

Outside the community

A couple of issues the board has been following closely are Cedar Grove Composting and the Passage Point Project.

Cedar Grove Composting is currently in the process of obtaining a new permit from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. The original renewal date was this summer. Cedar Grove submitted their application, which PSCAA sent back to them for additional information. As the PSCAA moves through the licensing process, there will be a public hearing, which the board plans to participate in.

Passage Point is a joint project between the YWCA and King County to use the old Cedar Grove Treatment Center as a project to unite women leaving the prison system with their children. A law suit against King County, challenging the county's issuing a building permit contrary to the county's own zoning laws. The suit was won. However, the county has stated their intent to appeal the decision and instructed the YWCA to continue its planning. The Community Advisory Panel was disbanded immediately following the law suit ruling. No action is contemplated by the board at this time.

Volunteer Dinner

The volunteer event will be held Jan 17th. This year the volunteers were invited to a dinner at the Mandarin Garden in Issaquah. Each volunteer, in addition to one of Andy Wang's best meals, was given a certificate of appreciation. A fun event for everyone there.

Robbery!

Not a very good way to end the year for our neighbor, Brad Evans was robbed early Wednesday morning. Brad purchased John Olson's home on 167th. Apparently the crooks waited for him to leave for work in the morning, well before sunup. They took only electronics a plasma TV and some digital camera equipment.

The deputy investigating told Brad that there have been a number of similar break-ins on the Eastside. The deputy was certain they were a 'professional' group, as there was no damage beyond what it took to break in and dismount the TV from the wall. (Brad did point out that they certainly had no

problem doing damage when something was in their way!) There were bottles of alcohol on the counter that were untouched, adding further evidence to this.

The deputy said they suspect that the robberies were being 'cased' by a group posing as missionaries. There was a similar group that came through the neighborhood last Summer. The sheriff was called, but they had left before the officers arrived.

Staying in Touch

We are looking for a better way to stay in touch with community members. The obvious answer is make better use of email. There were a number of times over the past year when it would have been good to have quickly get information out to the community. Examples would be the robbery mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, or planned water outages. If you want to be added to the list we are creating, please email. The list will be kept confidential to the board and committee chairs of our association.

Emergency Drill

One Sunday this past Fall, Four Lakes held its first Emergency Plan drill. The five area captains had the neighbors in their zone meet at their designated locations. At that point the radio network was set up by Rick Ward to give us all an idea of how it would work. Utilizing the Motorola walkie talkies a number of members had purchased earlier. (Two sets still available – call Mark Anderson.)

Rick posed several hypothetical problems to be solved, which were handled swiftly and effectively. It only took half an hour, but it demonstrated the effectiveness of what we have set up.

Should the worst happen and we find ourselves in the proverbial hard spot, we are going to be very, very pleased about the foresight of setting up this program. Cudos to Mark Anderson, resident fireman and chairman, our zone captains Evan Lurton, Kristie Achzenick, Keith and Chris Renfrew, Tom Norton and Debbie Berto. A special recognition to Debbie Berto, Tom Norton, and Lynnette and Rod Case for bringing this to the community as a project we should take on!

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ANNUAL MEETING!

Yes! It is time for another annual meeting. This is where we gather as a community to see what we've accomplished and what we need

to do in the upcoming year and recognize the volunteers and their efforts which are so important to our community. As well as elect a third of the board members.

One of the items on this year's agenda is to discuss the feasibility of installing video surveillance on the entry road. The recent robbery, described elsewhere in this newsletter, adds importance to this discussion. We'll also be hearing from our committee chair people on what they have done and plan to do in the upcoming year. As well as setting budgets for these efforts.

If you haven't attended an annual meeting lately, you will be surprised at how interesting they have become.

Kids are welcome! Great chance to show them democracy in action.

The meeting will again be held in the Achzenick's barn/shop building, thank you Mark and Kristina, 24025 SE 162nd Street, right here in 4 Lakes! February 17th, at 7:00 PM

Beavers Vow to Fight!

No this is not a story about the Oregon State football team, but about the busy buck-toothed rodents that inhabit our lakes. The Lakes Committee has been putting in overtime trying to keep up with Mr. and Mrs. Beaver's dam building efforts.

You may have noticed the recent flooding across from the gazebo that resulted from a dam effort by the beavers. Playing for the homeowners side, there have been a number of people who have been un-daming the water outflows almost daily. As well as doing what they can to protect the trees. The beavers may be busy, but our side has more heart!

As it has been explained, the beavers hate the sound of running water. They immediately do all they can to stop it.

Thanks to Mark Achzenick and son Ian for their work on designing and building the 'beaver deceiver' on the large lake. Steve Scott and Mike Williamson for doing the same for the back lake.

No Drips in Water Department

The water committee has been busy over the past year. Some of you will remember the appeal last summer asking about leaks. Glad to report that several good sized leaks were found and repaired. Thanks to those sharp eyes who found them for us. Efforts are also being made to locate lines, along with work to regulate line pressures more evenly.

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Four Lakes has its own website! You can do all sorts of things on this site. This is where you can book the gazebo, see who is in charge of the various committees and read the minutes of the board meetings.