

LAKEVIEW ESTATES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LECA)

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DEER PARK – CLE: On September 16, 2020, LECA met with City of Vernon Parks staff at the park site to review the comments and suggestions submitted to the City's website survey on the preliminary Park Plan. The survey feedback was positive with 77.8% of those surveyed stating they were either “Happy” or “Very Happy” with the Preliminary Plan and 15.3% were neutral.

Based on that input and our discussion, the following park improvements will be done in order of priority:

- Repair and resurfacing of tennis court;
- Major repair and resurfacing of pickleball court, re-lining for 4 courts and installation of root barriers;
- Installation of playground equipment and surfacing (the playground area will be relocated closer to the pickleball court);
- Installation of proper picnic tables and benches;
- Re-work main entrance (off Tronson Rd) to provide ramp for universal access and maintenance equipment;
- Steps down to tennis court from adjacent street and connecting gravel path;
- Remove stumps, level and re-seed open field for informal play;
- Brush removal for FireSmart and CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design);
- Coniferous tree planting;
- Bike Rack;
- Path re-surfacing;

- Bear-proof trash can.

City Parks Planner will incorporate the above proposed improvements into a final park plan for CLE's Deer Park and begin the next step in the park process. The City hopes to begin construction this Fall. Please check LECA's website for ongoing updates on the park which LECA will post as they are received.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ENTRANCE SIGN: As you may have noticed, CLE's neighbourhood entrance sign on Tronson Rd has been removed by LECA volunteers from its 9 year post for some repairs and refurbishing. It should be back in place in about two weeks. Thanks go out to Larry Shaw and Clint Keller for taking on this task.

BEACH WASHROOMS: With the end of the summer season, the beach washrooms have been closed as of September 16th and will be winterized on October 3rd. The washrooms will re-open, we hope, back to our usual schedule of May 14, 2021.

NorthernRed Fitness: Faye Anstey, a personal trainer and fitness and yoga instructor has recently joined our neighbourhood. She has 19 years experience in bootcamps and every form of yoga. She currently runs her business online through her website, Facebook and YouTube. If any residents are interested in joining Faye for twice a week yoga classes, please contact her at www.northernfitness.com or at 250-329-5154. Faye is also a certified life guard and swim instructor. Make a note for swim lessons for the 2021 summer season down on our swim dock.

LECA POLICY – DOGS ON THE BEACH: To clarify this policy, dogs are allowed on the rocky section of the beachfront, from the boat launch to the beach washrooms for a dip in the water. Dogs are NOT allowed in the water within the marked-off swim area nor the sandy beach area to the north of the beach.

PLATFORM SWIM FLOAT: A new, more efficient ladder was installed by volunteers on the swim float. Thank you Larry Shaw and Juve Furtado for your hard work. These two volunteers also installed the very popular and well used slide on the swim dock.

As well, 2 aluminum posts were installed on the platform with colored reflective ribbons to deter the geese, which proved successful. The platform remained clean of goose poop until one of the posts was vandalized. Although they were screwed onto the platform the post was ripped out, damaging the platform. Volunteers

repaired the platform which takes time and effort and re-installed the posts one of which was vandalized a second time.

The beautiful beach area that we enjoy is maintained by volunteers as LECA does not have the funds to hire paid maintenance people. All residents need to take responsibility for our community beach area and call out anyone we see damaging beach property.

BOAT LAUNCH: Again, fractured rocks will be placed between the concrete ramps to repair the damage done by boaters revving their motors when placing boats in and out of the lake. These repairs were just done in May of this year. LECA is also attempting to clarify the responsible entity for repairs to the asphalt that's sinking in the area leading to the boat ramp.

LECA will hold its next Board Meeting in November 2020 and its final Newsletter for the year will be forwarded to the community and accessible on its website mid November.

From comments LECA has received, a lot of residents missed not having LECA's annual social events; the Family Beach BBQ and the Adult Beach Pot Luck. Due to distancing requirements, it was simply not possible to hold these events. Hopefully we'll be in a much improved normal in 2021 and can resume those fun gatherings with neighbours and friends.

Thank you to all of LECA's members. Without your annual contribution of \$100 per household, LECA would be financially unable to meet the costs of ongoing maintenance/repairs, required liability insurance, washroom cleaning and supplies etc., at which point the beach property would revert back to the Developer. CLE's private beach and private beach facilities are a unique amenity not found anywhere else in the Okanagan Valley. Whether or not you use the beach or boat launch, the sale of every home in CLE includes the valuation of the beach facilities, adding considerable value to every property. Every homeowner in CLE can afford to pay the miniscule annual membership fee of \$100. LECA expends considerable work and effort on behalf of all residents, it should not need to add the ongoing plea for membership to those who don't pay, in order to keep enjoyment of the beach and increased property values for all.

Be Happy, Healthy and Kind!

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