



# Lake Desire News

January 31, 2014

## Lake Desire Community Club Membership

### Clubhouse

#### Events:

2/27/14

Community Meeting  
7:00pm

4/3/14

Weed Abatement  
Meeting  
7:00pm

4/12/14

Plant and Seed Swap  
10:00am

4/19/14

Easter Egg Hunt  
1:00pm

5/17/14

Clubhouse and  
Grounds Clean-Up/  
Roadside Clean Up  
9:00am  
Meet at Clubhouse

8/5/14

Lake Desire BBQ  
6:00pm

9/18/14

Community Meeting  
7:00pm

10/18/14

Roadside Clean Up  
9:00am  
Boat Launch

11/13/14

Community Meeting  
7:00pm

Last year the Lake Desire Community Club sponsored the following activities:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Plant and Seed Swap
- Rummage Sale
- National Night Out BBQ
- Lake Weed Abatement
- Community Clean Up

It is time once again to send in your membership fee for 2014. Membership is only \$20, and it keeps you in the loop of all the activities happening around Lake Desire. Please fill out the enclosed membership form (don't forget your E-mail address) and send your check in the envelope provided.

Once again we welcome your input on activities and events you would like to see the Community Club provide for neighbors. We are working hard to connect neighbors in this beautiful commu-

nity we have, and encourage you all to participate.

**Clubhouse Rental** – The clubhouse features a full kitchen, tables and chairs to seat up to 40 people (max 60), and restrooms. Members receive a discount on renting the community clubhouse. We have new rental rates: non-members can rent the clubhouse for \$200 for 12 hours, \$100 for 6 hours and \$75 for 3 hours (with a \$200 deposit). Members receive discounted rates: \$100 for 12 hours, \$75 for 6 hours and \$50 for 3 hours. There are additional discounts for non-profit or service clubs who are interested in booking the clubhouse for their meetings.

**Community Meetings** – The clubhouse is free for a member's use for any community meetings. We do need your support to keep the clubhouse going. The building is over 50 years old, and we have a few capital projects being planned. Please support our community by attending the various fundraising events through the year, or come participate in the work party scheduled for May 17, 2014.



Rental questions? Contact Heather Smith at [Heather@smith.net](mailto:Heather@smith.net) 425-917-9533 or Heather Stafford at [stafford-lkdesire@gmail.com](mailto:stafford-lkdesire@gmail.com) 425-917-0336.

## Lake Desire Plant and Seed Swap, April 12, 2014 at 10am

The last two years the Lake Desire community has had a plant swap early in the growing season so that people can share their plants and seeds. Everyone has plants or seeds that go wild and produce more plants than you can handle. When taken to the plant swap someone else can use them and you don't have to compost a perfectly good plant. Its fun to try

a new plant that you haven't tried before. The plant swap has been a great way for people to get together, connect at the beginning of the growing season, and come away with plants, pots or seeds that they didn't have before.

Come join us!



## Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan Update

*For more than 20 years members of the Lake Desire Community Club have been helping King County personnel improve Lake water quality by identifying, monitoring and controlling the presence of invasive weeds in and around the Lake.*

Update: Ben kept to his schedule announced in June for the various activities, with only a slight deviation in June due to weather conditions. Fragrant Water Lilies were sprayed twice – once in June and once in August. Purple Loosestrife was hunted and sprayed twice – once in July and once in August. For Eurasian Watermilfoil, they did hand pulling using snorkel gear. One day around the west side of the lake in July and another day around the east side of the lake in August.

Many thanks to volunteers who helped with signage for the water lily spraying: Jim and Betsy Locatelli, Donna Snure, Jen Samson, Jan Falkenhagen, Patti Wall, Craig Wallace, John Emerson, and Heather Smith. Thanks to Karen and Keana Walker for helping with the milfoil pulling.

Next summer will be the third and final year of the Weed Abatement grant. There will be more spraying of the fragrant water lilies that return and Ben is planning to use a different chemical treatment for the milfoil. I don't believe he's planning on doing any further purple loosestrife spraying, but he's encouraging a few of the local residents to get licensed for spraying this weed around the lake. More on this later. Any feedback on the Weed Abatement program can be emailed to me at [Roger.Danneman@q.com](mailto:Roger.Danneman@q.com).

### Community Meetings

All neighbors are invited to a Community Meeting on February 27th at 7pm.

Here are the dates of the other 2014 Community Meetings:

September 18, 2014 7pm  
November 13, 2014 7pm

### Service Projects

This year there will be several service projects available to help our community. Join us on Saturday, May 17 at 9am to help with much needed maintenance. We hope to spread gravel in the parking lot (this helped the parking lot immensely last year), and general cleaning.



up trash from the roads on Saturday, May 17th and Saturday, October 18th at 9am at the Boat Launch.

Questions? please contact Heather Stafford at [stafford-lkdesire@gmail.com](mailto:stafford-lkdesire@gmail.com)

We will also be gathering to pick

## Community Calendar

Join us for the following great community building activities this year:

February 27, 2014	7pm	Community Meeting at the Clubhouse
April 3, 2014	7pm	Weed Abatement Update Meeting at the Clubhouse
April 12, 2014	10am	Plant and Seed Swap at the Clubhouse
April 19, 2014	1pm	Easter Egg Hunt and Party
April 30, 2013	7pm	Community Meeting at the Club
May 17, 2014	9am	Clubhouse Workday and Roadside Cleanup – meet at the Clubhouse
August 5, 2014	6pm	Lake Desire Neighborhood BBQ (on National Night Out)
September 18, 2014	7pm	Community Meeting at the Club
October 18, 2014	9am	Roadside Cleanup – meet at the Boat Launch
November 13, 2014	7pm	Community Meeting at the Club



# Lake Desire Community Meeting

11-21-13

7:00 PM

Lake Desire Community Clubhouse

1. **Call to Order** - 7:04pm by President Heather Stafford
2. **Attended by:** Heather Stafford, Heather Smith, Tammie Cook, Roger Danneman, Craig Wallace, Rob & Suzy Gillett, and Susan Hill.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Currently have \$7,157.03 in our checking account, and a brokerage account with funds earmarked for lake restoration/clean up. Rentals collected to date are **\$4,700.00** so far. Which is \$1,700 over 2013 annual budget with a month and a half left to go. Membership collections are \$340 over 2013 annual budget. These make up for the Fundraisers being \$155 less than projected. Cost of toilets & faucet need to be moved from expenses to Capital Improvements.

Income:	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual
Rentals	\$3,085.00	\$3,000.00	\$4700.00
Membership	\$1,190.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,340.00
Donations	\$560.00	\$375.00	\$420.00
Misc. (Transfer Savings/refund)	\$753.50	\$0	\$4,005.25
Fundraisers	\$578.00	\$500.00	\$345.00
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$6,166.50</i>	<i>\$4,875.00</i>	<i>\$10,810.25</i>
Expenses:			
Electricity	\$779.07	\$900.00	\$751.68
Water/Sewer	\$212.15	\$220.00	\$198.60
Taxes/License	\$479.14	\$480.00	\$651.23
Insurance	\$849.00	\$850.00	\$882.00
Newsletter	\$93.24	\$100.00	\$102.47
Rental Mgt Fee	\$438.75	\$435.00	\$0
Greeter	\$5.02	\$30.00	\$15.00
Community Events	\$264.13	\$100.00	\$162.69
Supplies/ Repairs	\$224.84	\$600.00	\$1,204.66
Grounds Maintenance	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Neighborhood Watch	\$71.62	\$0.00	\$0
Capital Improvements	\$977.46	\$710.00	\$4,647.68
Website	\$74.00	\$50.00	\$14.36
Misc.	\$34.89	\$0.00	\$0
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$4,903.31</i>	<i>\$4,875.00</i>	<i>\$9,030.37</i>
Overage/Shortage	\$1,263.19	\$0	\$1779.88

## Lake Desire Board Community Mtg. Cont.

**4. Membership Update** – H. Smith: Last year we had 60 memberships, and this year we have 71 so far which is 33% of residents.

**5. Clean- Ups** – H. Stafford—Roadside Cleanups – Thanks to Lynn Jameson, Tammie Cook, Jerry Maw, Roger Danneman, Diane Nichols, Roger and Pat Burgess, and Heather Smith. There was a problem with raccoons getting into the gathered trash, which was reported to the county by one of the neighbors. And a problem with communication to the county via their website. Next time we will use their safety kits which will have to be picked up and returned to them. This will trigger a pick up on their schedule. We will schedule the 2014 clean ups for May & October and a Community Center cleanup for April.

### 6. Rentals

**Update on Numbers** – Heather Smith (\$4,900.00 scheduled for the year so far)

**Rental Rate Increase**- Heather Smith- Rental rates will increase because due to renter reaction and research of other local venues we feel it is currently underpriced. The increased rates will pay off the improvements and cover clean up. Rates were discussed, voted on and approved with no dissenting votes. For details see attached schedule.

**Non-Profit Rentals**- Non-Profit rates will not increase. They are expected volunteer at clean up or weed abatement or do other service projects

**Rental Agreement Update**-Heather Smith- Updates written by our resident lawyer Phyllis Miller were reviewed. Changes were made to address liability of underage drinking. Fireworks and fire pit liabilities were discussed and deemed to be covered in the current fire liability clause.

**Insurance**-Phyllis Miller is reviewing the insurance policy. Cost is \$882 per year including \$8 for loss of income. We don't have a quote yet on insurance to cover board members and officers.

### 7. LDCC Updates

**Newsletter planning**-Heather Stafford-we discussed what articles to include and the needed help to fold. We will still include p per ballots because we hope they will pay dues at the same time.

**Board Member Elections**-Susan Hill- said that Dewey Hill and Vi Anderson may be stepping down so we will have two board positions to fill.

**8. Weed Abatement Update** – Roger Danneman & Craig Wallace- See Roger's Notes attached. Ben's sent an email about the 2014 schedule. Grant ends 2015. Heather Stafford will email Ben to schedule a spring meeting. There was an email from Sally at King County Lake Stewardship asking for volunteer stewards. Craig Wallace volunteered. We should probably have two, and Roger and Craig have volunteered to help.

### 9. Maintenance:

**Update on water leak issue** (letter received from Soos Creek) - Maybe drinking fountain which has been turned off. Heather will follow up with Soos Creek using the meter numbers Rob gathered tonight, and the meter seems ok now. Tammie mentioned there is a shut off valve we could get for the fountain. It's possible one of the two new toilets is "running". Suggestion to add a sign by the toilets so renters will make sure the toilets are not "running".

**Grounds Maintenance** – Colton Snure has done a great job again this past summer mowing and maintaining the grounds. Colton has expressed interest in mowing again Summer 2014 before he leaves for college. He was paid tonight.

**Septic Tank**-No one knows when septic tank was last pumped. Craig will look into how much it would cost to have the septic field inspected, for the purpose of estimating the life of the system before we have to replace it.

**Ceiling**-Rob Gillett suggested that we could mask the room and spray paint the ceiling bright white.

**Tables**-Rob Gillett repaired one table and purchased one new table. So we have 7 tables.

**Exterior Paint**-It is suggested that we need to paint the stairs and one exterior wall Summer 2014.

**Tree hit by lightning**-Heather will follow-up with King County to see what their inspection revealed.

### 10. Lake Desire Issues- these issues were not discussed as time was getting late.

Can there be a 4 way stop at Parkside/Woodside Dr SE – Several people called to report this spoke, but basically she said they only make it a 4-way stop if the traffic is equal stopping both ways. She said they will look at it and see if they can trim the vegetation. (Keith Brown – 206-263-6132). No response yet. No Update.

Can King County help with cleaning out outlet? Who to contact? Ben Peterson suggested: [jay.evans@kingcounty.gov](mailto:jay.evans@kingcounty.gov) 206-205-0601. No update.

Lighting at Petrovitsky Park – Shines into windows at night. Craig Wallace has made some great headway into reaching out to the Parks Department via Councilmember Reagan Dunn. He sent a follow up mail last week and will share any news when he gets it. No update.

### 11. Capital Project Ideas: these issues were not discussed as time was getting late.

Roof on shed

Update other bathroom/kitchen – next year?

Potential Eagle project for a fire pit with "donated" blocks purchased by neighborhood individuals/families.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Lake Desire Community Club**  
**Membership Application 2014**  
Good For January 1st, 2014—December 31st, 2014

- \$20 Family Membership Fee
- \$15 Membership Fee – Seniors (65 or over)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address if you would like to receive community news via E-mail:

\_\_\_\_\_

In addition to our dues, we are also making a donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help with club expenses. Lake Desire Community Club puts on several family events each year, coordinates service projects, and supports several service and community groups who meet at the clubhouse.

Please make checks to **Lake Desire Community Club**, and send this form back in the enclosed envelope to Heather Smith, 17421 W Lake Desire Dr SE, Renton, WA, 98058. Thanks! If you would like to pay online, we can accommodate that too, please email [heather@smith.net](mailto:heather@smith.net) for details.

**Lake Desire Neighborhood Barbecue (on National Night Out)**  
**Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6pm**

Join us for this year's Lake Desire Neighborhood Barbecue. Last year we had 60+ neighbors in attendance, and we had great feedback that everyone had so much fun visiting with their neighbors. This evening provides an opportunity to meet your neighbors, new and familiar, and build this great community we are fostering— please come join us! Again this year the Community Center will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas and paper goods. You can bring something to share, folding tables, and lawn chairs. Keep your eyes out for further details as we get closer to this awesome event. Do you have time to help us set up or cleanup? Please contact Heather Stafford at [staffordlkdesire@gmail.com](mailto:staffordlkdesire@gmail.com) or call 425-917-0336.





## Lake Desire Email Newsletters

If you have email at your home, are you signed up for the Lake Desire email newsletters? This has been a busy year for neighborhood news, highlights below:

- Articles about new Lake Desire residents
- Crime updates: reports about burglaries, mail thefts, and trespassing around the lake
- Helpful information about recycling Christmas trees, burn ban notices and how to help plant trees in McGarvey Park
- Advertising for neighbors
- Updates about the Aquatic Weeds Grant from King County
- Lost and found cats, dogs, paddleboats and canoes
- Notices about the Ladies Hiking Group
- Wildlife sightings (this year: otters, black bear, and trumpeter swans) and pictures
- And much, much more

## King County Native Plant Sale

The King Conservation District offers a variety of native trees and shrubs for conservation purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedgerows, reforestation and stream enhancement. The plants are bareroot stock which means they do not come in pots or burlap bags, but are harvested from the field in winter when the plants are dormant and ready to be replanted. Bareroot plants are affordable, hardy, have well-developed roots, are easy to handle, transport and plant. Order deadline is February 9, 2014 but you can walk up and purchase items on March 1st. Check out their website at [http://www.kingcd.org/pro\\_native.htm](http://www.kingcd.org/pro_native.htm).

## Community Greetings

Do you know of someone new in the area who just moved in? Contact Susan Hill [bellafloragirl@yahoo.com](mailto:bellafloragirl@yahoo.com) or call 425-271-7465 so they can be greeted by the Lake Desire Community Club.

## Ladies Hiking Group

Welcoming new women to hike in Spring, Summer and Fall on Wednesday evenings around Lake Desire. If you are interested, please email Heather Stafford at [staffordlkdesire@gmail.com](mailto:staffordlkdesire@gmail.com) to be connected with the Ladies Hiking Group.



## Lake Desire Clubhouse Available for Rent



We have a local facility available for your family or friends to get together for special events! The clubhouse, with a newly renovated floor and bathroom, features a kitchen, tables and chairs to seat up to 40 people (max 60) and restrooms. The rate is \$200 to rent the clubhouse for 12 hours, \$100 for 6 hours or \$75 for 3 hours. Members receive reduced rates: \$100 for 12 hours, \$75 for 6 hours and \$50 for 3 hours. For available dates, and more pics please go to our website <http://www.lakedesire.org/calendar.html> or contact Heather Smith, [Heather@smith.net](mailto:Heather@smith.net), or Heather Stafford at [staffordlkdesire@gmail.com](mailto:staffordlkdesire@gmail.com).

### Lake Desire Community Clubhouse

(Located near Northwood Middle School)

18118 172<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE, Renton WA 98058

Renton, WA 98058

Dear Lake Desire Neighbors,

What a great year! The Lake Desire Clubhouse, thanks to dedicated volunteer help and capital improvement investment, has sturdy new flooring throughout to augment our newly renovated bathroom from last year. Our website has been very successful in garnering many new rentals (<http://www.lakedesire.org/>), and the dedication of our Rental Coordinator Heather Smith resulted in our best rental year yet. The success of our renting the Clubhouse helps to offset our costs for “keeping the lights on” for the year. Each year we try to upgrade the clubhouse to attract new rentals. In the last three years, we have been able to repaint the inside of the clubhouse, upgrade one of the bathrooms, and now new flooring. In the future, we hope to upgrade the kitchen and the other bathroom/storage area. The clubhouse is over fifty years old and needs revenue to maintain and improve. In addition to rentals of the facility, we count on community memberships to help us toward our goals. You can help this year by registering as a member, sending in donations for clubhouse maintenance, volunteering at community events, and promoting the clubhouse rentals. Neighbors are always welcome to come to our events, send in ideas for future events, and get involved at any time.

We have added a fun annual Plant and Seed Swap to our calendar of events, and continue to maintain the roads by picking up trash in the spring and the fall. We also are continuing stewardship of the lake health by working with King County on Noxious Weed Abatement. We also had another successful Lake Desire BBQ last summer, with over 60 neighbors joining us for the fun last year. Our email newsletter allows us to alert neighbors of local crime concerns, needs of neighbors and area events.

Thanks go to Tom Sill for his volunteer work auditing our books, to Phyllis Miller for helping to update our rental agreement, to Jim and Betsy Locatelli, Craig Wallace, Roger Danneman, King County and all the volunteers who helped post/remove signs and clean up the noxious weeds last summer, Colton Snure for his excellent work taking care of the grounds maintenance. Thanks to all the Board members for your time and efforts. I would like to especially thank Vi Anderson for her years of dedication to the Club, and Heather Smith for her guidance as prior President and efforts as Treasurer and Rental Coordinator this year. We invite all neighbors to also get involved this year! See our website, [www.lakedesire.org](http://www.lakedesire.org), and check out our online calendar for activities, and clubhouse availability. Have a safe, happy and healthy 2014! Lake Desire President 2012-2013—Heather Stafford  
staffordlkdesire@gmail.com, 425-917-0336.

**Candidates for Lake Desire Officers 2014**



**President:**

- Heather Stafford
- Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:**

- Tammie Cook
- Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Board: (2 positions open)**

- Diane Nichols
- Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President:**

- Suzy Gillett
- Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:**

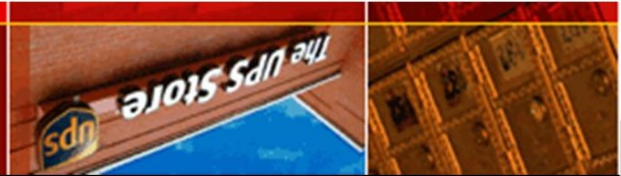
- Heather Smith
- Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Board: (2 positions open)**

- Roger Danneman
- Write In \_\_\_\_\_



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