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Easter Egg Hunt, Surface Water Management, Mow Bids,
Community Garden, Cedar Grove Compost

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This years Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 15th at 10am in the community field. Kids 12 and under can search for nearly 700 eggs and Golden eggs earn you an additional prize! Don't forget your basket!

There was a great turn out at the annual meeting this year, thanks for coming! If you missed it the minutes and presentations are posted on our website.

<http://www.four-lakes.org/>

Surface Water Management
By Terry Deschenes

At this year's annual meeting the Board sought input from the community about how to deal with keeping the ditching clear and flowing. There are a number of reasons this is necessary;

1) maintenance of the roads and their shoulders – water flowing onto the roadbed is bad! 2) water flow needs to follow established flow so that it all ends up in Issaquah Creek, not one of our neighbors' property. 3) the lakes depend of the drainage system, as is, to maintain healthy levels.

The problem is that were we to hire out the work to clear the brush back and maintain the ditching, it would be a very significant cost. Trying to accomplish this with volunteer labor is just unrealistic. Money for this would either come out of

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The current thinking on the Board is that we need to create a committee to manage the design and maintenance of the ditching.

- We would have to hire-out any significant excavating.
- Keeping the brush trimmed back from the ditches and roads should become the responsibility of each homeowner for their property.

We recognize that the second item is something that is new and different. We can see some significant problems that need to be answered before we can proceed.

- Some of homeowners are elderly and on fixed incomes. Maintaining the vegetation could be a significant problem for them.
- Some of the homeowners have a huge amount of ditching they would be dealing with.
- How would we enforce such a rule?

The Board will be considering these issues at the next meeting, April 19th . We would like to hear from the community on suggestions and concerns about this new policy. Please write terrydeschenes@comcast.net with any suggestions – I will take them to the board. Alternatively, talk with any Board member and pass on your thoughts.

We're looking for Mow Bids for 2017!
Mowing areas include:

- The main gazebo grass
- The strip parallel to the Cedar Grove Road by the bus stop
- The area that goes in by Paula Clarks back to Osprey Lake
- The area by the three way stop between the road and gravel walking path and along both sides of the road from there all the way to the entrance including the Thompson property corner and ditch area.

In the spring, mowing needs to occur every 1.5-2 weeks. In the summer when things dry out, we need to mow every 3 weeks.

Please submit bids for the work to



We will soon be kicking off the second year of the community garden and could use your help!

Keep the following dates available for garden activities:

April 22nd is garden kick-off

May 13th is planting day!

We also have plans for the kids in the garden including hands on learning experiences, butterfly release and a sensory garden tour. Stay tuned for updates! If you would

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If you haven't joined the Four Lakes Private Facebook group yet, please join us! Its a great way of getting involved, staying up-to-date with the latest information and connecting with your neighbors. Email communications@four-lakes.org if you're interested in getting an invite.

Four Lakes Website

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at diondra@milestreehouse.com.

Dear Neighbor:

Washington State House Bill 1590 (2017-2018 session) proposes to change composting from being an industrial activity to agriculture. Agricultural activities are exempt from being sued for odors. This could make a huge impact on our neighborhood and odors from Cedar Grove.

Please consider writing your state reps about this!

For more information and to view a sample letter, please see our community website at <http://four-lakes.org/>

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