP Landscaping continues to keep our lawns and beaches trimmed and raked. We have been pleased with their care and attention to details. Our handyman, Bart Maxcy has been busy this summer repairing fences, building a new ramp for the shed, installing paper towel dispensers, soap dispensers and garbage cans in the restrooms, keeping our pathways clear and providing over all maintenance of our parks and facilities. Bart will no longer be our handyman after October 31<sup>st</sup> and we wish to thank him for all he has done to help keep our community beautiful this summer. We are currently looking to hire a new handyman if you or someone you know would like more information please contact the office at 425-788-2525 or <a href="likmarcel@frontier.com">lkmarcel@frontier.com</a>.

We'd like to thank Art Grabb for his continued devotion to the Lake Marcel properties. He spent much of his summer nurturing the lawn at beach 1 back to health after it was scorched by the heat. After three weeks of hard work, the lawns were again green and luscious. Thanks Art for your service.

We have finished our tree trimming at beach 1. Our trees are in good health and have been pruned and thinned to ensure continued healthy and safe trees in our park. A few projects we are looking at for next summer include new play sand for both beach 1 and 2 and possibly installing a sprinkler system at beach 1.

As always if you have maintenance concerns, questions or ideas feel free to email the office at <a href="maintenance"><u>lkmarcel@frontier.com</u></a> or attend a board meeting to share your ideas.

Maintenance Committee

# **Handyman Wanted for LMCC**

Lake Marcel Community Club has an immediate opening for a part-time handyman to perform cleaning and maintenance tasks at our lake community parks and facilities. Tasks include cleaning bathrooms and office facilities weekly,



collect and set out garbage weekly, clean up winter debris around parks, make repairs as necessary and be readily available for emergency repair/debris removal tasks. For more details and compensation information contact our office at 425-788-2525 or email lkmarcel@frontier.com.

#### - Friendly Reminders -

- If you lose something at the park, you can check LMCC's lost and found.
- 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. Please only take what you use. We've noticed members taking multiple bags for personal use and this is causing our supply to run low. Please don't take more than you use, so that we can continue to provide bags at the parks and keep our parks free from pet waste.

Thank you!

# 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 Ikmarcel@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(s) 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.

Lake Marcel Community Club, Inc. 31600 NE 106<sup>th</sup> Street Carnation, WA 98014

# **Monthly Board Meetings & Contact Information**

Monthly Board Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every other month at the LMCC Office at 7:30 p.m. 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 office at lkmarcel@frontier.com or send a letter to LMCC at 31600 NE 106th St, Carnation, WA 98014. This is your community. We'd like to hear from you.

#### 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 lkmarcel@frontier.com or call the office at 788-2525. 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