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From the President: 2017 and it recently dawned on me that I have served as president of the LLCC for the better part of 20 years. It is hard to believe that it has been that long. We have completed a lot of projects in that 20 years and I have enjoyed doing most of them. The list of what we (the board) want to do is still long, and I suspect it will always be that way. The people that I have worked with over this many years have been terrific, some of those folks have moved on and a few have passed on. Some have retired from the board and some are still hanging on. Our board members are a special group of people; they work to better our community. We maintain friendships; most of us get along pretty well. We all have one thing in common, The Lake Lawrence Community Club. So to say we are a board of trustees for the community is true but not complete, we are friends and workmates. We would welcome you to become one of the volunteers/friends/workmates to better our community. I and my family spent the 4th of July holiday at the park as we do every year. As a result of some of the activity in the park this year, 2018 will be a somewhat different. We will discuss this later in the newsletter. We use the park most week-

ends. There are several families that do the same thing and most of the time everything is just fine. Occasionally there are those who do not respect the property or others around them.

Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter Egg hunt took place in April with 90-100 kids attending. It's really hard to count excited kids. They always have a good time. They picked up plastic eggs filled with candy or prize tickets. Parents were served cookies and coffee, kids had games, cookies and juice. Remember the Easter Egg Hunt is always the Saturday before Easter at noon.

Property Purchase: The LLCC has purchased the property behind the lodge from the Edwards family. The property extends from Lawrence Place to the south wall of the upper lodge. The LLCC also owns the property directly behind the lodge. The plan is at sometime in the future to turn that area into an outside wedding venue. It allows the community club to control how that property is used in the future. There are numerous request each year for an outside venue hopefully we will be able to provide that in conjunction with rental of the upper lodge. The lodge rentals have increased tremendously in the past 4-5 years, almost every week-end through the spring, summer and fall and a good number of winter rentals as well. The lodge rentals are why our dues remain so low. Our operations manager has recently re-done the bride's room and the groom's room. They both look wonderful. There are lots of positive comments how well the lodge is taken care of. Treasa has recently hired a lady to keep up on the weeding; her name is Tonda she is available to others that might be interested in hiring a helper.

Sunken Docks & The Island Project: During last winter 5 of our docks sunk. Three have been retrieved and are back in place, the other two are still under water. The board has determined that it is necessary to bring in a company that will put floatation around those two docks and bring them to the surface. Hopefully that will be done in the next month.

There is a new dock that has been built next to entrance to the canal. We need to see how that affects the canal when the water level is low. We can then determine the placement of the wooden dock that will allow access to the island. Clearing of

paths on the island has been postponed until next spring. Our volunteers are working to retrieve the docks that sunk over the winter. The docks sunk due to heavy wave action. The docks will require more consistent pumping.

Dogs: Dogs are not allowed to run free in the park, they are not allowed to swim in the swim area nor should they be in that area. There is a large sign posted, No dogs allowed in the swim area; yet we hear “no one told me that dogs can’t swim here” Dogs can play and swim at the south side of the boat launch and the north side of the long dock. People have been bringing their dogs to the park and not picking up after them. If we continue to have dog poop and dogs in the swim area the community park will be closed to dogs. The swim area is for kids not dogs. The park is not a dog bathroom. Please do your part and clean up after your dog.

We are also having problems with dogs roaming and one dog in particular has bitten a man. The dog came into his yard and attacked him and his dog. The community does not have the ability or the authority to take dogs away. If you are having an issue with a dog please call Thurston County Animal Control; (360-352-2510) if there is a biting incident they will come immediately to talk to the owner, the dog may be removed. You may also call the Thurston County Sheriff; the response may not be immediate but a deputy sheriff will call you. If you see a dog roaming around and know where it lives call our operations manager; Treasa at (360-894-0592) give her the owners name and address, she will contact the owner. The community club can assess a fine for covenant violations. If you are one of the offenders you might want to control your dog. It can be a hefty fine. There have been numerous complaints about dogs barking early in the morning and late in the evening and throughout the night. Please don’t allow your dog to disturb your neighbors and barking dogs do disturb the entire neighborhood. Letters will be sent if the offenders do not take care of the problem.

Yellow Water Iris: Those living on the water have no doubt heard and read about the yellow flag iris, those living upland also need to know that the dried flower bulb of this plant is very toxic to the skin. If you see the plant in the water leave it alone. The

Lake Management district has sprayed and will take care of this weed.

4th Of July: In 2018 there will be designated areas assigned for setting off fireworks. This year there was one very serious accident and several close calls. The accident did not involve the placement of the firework, the firework did not go off, the shooter picked it up and as a consequence lost two fingers, another man was injured by the shrapnel. Those that have fireworks will have to use the designated areas. People that choose not to follow the rules will be asked to leave. Keep in mind the fireworks that are being put off are illegal. The majority of the people in the park are there to celebrate the holiday and have a good time with family and friends. They are not there to be harassed and scared by others throwing fireworks. The park will close again at 11:00 pm as it did this year. If you go next year please clean up your area before leaving. It took several hours this year to pick up all of the debris.

The Annual Meeting: The annual meeting was held on June 18th. The turnout was not very good this year. One of the attendees asked why the meeting is always on Father’s Day week-end and also on graduation week-end. According to the LLCC by-laws the annual meeting must take place on the 3rd Saturday in June. The by-laws could of course be changed but it is an extensive process. It was suggested that if a community member is interested in chairing a committee to change the by-laws they should have a discussion with the board of trustees of their intentions. They would then form a committee and come up with a plan of action. Post cards were mailed two weeks prior to the meeting on June 2; we can only assume that most all received them because there were only a few returned. The election of board members took place with two new board members being elected. Jim Beihl will serve as a board member and Jerome Didier was re-elected. Orin Brassfield was re-elected and will serve as an alternate. Daren Kelly will serve as an alternate. A complete list of 2017/2018 officer and board members is listed on the first page of this newsletter. As in the past the board has chosen a volunteer of the year. This year’s selection is President Mike Snider. In years past Mike has refused to accept this recognition stating that others were more qualified. Well this year he was not given the opportunity to refuse. He

has worked tirelessly for years; this award is a small reflection of what he has done. Treasurer Carl Thomson gave a brief description of a few of things Mike has done for this community.

The LLCC/Hamm scholarship was awarded to Ethan Clary of division 3, he was not present. The scholarship will be presented when Ethan has enrolled in school in the fall. There were great door prizes and another good lunch of barbeque hamburgers and hot dogs, thanks to Orin Brassfield as the official barbeque chef.

Parking Passes: If you are bringing guest into the park they must have parking passes, a temporary pass is available through Treasa our operations manager. (360-894-0592) All vehicles parked on LLCC property must display a parking pass. If there is no parking pass displayed a tow truck will be called. Make your arrangements 2-3 days before you need the pass if possible. The community member must be with guests in the park. It is not allowed to give the guest your gate card and allow them to enter the park without you. Members must remain in the park with their guest.

Late LLCC Dues: Those that have not yet paid the 2017/2018 dues their gate deactivated as of July 15, 2017. In the past when it is necessary to place a lien on a community property for nonpayment it has not been done until the dues are 6 months past due. As of 2017 liens will be placed after 90 days of nonpayment. Call Treasa (360-894-0592) to make payment arrangements. Once you start making payments and continue making the payments there will be no further interest charged.

The End of Summer & Antique Car Picnic: The LLCC sponsors the end of summer picnic. This year the picnic will take place on September 4, 2017 at noon. This event is a potluck with the club providing hamburgers and hot dogs, and all the fixings for them. Members and guest bring salads or desserts or whatever you might like to bring. It is also a time for those with antique cars to bring them down to the park and show them off. Cars, motorcycles, old husbands. Come and visit with neighbors and friends.

The Holiday Craft Bazaar: The holiday craft bazaar will take place on November 10 & 11, 2017.

Ronda Larson is the chair for this project and she will be looking for help. If you are interested in helping out give Ronda a call at (360)894-0895. Treasa will be taking care of the kitchen this year and if you are interested in helping her you can call her at (360)894-0592. The bazaar offers lots of different crafts and things of interest, be sure and check it out. The hours are 9:00 am to 5:30pm. If you are a vendor and would be interested in taking part in an all hand crafted bazaar you can call Ronda or Treasa.

Eagles: This spring and summer have been an exceptionally busy time for the LLCC Bald Eagles. We have counted 7 in the trees around our property. We hear them calling every day. When you're at the park or at home listen for the high pitched call that is an eagle; sometimes they are calling a young one to perhaps a mate. You will often see them working in turns attempting to catch something. When the wind is blowing over the lake it is like they are playing in the wind currents. Come to the park and enjoying watching. Some of the neighbors have found fish in their yards; we have and in fact have seen the eagles drop them. I see them sitting up in the tree eating something then I see my dog rolling in the remains, you gotta love it. Sometimes we have to remind ourselves to enjoy where we live.

Sympathy: In the past year we have lost several LLCC residents, I am not going to name them because I will miss someone and I don't want to offend anyone but the LLCC extends our condolences to all of those family and friends in mourning.

County Commissioner: Congratulations to our neighbor Gary Edwards on becoming the new Thurston County commissioner last November. He is extremely busy and if he had any hair left he probably would have lost it by now too.

Years of Junk Cars and Debris: A few years back the community club attempted to notify all of the community members that choose not to get rid of trash, junk cars, trucks, trailers, motor homes. Also included were those that refuse to cut their grass. We had a good response from our letter and about 80% of those notified did something about their property. Those that did not were fined and some are still being fined. We are in the position again of having to take action against residents that

won't clean up their property. The rest of us don't want to look at your junk. We all pay dues and we all want to live in a nice area. If you are one of those offenders now is the time to do something about it. Wounded Warriors will take your junk vehicles. If it has been sitting for more than a few months let face it you aren't going to restore it. If you have trash, take it to the dump. If your grass needs to be cut, cut it. The fines for these violations of the covenants can be as much as \$300.00 per month. Please just take care of your property.

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The LLCC Board of Trustees wishes all of you a continued safe summer. God Bless our military and the USA