

Unpleasant Odors

By Dave Prochazka / Four Lakes Vice President

As most of you know the 3 facilities listed below have the capability of sending some terrible stink into 4-Lakes. For years and with some success, we have been working to get these facilities to contain their odors.

The important thing is, **we can not let up on our pressure on the facilities and the government regulators** because these facilities will always take the cheapest way out. If there are not a significant number of complaints, they think they are doing well and will not spend more money to contain the odors. You need to report what you smell, the time and duration of the stink and your name and address. Always report to PCA and if you don't know source of the smell, report to all.

King County Solid Waste Division (land fill)

Phone: 206-296-4490, TTY Relay: 711 (will answer 24/7)

Web: Click on "Contact Us" Bio Energy Washington

Phone: 425-392-3918

Web: To access login: User name:"bioguest", Password: "BEWplnt9"

Cedar Grove Composting

Phone: 425-417-6721 or 425-314-8939

Email: MVERMAS@cgcompost.com

Phone: 253-278-4128 (cell best) Karen Dawson - Outreach director

425-432-2395 office

Remember the web site:
four-lakes.org

Quarterly Assessment Collections

By Rod Case / Four Lakes Treasurer

The last few years have been difficult economic times for most of us. As Treasurer I see this each time I send out the quarterly invoices and wait for your payments. Almost every quarter there are approximately 15 members (about 20% of total membership) who do not pay their assessment before the next quarters invoices are sent out. This pattern is very consistent but not alarming because most of those accounts get paid up the next quarter. That fact likely indicates people have just forgotten to pay an invoice.

What does cause concern is when members fail to pay for 2 or 3 quarters. There are undoubtedly several reasons for this but one is clearly that some of our neighbors are going through a rough patch financially. If you find yourself in this situation please take a minute to contact myself or any Board member. Something can be worked out to address your situation - but only if you contact us to make arrangements that fit your need. So please don't hesitate to contact us and let us know what we can do to help you through the rough time.

Also, it is important to report the stink to the regulatory agency

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSC) Dic Gribbon

Phone: 206-343-8800 ext 6 or 800-552-3565 ext 6 Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30

After hours press 1, spell "gribbon" and leave message or press 00 to get answering service.

Email:

A short list of what is going at these faculties:

King County Solid Waste Division (land fill) – Have requested expansion and extending operating permit until 2028.

Bio Energy Washington (at landfill) – Has been shut down for over a year while rebuilding. They should have resumed operation by now.

Cedar Grove Composting – They were turned down in Everett for an electricity generating facility without an environmental impact study. This turn down was because of citizen complaints and pressure. They may try that here. Cedar Grove is paying ERMAS \$325,000 to monitor the air! Their job is to show that Cedar Grove is not responsible they are not neutral.

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is the only recognized authority for determining odor source. They are the Agency responsible for enforcement. We need to make sure that they are called every time that there is an odor present at your home or business.

Roads

By Terry Deschenes / Roads Committee

No major projects are planned for Roads this year. We will be focusing on maintenance. In particular we will be patching any potholes and doing what we can to reinforce the shoulders. If you see the "Road Gang" out there, (Marty Johnson, Tom Norton, Rod Case and Keith "Boss" Renfrew, give them a friendly wave!) And a special thanks to Brendan Pecht. Brendan actually has a job, unlike the guys on the Road Gang who do their thing during the week, so he has been keeping all the road signs, turtles and paint stripping in shape.

What you can do: We really need to have folks focus on staying off the road shoulders. Driving on the shoulders breaks down the edges on the blacktop as well as damaging the road bed that supports those edges. There are times when it is unavoidable, but go slow and get back on the road as soon as possible.

Clearing the vegetation from the road edges should be accomplished by the landowner. The volunteers don't have the time or energy to do this. Please do your part. Contact me if you have a problem accomplishing this.

2012 Summer Water Report

By Evan Lurton / Water Committee Chair

With summer rolling up soon (we hope) please keep water conservation in mind when watering lawns, washing cars, etc. Avoid watering lawns in the middle of hot or breezy days as much of the water is lost to evaporation. Water during off-peak times either in the early morning or in the evening. Your Four Lakes water system continues to pump approximately 20,000 gallons of fresh, clean water every day to the residences of this neighborhood.

This summer our state-mandated project to install service water meters at every residence has begun. In addition, new service valves and poly water vaults will be installed. Planned installation for this season will primarily be along 239th SE and SE 160th from Nau's to Strittmatter's. This is a several year project. Water interruption along those streets will occur during the work. Advance notice will be given, and the interruptions shouldn't last more than a couple of hours.

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find this year's copy of our water system's Consumer Confidence Report. If you have any questions please feel free to call.

Directory and Maps

Enclosed are updated directories and maps for the community. If there is an inaccuracy, please email to have a correction made, or to add a phone number.

As a reminder, this information is for the exclusive use of the residents. Please respect the privacy of your neighbors and insure this information remains in the community.

Welcome New Neighbors!

By Terry Deschenes / Staff Reporter

Brendan Pecht, Board member extraordinaire and chair of the Hospitality Committee has been working overtime delivering greetings and welcome baskets to our new neighbors.

Greetings to **Justin & Jana Park** and family at 23978 SE 160th St., **Jose & Lisa Riveros** at 16418 239th Ave SE, and **Marc Sanders & Maureen Magnotta** at 23861 SE 162nd Pl.

Community Property Ready for the Summer

By Marty Johson / Community Property Chair

Summer is finally here. It is a good time to use our community area and gazebo. Work has been done to eliminate the moles (they must be closely related to the beavers for all the trouble they cause!) and the gazebo itself is getting some paint and stain. The sanican is in position.

The facility can be used by any resident, at no charge. If you wish to use the gazebo, go to our website, the reservation page. You will see which dates are reserved and instructions for how to reserve it for yourself. A few dates are already taken.

2012 Summer News

Four Lakes Summer Bash! July 22nd

By Bo Cambern / Entertainment Chair

Summer is almost upon us and it's time to have the Four Lakes Summer Bash!

Mark your calendars!!! July 22nd, in the Four Lakes Community Park, we will be having a great old family style picnic party. There will be great games for children and adults with lots of great food and fun! A live band has been booked for the event and they will play some awesome music that all will enjoy.

The theme will be tropical/Hawaiian and we encourage all to wear appropriate clothing to celebrate that theme. The bash will have beverages and some basic snacks and goodies, but the main food will be Pot-Luck. We have some awesome cooks in this community and let's see who can come up with the most outrageous or amazing tropical dish! Everything from fruit salads, to roasted pig, to fun desserts will make for a fabulous party! I'm planning on smoking a pork loin with some fruits and special seasonings. Can't wait!

The bash will start at 11am and go on till whenever we want to stop. The band will begin to play around noon and stop around 4. If you play an instrument and would like to jam with the band sometime during the day, bring your guitar or bass or whatever you like to play and join in! If you do play guitar, please bring your own amp. These are VERY good musicians and can make you sound good. Please contact Bo Cambern if you want any information about the band or what they can do.

I'd like to get some kind of head count from the community for planning. Please feel free to contact me by email at fourlakessummerbash@hotmail.com to confirm if your family can make it and/or if you have any questions about the bash.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Easter Egg Hunt was Fun!

Story on page 2

The collage features several photos: a man in an orange shirt and sunglasses interacting with children; a woman in a black top standing near a table; children running in a grassy field; and a child in a green shirt holding a basket of eggs.

Easter Egg Hunt is Big Success cont'd from page 1

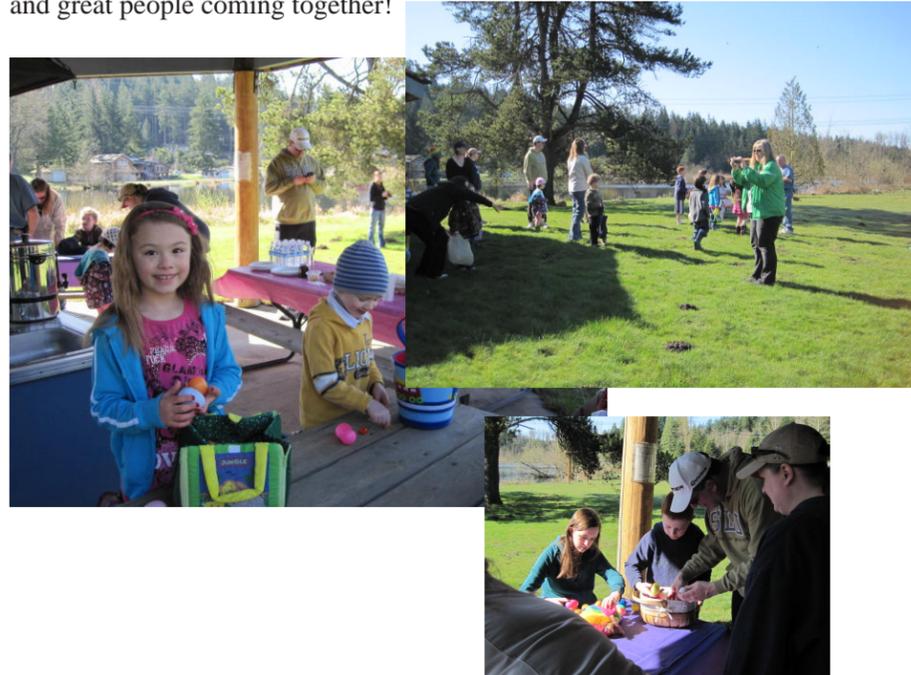
By Bo Cambern / Entertainment Chair

This year's Easter Egg Hunt was blessed with lots of sunshine and happy, smiling little faces.

The turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt was great! Although not as large a group as last year (we believe it was due to spring break this year falling in Easter week), the laughter, looks of surprise, and friendship were as plentiful as ever.

Lots and lots of eggs filled with candy were discovered by kids of every age, and some, found secret eggs with bonus prizes of Easter Baskets, chocolate bunnies, and gift cards. The adults got to watch, in the warm sunshine, the kids scrambling as fast as they could to reap their rewards all the while nibbling on great breakfast treats with a good cup of hot coffee and great conversation.

Let's hope for another beautiful sunny day next year (two years running now!) and an even larger turnout. The more the merrier and it all adds up to a great neighborhood and great people coming together!



Lakes Committee Project Report:

Dispatches from "The Great Beaver War"

Bob Liebling / Lakes Committee Chairperson

The Beaver War Saga is in its third year at 4-Lakes, however only light skirmishes have occurred this year. I think this is because of the beaver deceiver pipes that were installed last summer. So far, I'm happy to report no fatalities, near drownings, or frigid winter water experiences by our troops have occurred.

From the appearance of the big Community Lake, it seems that the chemical herbicide treatments that were done last summer really did a great job in keeping the lily pad infestation at bay. This plant material needs to be removed to ensure proper water flow through the lakes and to prohibit the siltation of the shallower lakes. We will do another herbicide treatment this summer, probably in late July or August and notices will be posted around the big lake.

Also this summer we plan on doing some fish stocking in the big lake (no. 4), the small lake (no. 3), and Lake 2. We will stock the big lake with grass carp, to help mitigate the weed problem. We will plant trout in the other lakes.

A few of the summer projects planned for this summer are:

1. Install beaver deceiver pipes in the drainage channel to Lake No. 1 and in Lake No. 2.
2. Finish the beaver deceiver pipe installation between lakes 4-5.
3. Take lake data including animal habitat, plant habitat locations, water sources, and lake depths.

Look for the work party signs this summer so you can join in the fun!

Four Lakes Vigilance

By Dave Prochazka / Four Lakes Vice President

In the last month or so we have had the several suspicious activities and at least two break-ins in Four Lakes. These are listed below. The point of this article is to make residents aware of these activities and what they can do about it. We are venerable because we can not expect police response in less than 30 minutes and they may not take any immediate action unless there is a personal safety concern. The following is a list of few things you can do to help protect you and your neighbors:

1. Try to keep it from being obvious that you are not home by parking cars in different places, leaving different lights on, leaving radio or TV on, etc.
2. Watch for cars or people that don't seem to belong in Four Lakes and record license numbers. If there is suspicious activity call 911.
3. If someone comes to your door asking for or selling anything, be suspicious. They may be checking to see if anyone is home. If possible get their license number. If they are suspicious report them to 911.
4. Keep your doors, windows and cars locked.
5. Watch you neighbor's houses. If there is suspicious activity, contact the neighbor or call 911.
6. Alarms?

Brent Shurtz, 24317 SE 167th St, reported that he had a break in at about 9 AM Friday 25-Apr-2012. They got in by breaking a window and probably left when they opened the front door and the alarm went off. Apparently when that happened, they dropped everything and ran. The only other thing that Brent thought might be relevant was that apparently someone had driven around the gate on the water well road. This was the second break-in in that area.

Butch Wright, 16711 239th Ave SE, thinks that on Wednesday 25-May-2012 he stopped a burglary in progress around 2 pm. It was a black Chevy Impala, license # ACG0566. Apparently 2 girls from the car were knocking on doors to see if anyone was home. When approached the 2 guys in the car were civil but left in a hurry and apparently ran when Butch followed them. When the police were contacted, they checked to see if the car was stolen, it wasn't, and showed little other interest.

On Sunday 03-Jun-2012 Wayne Bingham was asked if knew anyone in Four Lakes who had a generator stolen. He said that someone he knew had called him and asked if he wanted to buy a 'big' generator from him. This guy talking to Wayne said that he was on parole and wanted nothing to do with it, but he did know who the guy was. On Sunday 03-Jun-2012, I, Dave Prochazka 16407 239th Ave SE, was approach by a guy that was driving through and wanted to buy my beater Subaru. He had a child with him but looked suspicious because he had a shaved head and was covered with tattoos. I don't think he was from Four Lakes. I should have got his license but I didn't

From One Eagle to Another

By Mark Achzenick / Four Lakes President and Proud Dad

You have likely noticed the restoration work on the island of the big lake at the entrance of Four Lakes recently completed by Boy Scout Troup 676 from Issaquah. The most obvious feature of this project is the 30 foot tall tree placed on the island as a snag to establish a location from which our local eagle population can fish and hopefully roost. Additionally multiple deciduous and evergreen trees were planted on the island to add a root base and future habitat as they grow to be the predominant features. They will be protected from future beaver activity by fencing to ensure these trees don't suffer the same fate as past ones, becoming lumber for beaver construction projects. . .

Preserving the beauty, diversity and habitat of our community takes commitment and action by those within and sometimes outside of our community. Many of us took note when the last tree fell on the island many years ago, but none more so than Ian Achzenick a resident of Four Lakes from the age of five and now seventeen and seeking a significant project to give back to the community while fulfilling his Eagle Scout program requirement. In putting this project together he developed the plan, scoped out the many complexities, gained community and scouting support, sought funding and ultimately lead this effort.

Though much of the labor came from his peer scouts from Troop 676, he wants to thank many neighbors who contributed along the way as well. First to the Morris family who owns the island and approved the project; to the Four Lakes board members who reviewed and gave guidance early in the project planning; to Mark Anderson who provided a canoe and advice on the day of the project; to Bob Liebling who provided a boat and assistance collecting materials from the island after the main body of work had been completed. Special recognition is bestowed upon Tod Ray, a Four Lakes resident who passed earlier this year. He actively coached Ian, having met with him several times to discuss research into the size, type and height for the snag tree to serve as an appropriate habitat for our local eagle population. This activity drew Tod out into the community, having joined the board the previous year. And the culmination of this project now draws him into a special place in our memories. This project will be dedicated to Mr Ray with a plaque to be placed at the gazebo in his honor later this summer.

