

The LECA Board of Directors

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Hello folks,

Here is our summer newsletter with all the latest community happenings and information from our directors; their reports will also be posted on the LECA website.

President's Report

Our AGM was held May 3, 2023 at the Schubert Centre with 45 residents in attendance. At the AGM three key topics were identified as top of mind -Bear Safe Bins, Our Street Lights, and a public meeting for CLE residents with our Corix representative(s). Billie Sue Roe, Marilyn Matthews, & Ed Kazakoff very generously volunteered their time to chair each of these topics. (Thank you). Here is their update as recently reported:

Billie Sue Roe reached out to the City regarding the Bear Safe Bins and reports the following: The City said they have a new system/process to request the bear safe bins through an electronic form however is not yet ready. Billie Sue will update LECA when form is ready for our use.

Marilyn Matthews reached out to the City regarding CLE streetlights... but as of yet no one has returned her calls. She did however confirm that a CLE resident had their light post taken out by a gravel truck.... the City conveyed to him that the light post would be replaced as needed with the nice new ones. More to come as Marilyn continues to investigate this topic and will update LECA as she progresses.

Ed Kazakoff has reached out to Corix trying to arrange a public meeting for CLE residents and a speaker(s) from Corix. Still a work in progress as Corix has yet to confirm. Ed will keep us posted.

Our community continues to grow as new families move into our neighbourhood, if you have a new neighbour, please welcome them to our community and ensure they are aware of our Lakeview Estates Community Association.

I am very pleased with our Board of Directors; some new (Lesley, Bruce, John, Wilf) some taking on new roles in addition to their current role (Andy) and very grateful to those that remained for another term (Linda, Jim).

Wishing everyone a great summer, be kind to your neighbours, and hope to see you all at our upcoming Adult Potluck on Aug 17.

Betty Gaudet  
President

Membership Report

Currently our 2023/24 Lakeview Estates Membership for Freehold Properties is sitting at 82%. Many new property owners have reached out and joined our community and the majority of existing homeowners have renewed their membership. A big thank you goes out to everyone (Freehold and

Stratas) for their LECA Membership and support of its members; without that support, the continued use of the beach area would not be possible.

Our membership fees are used for the upkeep of the beach area, insurance costs, beach facilities, etc. which we are very fortunate to enjoy. These benefits are part of the valuation of every property and add a significant value to our properties.

If you have a new neighbour who is not familiar with our community, please direct them to the LECA website: [www.leca-vernon.ca/membership](http://www.leca-vernon.ca/membership) or to one of the Directors, who will be happy to answer questions.

Betty Gaudet  
Membership Director

### LECA Website Report

Hello neighbors,

I am new to the board having been recently appointed, although my involvement as it relates to website maintenance started in the spring of 2022.

My duties include the regular posting of news and activities to the LECA website. [www.leca-vernon.ca](http://www.leca-vernon.ca). The site is a resource for community updates (including Deer Park development progress), fire & safety, past newsletters, upcoming events and more!

I am pleased to report a new but active LECA community Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1627250004375641> which was launched this spring. Although not an official medium managed by your LECA board, we are grateful for local resident Billie Roe for taking the initiative to start this group. Should you have items of LECA community interest, please post!

Wilf Mulder  
Website Director

### Resources Report

We had a great turnout for the spring beach cleanup in May. Community volunteers turned a hard job into an easy one, and we thank all that attended.

When replacing the floating marker buoys, we noticed the anchor chains were severely worn and brought in a diver for inspection and replacement as needed. One of the large swim buoys was leaking and was changed as well.

The asphalt lines and signs were repainted with the expectation that the paint job should last another 10 years.

We continue to monitor and discuss the depressions by the boat ramp. Please be careful and make sure to lift your boat's motor/bottom end to ensure you do not hit the Skeg.

The Okanagan Basin Water Board did a survey of our beach area in June and found the Milfoil is thriving. We are currently working with the OBWB to produce a plan to tackle this problem, but this will not happen until the fall/winter. In the interim, if anyone in our community is a diver and willing to help with removing the Milfoil please contact us.

As the beach and launch gets busier, please be respectful to others; offer help if needed and be patient. Let us all enjoy the sizzling summer days.

**Boaters' humor:** Only come into the dock as fast as you want to hit it.

Andy Coulombe,  
Resources Director

### Fire Smart and Emergency Preparedness Report

We had a meeting in Deer Park June 21, which was well attended by homeowners in the Canadian Lakeview Estates community. The purpose of this meeting was not only to educate us on various measures we can take should we be forced to evacuate during a wildland fire, but also to provide information on how we can be Fire Smart. We discussed what we should plan to take with us in our

“Grab and Go” kits--items we may need to carry us over for a few days. We also discussed how we might prepare in advance to facilitate evacuation in a timely, efficient fashion.

Sue Saunders from Emergency Preparedness and Wes Brassard, our Fire Smart Coordinator, both from the City of Vernon, were in attendance to remind us of our role as homeowners in the event of an evacuation. They also offered tips and preventative measures on how to Fire Smart our own properties.

Wes Brassard will be involved in future meetings with First Nations bands to the north of us. The objective is to reach an agreement to cut a northern emergency route through their land for evacuation in the event we be cut off from the south on Tronson Road. Hopefully they can come to some form of agreement and initiate a partnership with other First nations groups on this issue. I don't expect this to happen anytime soon, but at least the talks have started.

We had a slow start this year in terms of a community cleanup. One of our committee members is doing some research to see if we may enter the area at the end of Tronson Road for a community cleanup event. We will keep you informed once we know what is possible.

In the meantime, carry on with efforts to keep your properties Fire Smart. So far, everyone has been doing an excellent job! Thank you all for doing your part to contribute to the safety of our community. And thanks to all who took the time to come out to our meeting on June 21.

Don't forget that if you want a Fire Smart Assessment of your property, you will find information on the web at <https://www.vernon.ca/homes-building/fire-safety/firesmart>. The successful completion of such an assessment may help when you come to renew your insurance.

Jim Dubois

Fire Smart and Emergency Preparedness Director

#### Social Events Report

Family Fun Day July 22<sup>nd</sup> was a great day in the sun for our LECA community families. We had an incredible attendance of 70 residents with people of all ages enjoying a variety of activities: parachute games, ring toss, bean bag toss, bubbles, a kiddie pool and of course the lake.

The day ended with Evan the marvelous juggler who entertained the crowd with his performances.

A big thank you to all who helped with the setup and take down.

We are looking forward to the **Adult Potluck Beach time on August 17<sup>th</sup>**—more information will be coming soon.

Lelsley Kazakoff

Social Director

Linda Smith

Secretary