

Four Lakes Spring 2019 Newsletter!



Four Lakes Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20, 2019

10am at the Community Park

Please RSVP on the Facebook invite or at Nimidesigns@comcast.net and bring your own basket!

Board Update

We had an excellent turn out at our 2019 Annual Meeting on March 7th with 68 people present and 58 of our 79 households represented either in person or by proxy. Thank you for taking an interest in the ongoing business of our community and attending the meeting. A lot of information and updates were shared at the meeting and hopefully all in attendance found the time together beneficial.

The Four Lakes Landowners Association Board continues to work hard to manage the ongoing business and happenings of our community. I want to take the time to thank them for volunteering their time and energy to serve our large group of homeowners. Here is our current list of Board Members:

President – Mark Anderson

Vice-President – Mark Somnis

Treasurer – Rod Case

Secretary – Sharon Ayers

Marc Sanders

Terry Deschenes

Dave Prochazka

Bob Liebling

Vivienne Gevers

I would like to encourage each of us to take the time to peruse the Four Lakes website (www.four-lakes.org) at least on a monthly basis to review the meeting minutes from our regular Board meetings. Please feel free to contact any of the Board Members with questions or comments you may have in regards to the happenings at our meetings. We have decided as a Board to make more of a concerted effort to keep the community members informed of the happenings and decisions of the Board.

As we updated the community at the Annual Meeting, we continue to make progress on the easement and the bridge. At our March 27th Board Meeting, we solidified the completion dates with the Wittren's for the weir / dam maintenance (by May 31, 2019) and the bridge re-installation (by June 30, 2019). The Association will be working with the Wittren's on the completion of both of these items. Please know that we will continue to keep you informed of the progress on these items and post progress pictures on the Facebook page.

One goal of these newsletters is to provide you with committee updates in regards to the work being done and future projects that we can all volunteer to participate in. Please enjoy this edition of the Four Lakes Newsletter and let the Board know if there is information you would like to see added to our regular communications.

Mark Anderson

President, Four Lakes Landowners Association



***Roads Committee* will meet to discuss and orientate our new members to include the following:**

**Dave Spencer
Kevin Bray
Ben Ayers
Ryan BeLieu**

Our objectives will include storm clean-up, pothole repair and a small amount of paving by a contractor.

Tom Norton, current chair along with Keith Renfrew will continue to serve until the end of this year.

Thanks, Tom Norton

Community Property Committee

2019 will kick off a multi-year improvement plan of Four Lakes Community Property. The first step in the plan is to level the community park and mitigate the water issues. This will build a solid foundation that will assist in future years park improvements, such as installing a playground and sport court - the top rated amenities from the 2018 survey.

The park leveling will occur later summer/fall time frame and may continue into the winter. More immediate projects will include a community work day to reduce the blackberry bushes at the entrance, to be scheduled early summer.

The mowing of the park will continue bi-monthly and a generous neighbor volunteer has committed to maintain landscaping near the front entrance sign for the year.

***Additional
Four Lakes Active Committees***

Hospitality Committee Includes:

Sharon Ayers

Nina Hufford

Entertainment Committee Includes:

Nina Hufford

Emergency Preparedness

Committee Includes:

Dave and Tina Spencer

Communications Committee:

Janell Wells

The community property consists of:

Matt and Janell Wells - Co-chairs

Dave Spencer

George Writtren

David Bluhm

Evan Lurton

Dave Prochazka

Email

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to update your contact information
or if you would like to join our private
Four Lakes Facebook page!

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Map**



2019 Four Lakes Spring Water Report

As reported in the annual meeting, the periodic water system testing has demonstrated that we have good clean water, and is in compliance with the state requirements for a variety of bacteriological and organic/inorganic concerns. Continued installation of new residence street valves, meters and boxes should bring us to 100% of the neighborhood completed by fall. To that end, occasional system shutdowns will occur, and will be announced in advance via the bulletin board, Facebook, phone, etc.

Your Four Lakes water team includes; Matt Wells, Patrick Gai, Mark Somnis, Rod Case, Keith Renfrew, Terry Deschenes and new recruit Ryan BeLieu. Thanks guys, for your hard work.

During the retrofit the old plumbing is excavated, and the resultant pit may be present for a few weeks before we install the new hardware, and finish the job. During that time the pit will be covered with plywood, so please be patient with the process. Also, the water vaults are typically located near the homeowner's property line, and within the road easement. We endeavor to disturb the surrounding landscaping as little as possible, but Four Lakes HOA is not responsible for restoring landscaping around the vault located in the easement.

As required by the State DoH, periodic meter reading will be performed in order to demonstrate that, ideally, what we pump out of the ground at the well site equals the total of the user meter readings. Any difference primarily represents system leakage. The goal is less than 10% leakage, but hopefully we'll achieve much less than that. We have discovered and repaired many leaks during the past twelve years, so I am confident that we have a pretty tight system. My plan for the annual meter reading event is to solicit help from the neighborhood kids to assist the water team. Each would be assigned a group of meters, and instructed in reading the gauge. Following the exercise, we'll likely have a team BBQ to make it a "fun" event (and for me to collect all of the data gathered)!

During the warmer summer months, our water usage increases primarily from irrigation. Please take note of your neighbors' watering schedules, and try to water at different times. The idea is to try to spread out the water usage so our system can keep up, particularly when we have several consecutive days of hot weather. Watering with timers at off-peak times is also effective.

Thanks,
Evan Lurton,
4-Lakes Water Manager

Reminder!
Four Lakes Board Meeting
April 17th, 2019 @ 7pm Deschenes Home
All are welcome!

[Click Here - Four Lakes Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Lakes Committee News 2019

The Lakes Committee would like to announce that there will be new chairmen, Bob Liebling and Dave Prochazca, heading up the committee, as the current chairman, Steve Scott will be moving from 4-Lakes . We'll greatly miss his lakes and environmental knowledge and stewardship of our lakes that he has given to our community over the past several years.

With Spring in the air, the Lakes committee is just entering the busiest part of the year for its planned activities in May we are planning on chemically treating Osprey lake for the algae bloom that we experienced last summer. The lake will be treated monthly for 4-5 months, and trust that this will mitigate the problem. A few of the other projects planned will be:

1. Taking away the beaver debris that has accumulated along the community property between Horrock's lake and Osprey lake.
2. Planting some trees in the community property by the stream.
3. Installing wire screening around the base of trees near the lakes that look like tasty snacks for the beavers.
4. Keeping the out-fall lake pipes clear to ensure the flow of water between the lakes.
5. Taking water samples to ensure our lakes are healthy.
6. Install an Eagle perch on the island in Eagle Lake.

We're researching new sources to obtain fish for stocking the lakes. The laws have changed and our previous source is not available to us. We would like to remind the Community that the fishing policy in our lakes is
"CATCH AND RELEASE"

By using barbless hooks we can maintain the fish resource for the enjoyment of other community fisher-persons, as well as the Eagles, Osprey, and Herons who we all enjoy seeing.

Beaver War Report:

Our resident beavers have been rather quiet this past winter, but there have been sightings of the pesky critters on Heron Lake. So, more beaver battles with the belligerent beasts are anticipated this summer, and if you'd like to join-up as a combatant, we'd love to see you in our ranks. Our planned activities can only be accomplished if we have new members joining our committee, so please contact Dave, Steve or I if you are interested.

