

LAKEVIEW ESTATES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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New LECA Board Members: We welcome new Board members Gerry Stoll and Carrie Greene. Gerry is the new Membership Director which includes responsibility for issuing gate codes for new strata residents and access gate code for the Peregrine gate for freehold residents. As such, new residents requiring gate access to the beach, please contact Gerry at the above contact info. Carrie has accepted the position of Secretary. We thank them both for allowing their names to stand for election to the Board.

Beach Clean-up: SATURDAY, MAY 11, 9:00 a.m. Everyone please bring a rake, garden tools (weed pullers) and some wheelbarrows. We look forward to seeing all our community volunteers. Your help makes the cleanup that much easier.

The beach washrooms will be open May 13 to September 21. The washroom code is the same as last year. Also, as you may have noted, LECA has installed a Notice Board on the washroom building for posting bulletins and notices that affect our community.

Job Vacancy – Beach Washroom Cleaning: LECA extends a big thank you to Rod Knopp and his daughter Jennifer for their excellent cleaning job of the beach washrooms over the past few years.

For those LECA members interested in this seasonal position, please submit a letter or e-mail to Guy Morazain at the above contact info. Deadline for submissions is FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013. Following are the particulars of the position:

Duration: May 11 2013 to September 21, 2013 (may be extended if weather permits).

Wage: \$1,800 – initial payment made on July 12 and final payment on September 22.

Duties: Clean washrooms thoroughly: Fridays, prior to weekend; Mondays after weekend; Wednesdays clean and collect all trash, put into garbage bags on asphalt parking area above for pick-up on Thursday & place clean bags in garbage bins. Check supplies and advise Resource Committee rep what needs to be purchased. Sweep and wash washroom floors. Empty recycle bins and disinfect bins and lids to stop wasps due to sugary drink cans in bins.

Clean up following special community events such as the Family Beach BBQ and Adult Potluck.

We would like to thank Ron Haunts and Dave Johnston for cleaning/shoveling all the winter grit off the sidewalk along the S curve down to the beach. They spent 5 hrs doing this volunteer work. We also thank Jim Skrenek and his son Michael for sweeping the same sidewalk.

Milfoil: Larry Shaw organized the professional removal of Milfoil from the swim area and surrounding area – should be able to see the lake bottom now!

Private Moorings: As per the approval status granted to LECA, some of the buoys will be removed or relocated to a new location. We are trying to have all this done and completed by JULY 15. To date, 18 of the buoy locations have been taken and we have 5 vacant spots left. Thank you to all for becoming compliant as per NWPP requirements. When all the work is completed we will have a 20 meter navigation zone by our boat dock to facilitate loading and unloading boats/passengers.

Please contact Larry Shaw at the above contact info with regard to placement of boat buoys.

City of Vernon Council Meeting: On MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013 LECA is making a presentation to City Council on behalf of the community regarding the ongoing proposed Parkland for CLE, adjacent to Deer Park, and adequate fire protection.

Fire Protection: We will present a **short term** plan to have the City provide staffing at the Okanagan Landing Station with two (2) career fire fighters. Although that Station was never officially closed by the City during its recent administrative change, it is **not** staffed. Therefore, the first response to an incident in CLE will come from the career fire fighters at the main downtown fire hall, with volunteer fire fighters directed to the Okanagan Landing station for deployment to CLE. Clearly, this present scenario does not provide adequate fire protection nor adequate first emergency response to CLE residents.

We will also present our **long term** plan to have the City continue its assessment and planning to build an eventual satellite fire hall in the Bella Vista area that would service CLE and surrounding area within a much more reasonable proximity.

Parkland: LECA has been working on this project for the past 4 years with the North Okanagan Regional District (NORD). Following many meetings, discussions, phone calls, presentations, involvement with the City's Planning and Engineering Depts., NORD and the property owners came to a full agreement on the sale of the property to NORD, as community parkland. Unfortunately, it took an inordinate length of time before the signed sale agreement was submitted to NORD. Consequently, the project is now on hold as the City of Vernon has recently taken over responsibility for all parkland from NORD. Guy Morazain and Isabel Furtado have had one meeting with the Mayor and Planning Dept. to ensure this project does not get lost in the administrative shuffle. We also want to ensure that the DCC funds that had been set aside by NORD for the purchase of the parkland are not redirected to the City's general revenues which will delay acquisition of the parkland.

Your LECA Board is of the opinion that these two initiatives will be huge enhancements for CLE. In this regard, your attendance as a delegation at the meeting on MAY 27 would demonstrate the community's united support and go a long way to influencing the City in our favor. Once LECA receives the Agenda for the May 27 meeting, a mass e-mail will be sent out to its members as a reminder and will include the time of the meeting.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Road Barriers: City staff have confirmed that the long overdue road barriers on Tronson Rd, approximately from our neighbourhood sign to Adventure Bay will be installed the last week of June 2013. James Rice, City Manager of Operations is coordinating a work crew to complete the work in 3 consecutive days – one day for preparation work and 2 days for installation of the barriers.

LECA Family Beach BBQ: Will be held SATURDAY, JULY 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Again, it will be a great opportunity to socialize with your neighbours and meet new ones over a BBQ lunch (burgers, hot dogs, smokies, bratwurst, etc.). The main focus will be on planned activities for the kids, young and older.

Adult Pot Luck on the Beach: SUNDAY, AUGUST 25. This year, the Social Director is organizing a CAR RALLY to begin at 3:00 p.m. All interested participants will meet at Deer Park to be given instructions and will depart from there. (Spouses cannot be in the same car) 😊.

Rally participants will return to the beach at 5:00 p.m. for happy hour and potluck dinner. If you don't wish to sign up for the Rally, you can attend the dinner. More details on these events will be forthcoming in LECA's next Newsletter slated for mid June.

SEE YOU AT THE BEACH

As was previously noted in LECA's May Newsletter, the proposed amendments have become necessary to ensure an effective elections process.

Social Events: The **Family Beach BBQ – held July 28** and the **Adult Beach Potluck – held August 15** were well attended as usual. Even our City's Mayor, Robert Sawatzky attended our Family Beach BBQ this year and was impressed with the community spirit evident that day!

Our Social Director Shirley Higgins has included her reports below on these two social functions, along with some pics. Additional photos will be posted on LECA's website early next month for your viewing pleasure.

Family BBQ – July 28th

Families enjoyed crafts, activities, food, a scavenger hunt a new station sponsored by the Schwagele Family that culminated with the ever so popular piñata.

Of course none of this would be possible without the help of others so I would like to personally, and on behalf of the LECA Directors, thank the following:

Firstly – Fran Smith the ever so organized and willing volunteer for overseeing the BBQ portion on the Family Day. Great job Fran, well done! And many thanks to your helpful volunteers:

Gary Smith	Danielle Lindholm
Jim Dubois	Julio Ferrante
Karen Johnston	Carrie Greene

Secondly – Rodney and Aleisha Schwagele for purchasing supplies to add another activity station for the children...the cupcake station! Thank you Aleisha for baking and assisting the children decorating their cupcake.

Thirdly, thank you to Guy Morazain for emailing the posters for both events, Larry Shaw for having the Beach in great shape (even freshly raked ☺) and to Toni Cubrt our official photographer for documenting our events.

Thank you to Bob and Cathy Webb for donating a table, we can always use more tables. ☺

Lastly, thank you to the following for helping me with the Children and Family activities:

Jackie Tighe	Rodney Schwagele
Kelle Higgins	Hal Higgins
Stan Skimina	Tony and his son for helping with the Fish Pond

Lastly, truly lastly...thank you to all those in attendance and to all LECA members THANK YOU for your continued support!





Adult Potluck

On August 15th LECA Adults enjoyed an amazing variety of delectable food at the beach. Congratulations to Bonnie Shillington for being the first to find something in common with everyone! It was a fun evening of catching up with “old” neighbours and meeting “new” neighbours.

HUGE thanks to all who attended, thank you for contributing to the food table and participating in the “FUN” activities...ssshhhh...don't tell anyone what we did and we can do it all again next year with new contestants! ...wink...wink.. ☺ Thank you to my husband Hal for all his help getting organized and for being such a good sport! Lol

LECA Events are a direct result of wonderful volunteers willing to commit their time and energy to ensure events happen for all to enjoy. Hats off to all of you and let's hope to see more attend next year's events!

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Higgins

Beach Update: A reminder that the beach washrooms will be closed for the season on September 16 and will re-open for the summer season May 2013.

The present boat ramp with the larger rip rap which was installed by LECA in May has performed absolutely incident free this summer. This has allowed residents to have a very successful boating season. It was noted that more and more boat owners are using a rope to load and unload their boats, thus eliminating prop wash. Congratulations and THANK YOU to all !!

LECA will be staining the swim and boat docks this autumn to protect and preserve these wood structures. We will be using a water base product that is environmentally friendly, especially for working near water. A specific date has not been set, but ANYONE wishing to volunteer with this task please contact LARRY SHAW.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ENTRANCE SIGN: As you have no doubt noticed, the existing logs on the CLE Entrance Sign on Tronson Rd., have been properly refinished and the new sign has been installed. Your LECA Board is very happy with the results, the artwork is spectacular (looks even better at close range) and we now have a permanent, striking welcome to our community that we can be proud of. THANK YOU to Larry Shaw for doing all the leg work to obtain the sign and to Tony Cubrt for refinishing the logs.

Road Barriers on Tronson Rd: On August 1, 2012, Guy Morazain and Isabel Furtado met with the Mayor and the Manager of the City's Planning Dept., to bring a number of issues to the Mayor's attention, including the necessity for road barriers on Tronson Rd. The meeting was very positive. Mayor Sawatsky was very receptive to CLE's safety concerns regarding Tronson Rd, especially in winter driving conditions. He has instructed staff from the Planning and from Transportation Depts to assess the current situation on Tronson Rd., that is the approximate 2 km stretch of road from Adventure Bay to Phase I gate, to determine the most appropriate, feasible type of barrier that can be installed.

We advised the City that this work should be completed by November 2012, prior to the first snowfall. We will maintain regular contact with City planning staff on this issue and advise the community.

CLE Proposed Water Rate Increase: LECA has written a letter to the Comptroller of Water Rights on behalf of its members, to state its objection to the proposed water rate increase by Adventure Bay Waterworks Ltd. A number of residents and three of the Stratas have forwarded their respective letters of objection as well.

A meeting is being arranged with Interior Health, to be attended by LECA Directors and residents of CLE. A meeting date and time has not yet been set. LECA will continue to support its members on this issue and will advise you accordingly.

Parkland: LECA has been advised that this project continues to be a work in progress at this time and LECA is continuing its contact and dialogue with the relevant parties. This has been on the books a very long time as all of you are aware and we truly hope it comes to a conclusion very soon.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING OCTOBER 16TH !

