

# LAKEVIEW ESTATES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Summer 2013 was another stellar Okanagan season. The beautiful weather and perfect swimming conditions were enjoyed by residents, their families and visitors throughout the summer months. The beach was full of sun worshipers and swimmers every day - see you back in 2014.

**Family Beach BBQ:** Was held on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. The usual BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all those who attended. Thank you to Rodney Schwagele who brought the BBQ from Kal Tire and thank you to Clint Buhr and Doug Shillington for doing all the barbequing. Thank you to Bonnie Shillington, Bev Buhr and Danielle Lindholm for organizing and preparing the food (veggies, fruit, condiments), it's quite a bit of work. Thank you to Carrie Greene, Gerry Stoll for their contributions to the event.

A special thank you to Aleisha Schwagele for the wonderful job she did organizing and running the craft table, it was a big hit with the kids. As well, Rodney Schwagele and his two boys organized all the childrens' games and our thanks go out to them. The Boogie Board races were a big success, thank you to Keith and Heidi Hache for their assistance with this activity. Thank you to all other volunteers who helped with tent set-up, clean-up, etc.

All of these wonderful volunteers came together to ensure that this main community event took place, especially for the kids, who look forward to the games and the must have Pinata, organized just for them. If you have any ideas/suggestions for the Family Beach BBQ for next year, please contact one of the LECA Directors, we'd like to hear from you.

Also in attendance with an information booth was Marnie Cuthill, WildSafeBC Community Coordinator. She spoke to interested parties and distributed very useful information brochures on bear safety and other wildlife and living with deer. Marnie can be reached at 250-306-2286 or [vernon@wildsafebc.com](mailto:vernon@wildsafebc.com). The principal website is [www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com). To report wildlife in conflict, please contact the Conservation Officer Service reporting line at 1-877-952-7277.

**Adult Beach Potluck:** Took place on Thursday, August 22. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, an impressive variety of dishes. Dinner "al fresco" and socializing with neighbours by the lake was enjoyed by 50+ attendees. Music by "Love Notes" was very well received and some of the group even danced on the sand! Many also enjoyed tea leaf readings conjured by "Esmeralda". LECA looks forward to continuing this wonderful yearly event.

A very special thank you to Gerry Stoll and Connie Gryba for organizing such a terrific evening, that included a proper stage for the musicians. The amount of work that they put into the event was evident and the resulting compliments and positive feedback was well deserved. Thank you to all those who attended and thank you to the volunteers who helped with set-up and clean-up.

**Beach:** The community's beach washrooms were closed for the season on September 16 and have now been winterized. They will reopen on May 12, 2014 for the summer season.

Two new floating swim buoys were installed this summer to replace old worn-out ones. Red and silver ribbon tape was also placed on the swim platform to scare the geese, which was effective, although the platform had to be cleaned and sanitized twice. The swim platform/slide will be removed from the water and placed on the concrete ramp for the winter **this week**.

Thank you to everyone who helped pick up debris, pulled weeds and watered trees, helping LECA to maintain the beach easement areas.

Orange lines were sprayed on the graveled boat trailer/vehicle parking area to assist drivers to properly align vehicles and maximize parking, which worked very well. Speaking of parking, thank you to Gerry Stoll who stood guard at the construction site of the house below the S curve to the beach on a number of mornings, to bring some order to the traffic flow, blocked by the trades.

LECA would like to commend all the boaters for their consideration and care in using the boat launch this season and assisting our new neighbors in becoming familiar with boating protocol. Due to low water levels in September there was once again a problem with prop wash which washed out the gravel between the concrete planks resulting in some damage to a boat trailer. The problem was promptly repaired by volunteers. To make boaters more aware, two signs have been placed on the boat dock – one reads “AVOID PROP WASH – USE A ROPE” and the other: “CAUTION – END OF RAMP”. The best policy: FLOAT IT ON AND FLOAT IT OFF.

**Swim Buoys and Private Mooring Buoys:** All swim and private mooring buoys have now been placed in accordance with the approved plans and site pursuant to the Navigable Waters Protection Act, its Regulations, terms and conditions. This approval for both is valid for a period of 30 years from the date of issue of October 09, 2012. An officer from Navigable Waters Protection Program (NWPP) has set up a “compliance and monitoring” program for this project and will be doing periodic site visits.

One of the benefits of this approval is that boaters now have a 20 meter navigation zone to safely facilitate loading and/or unloading boats or passengers from the boat dock in any weather or adverse conditions. Other benefits include more available parking spots in the boat trailer/vehicle parking areas, for those boaters who do not have a buoy and a lot less boating traffic through the Kestrel and Peregrine gates.

Throughout the process of private buoy owners relocating their buoys, LECA's role was to act as a facilitator only – to gather all required information and relay this to the individual owners who were fully responsible for all costs incurred. LECA would like to reiterate once again that it is in no way directly or indirectly responsible for anything regarding buoy placements or maintenance nor does LECA imply any responsibility whatsoever. It is the individual buoy owners' responsibility to meet all legal requirements, standards and guidelines of the Private Buoy Regulations of the Canada Shipping Act, 2001, the Canadian Aids to Navigation and Transport Canada directives.

**Road Barriers:** As LECA previously advised, concrete barriers were installed by the City along Foster Road; Adventure Bay development and various other sections of Tronson Road, areas which LECA and CLE parents had not lobbied for, over the past four years. In this regard, LECA has been corresponding with Rob Dickinson, Manager, Engineering and GIS Services, City of Vernon on this issue. Mr. Dickinson has advised LECA that the recent installation of the road barriers on Tronson Rd was based on the recommendation of a professional transportation engineer hired by the City to perform an assessment of various locations throughout the City where residents had requested barriers.

Given the City's unsatisfactory response for not addressing our ongoing lobby efforts to address a very serious safety and potentially tragic road condition, LECA will be following through to obtain a copy of the Engineering report that the City relied upon for placement of the barriers. As well, LECA will approach ICBC to obtain a Road Safety Report, for dangerous roads, for the section of Tronson in question. As everyone is aware, this is the large dip in the road just past the CLE neighbourhood sign. There have been two serious incidents involving the school bus during winter road conditions and a number of incidents involving residents skidding on the same stretch of road in winter.

We cannot entertain the possibility of another similar incident with the school bus for obvious reasons and we understand that some parents are now driving their children to school to ensure their safety. In light of this situation, LECA would like to request the participation of all parents whose children take the school bus and all other residents as well, as this is a community concern. Please contact the Mayor and City Councillors by phone or email to express your views on this matter. Their contact information is listed below.

Mayor Robert Sawatzky:	250-550-3508	<a href="mailto:mayor@vernon.ca">mayor@vernon.ca</a>
Catherine Lord:	250-309-1685	<a href="mailto:clord@vernon.ca">clord@vernon.ca</a>
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As well, the School District's Transport line for School Bus Safety at 250-549-9281 and ask for Robyn Stephenson.

**LECA Website:** Is currently under re-construction to make it more user friendly. We hope to have it up and running as soon as possible and will advise. Great photos of the Family Beach BBQ and the Adult Pot Luck will be posted for your viewing pleasure. Thanks for your patience.

**Vernon Figure Skating Club:** On behalf of the Skating Club, Carrie Greene would like to extend a big thank you to all those who donated to the recent bottle drive. It was greatly appreciated and helped make the drive a success.

**ENJOY THE WONDERFUL (SPORADIC) FALL SUNSHINE !**