



# Lake Desire News

January 25, 2015

## Lake Desire Community Club Membership

### Clubhouse

#### Events:

1/26/15

Board Meeting 7pm

3/9/15

Community Meeting  
7:00pm

3/21/15

Hard Cider Tasting/  
Appetizers/Photo Show 6:30pm

4/4/15

Easter Egg Hunt  
1:00pm

5/2/15

Plant and Seed Swap  
10:00am

5/16/15

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

6/6/15

Lake Desire  
Rummage Sale  
9am—3pm

8/4/14

Lake Desire BBQ  
6:00pm

10/17/14

Roadside Clean Up  
9:00am  
Boat Launch

11/9/14

Community Meeting  
7:00pm

Greetings! Last year the Lake Desire Community Club sponsored these functions:

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

It is time once again to send in your membership fee for 2015. Membership is only \$20, and helps us to provide the fun activities you see above. Please fill out the enclosed membership form (don't forget your E-mail address) and send your check in the envelope provided.

We welcome your ideas about other activities and events you would like to see in the neighborhood. We are working to connect neighbors in this beautiful community we have, and encourage

you all to participate. Join us!

**Clubhouse Rental** – The clubhouse features a full kitchen, tables and chairs to seat up to 40 people (max 60), and a restroom. Members receive a discount on renting the community clubhouse. We have a new rental structure by the hour now: non-members can rent the clubhouse for \$25 per hour (with a \$200 deposit). Members receive discounted rates: \$50 for 3 hours, \$75 for 6 hours, or \$100 for 12 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, 2015.



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 Fundraiser: Hard Cider Tasting/ Appetizers/ Photo Show—Sat, March 21, 6:30pm

Welcome in 2015 with your Lake Desire neighbors at our first social event this year at the Clubhouse. Hard Cider and Catered Appetizer Tasting. Photos are by professional photographer Michael Diegel of Covington.

Appetizers catered by Karen Rafchick of The Red Tea Room Fine Foods based here in Fairwood. Bring your friends Admission \$15 per person. This event is for adults over 21 only. Please RSVP to Tammie

Cook, [TammieCook29@yahoo.com](mailto:TammieCook29@yahoo.com) by Saturday, March 14th. This is a capital projects fundraiser for the clubhouse.



## 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.*

The original plan for milfoil treatment was to add herbicide to the lake on July 16. The Dept. of Fish and Wildlife said that due to the presence of bass in the lake, treatment had to occur after July 15th. But a milfoil survey of the lake (done with a type of sonar) revealed greater presence of the weed. So since the cost increased substantially, the treatment date was delayed so that request for bids could go out to contractors. The treatment dates ended up as follows:

Aug. 7 - milfoil treatment was added to the lake by a contractor using an airboat and underwater applicators.

Aug. 8 - water lily spraying by the airboat contractor and purple loosestrife spraying by Ben Peterson via canoe.

Aug. 14 - water samples revealed that the herbicide concentration was insufficient to kill the milfoil

Aug. 20th - 2nd milfoil treatment was done by the airboat contractor. Fragrant water lilies were also sprayed again. Water samples were taken the following week and concentration levels were sufficient for milfoil treatment.

Sept. 11th - 3rd water lily spraying. Milfoil survey shows good results that the treatment worked, without damaging the native underwater species like coontail, American water weed, bigleaf pondweed, etc.

Originally what was planned to be just a single sign posting and event for spraying turned out to be several events. So many thanks volunteers Gary Samson, John Emerson, Jim & Betsy Locatelli, Jan Falkenhagen, and Craig Wallace for their help and flexibility in getting signs posted and removed. Craig also helped with water sampling, purple loosestrife spraying, and lake surveys. This was the 3rd summer we've worked with King County under the current grant to reduce invasive noxious weeds in and around Lake Desire. The fragrant water lily has been reduced to <5% of what the 2012 lake survey recorded prior to first treatment. I'm hoping this summer will reveal similar results with the milfoil. A full 2014 report from the KC Dept. of Ecology is available upon request. If you'd like a copy, e-mail me at [roger.danneman@q.com](mailto:roger.danneman@q.com).

## Community Meetings

All neighbors are invited to Community Meetings on March 9 and November 9, 2015 at 7pm at the Clubhouse.

## Service Projects

This year there will be several service projects for our community. Join us on Saturday, May 16 at 9am. We hope to spread gravel in the parking lot, and general cleaning. We will also be gathering to pick up trash from the roads on **Saturday, May 16th at 9am** and **Saturday, October**

**17th at 9am** at the Boat Launch.

King County provides the bags for trash and will pick up from the roads when we are done. Questions? Please contact Heather Stafford at [stafford-lkdesire@gmail.com](mailto:stafford-lkdesire@gmail.com)

## Plant and Seed Swap

**Sat. May 2, 2015—10am**

Join us for the third annual plant swap this Spring—our opportunity for neighbors to share their plants and seeds. 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. Questions? Email [stafford-lkdesire@gmail.com](mailto:stafford-lkdesire@gmail.com).

*A big thank you to Edson Smith, our new esteemed Eagle Scout, the Smith family and Troop #455 for the new fire pit benches completed this past summer!*

# Community Calendar

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

March 9, 2015	7pm	Community Meeting at the Clubhouse
March 21, 2015	6:30pm	LDCC Fundraiser: Cider Tasting
April 4, 2015	1pm	Easter Egg Hunt and Party
May 2, 2015	10am	Plant and Seed Swap at the Clubhouse
May 16, 2015	9am	Clubhouse Workday and Roadside Cleanup – meet at the Clubhouse
July 10, 2015	Dusk	Outdoor Movie: Frozen
July 24, 2015	Dusk	Outdoor Movie: Goonies
August 4, 2015	6pm	Lake Desire Neighborhood BBQ (on National Night Out)
August 7, 2015	Dusk	Outdoor Movie: ET
August 21, 2015	Dusk	Outdoor Movie: Raiders of the Lost Ark
October 17, 2015	9am	Roadside Cleanup – meet at the Boat Launch
November 9, 2015	7pm	Community Meeting at the Club



# Lake Desire Community Meeting

10-16-14

7:00 PM

Lake Desire Community Clubhouse

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1. **Call to Order** - President Heather Stafford 7:04 pm
2. **Treasurer's Report** –Currently have \$11,675 in our checking account, and a brokerage account with funds earmarked for lake restoration/clean up. Rentals collected to date are \$7,555 so far.
3. **Clean- Ups Update**– Heather Stafford—Roadside Cleanup this Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am – Meet at the Boat Launch. Heather will pick up the safety kit from the Renton facility of the Adopt-a-Roads on Thursday. Trash drop off will be announced there. Club is rented all day that day, so leaving trash there will be reviewed.
4. **Rentals**—Update from Rental Coordinator- the website has generated many rental leads. Eventective.com has also been helpful. Heather Smith just renewed our free membership. She will ask the church what their 2015 rental plans are. It was requested and approved to buy a coded key box to enable us to store a key at the club house. This will alleviate the traffic up her driveway.
5. **LDCC Updates**
  - Membership update – Heather Smith
    - 2012 (60) = 32.43%
    - 2013 (71) = 38.38%
    - 2014 (67) = 36.2% received so far
  - Officers update – We agreed that Membership will be taken over by the new VP in 2015.
    - Tammie Cook to resign as Secretary (thank you for your service!)
    - Currently looking for more potential officers for next year.
  - Newsletter-heather Stafford and Suzy Gillett will draft the newsletter
  - Group Mailbox Update- We have 1 empty, 1 not paid for and 1 purchased for the club.
6. **Upcoming Events/Fundraisers**
  - Outdoor Movie Nights – Review list of potential movies sent in by Jim Smith. Suggested dates every other Friday next summer- Many suggestions were listed. Frozen was a very popular idea. There will be 4 Movies July 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, August 10 and 24<sup>th</sup>. Set up starts 45 minutes before dark. Help with set up of screen and snacks would be appreciated. Movie starts at dark. \$5 per family.
    - 7/10 – Frozen
    - 7/24 – Goonies
    - 8/7 – ET
    - 8/21 – Raiders of the Lost Ark
  - LDCC purchase popcorn maker? Declined by Smith family. LDCC purchase popcorn/water for fundraising? Approved as needed.
  - Cider Tasting Fundraiser –TBD - Contact Caterer- Adult event.
  - Indoor movie night for kids- Must be accompanied by adult \$5 donation. Tammie has screen. Movie Incredibles. Postponed until 2016.

## Lake Desire Board Community Mtg. Cont.

7. **Eagle Project Complete** –Great job done by Edson Smith, his family, and all who contributed! Thank you.
8. **Budget update**- Invoice for club house repairs and painting by Edson Smith submitted for review.
9. **Weed Abatement Update** –Craig Wallace & Ben Peterson (King County) surveyed the lake for mil foil and only found a couple bad spots.
10. **Maintenance:**
  - Hot Water Heater is out of order– Tom Stafford will check with voltmeter tomorrow. Heather Smith pulled out receipt. Should still be under warranty.
  - Update on Septic Pumping – Suzy-Septic tank was found under green lid but gutter is draining on top of it. May need redirect that water to rain garden or other solution. Septic was NOT pumped.
  - Front steps sanded and painted – Smith family
  - Front porch step handrail was fixed by handyman and painted by Edson Smith.
  - Outdoor light bulb purchased and a tall ladder is needed to make the repair – Tom Stafford will handle it.
11. **Lake Desire Issues (old)**
  - Update on Lighting at Petrovitsky Park – Shines into windows at night. Tom Goff, Chief of Staff for Reagan Dunn has helped us most recently on this. He received an e-mail from the Parks Department on 10/8. They believe that the way the lights are now configured they meet King County Code requirements and that staff does not see an issue with light “wash”. That said, seeing there is still an ongoing concern from neighboring properties parks has brought in a vehicle to inspect the lighting fixtures to see if they can be fitted for shields or deflectors. He was at the park last night and observed that the vehicle was already on site and he’s been told they have already started the inspections. We will update you all when he updates us.
12. **Capital Project Ideas:**
  - Roof on shed
  - Move shed to be more near back door for chair storage.
  - Chair cart at Costco is \$50. Bathroom rack is in poor shape.
  - Floor is showing water wear under drinking fountain. May need to remove fountain.
  - Update other bathroom/kitchen –review budget in June 2015
13. **Officers**—We still need a Secretary and Director for 2015
  - Director - To be elected a Director, a person must have held an office in or been a member of the Club for three (3) consecutive years prior to election year, and must have attended one (1) Executive Board meeting in the year prior to nomination.
    - Diane Nichols 1/1/11-1/1/16
    - Susan Hill 1/1/12-1/1/17
    - Craig Wallace – 1/1/13-1/1/18
    - Roger Danneman – 1/1/14-1/1/19
    - \_\_\_\_\_ - 1/1/15—1/1/20
  - **Officer** - Members nominated for office must have attended at least one (1) meeting in the year prior to nomination, be a member in good standing (dues paid), and have been a member for one (1) year prior to nomination.
    - President—Suzy Gillett
    - Vice President—Heather Stafford
    - Treasurer/Rentals—Heather Smith
    - Secretary—\_\_\_\_\_

**Lake Desire Community Club**  
**Membership Application 2014**  
Good For January 1st, 2015—December 31st, 2015

- \$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:

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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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6pm**

Join us this year for our Lake Desire Summer Barbecue at the Clubhouse, scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th at 6pm. We had a very fun time last year with about 70 people in attendance who enjoyed mini-classic car and art shows, kids crafts and water balloon toss, and visiting with old friends and new neighbors. 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 great 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
- 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, bobcats, swans) and pictures
- Invitations to fun area events
- And much more

## Locking Mailboxes Update

Thanks to the Postal Coordinator for our area, and significant planning and efforts by John Madden, Phyllis Miller and Heather Stafford, we now have 3 locking "cluster" mailboxes around the lake. Two are located on East Lake Desire and one by the Clubhouse. For many years now we have had a serious mail theft issue in our area and the Postal Coordinator helped us arrange for whoever wanted to participate in a locked group box, could do so. No one was required to. We ended up with 34 residences choosing to participate.

### 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.

## Petrovitsky Park Light Trespass Update

On the suggestion of a representative from King County Council Member Reagan Dunn's office, a few neighbors affected by the light trespass from the Petrovitsky Park fields met with Don Harig from the Parks Department in December. He understood our concerns and told us that this park is scheduled for a light technology upgrade in 2-3 years time, which should help the issue. Great news!

## Ladies Hiking Group

Contact Dorothy Paun ([to.e@comcast.net](mailto:to.e@comcast.net)) if you'd like to receive information about the women's hiking group that meets **on Wednesday** evenings starting early spring through to early fall.



## 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 restroom. The regular rate is \$25 per hour. Members receive reduced rates: \$50 for 3 hours, \$75 for 6 hours, and \$100 for 12 hours. For available dates, and more pics please go to our website [www.lakedesire.org](http://www.lakedesire.org) 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,

Hello! Lake Desire is a really cool neighborhood, and we have had a very fun year! There's all sorts of fun things to do in our neighborhood—maybe you like movies? We have added Outdoor Movies to the lineup of amazing things you can do in our neighborhood (thanks, Smith family!). Maybe you like to hike? There is a Women's hiking group that meets on Wednesday evenings starting in Spring and going into early Fall (contact Dorothy Paun). What if you like to hang out with our neat neighbors and have a nice long catch-up? We had a great Summer Barbecue with at least 70 neighbors and friends eating burgers, dogs and potluck sides. And for the gardeners in our midst? You can join us for our annual Plant and Seed Swap in May. Just want to keep apprised of the goings on around the lake? You can sign up for our occasional email newsletter by emailing [staffordlkdesire@gmail.com](mailto:staffordlkdesire@gmail.com).

Rentals at the Clubhouse has had another incredible year with Heather Smith increasing the facility rentals by 52%. 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 repainted the inside of the clubhouse, upgraded one of the bathrooms, and updated flooring. Most recently, we have put in a bid for a grant through King County to help us purchase new chairs for the Clubhouse (fingers crossed!). In the future we also hope to upgrade the kitchen and the other bathroom/storage area. The clubhouse 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 by registering as a member, sending in donations for clubhouse maintenance, volunteering at community events, and promoting the clubhouse rentals. As always, neighbors are welcome to come to our events, send in ideas for future events, and get involved at any time. We still really need a Secretary and new Director (Board Member) for 2015.

Thanks to Tom Sill for his volunteer work auditing our books, to John Madden for helping to coordinate locking mailboxes (for those who chose to sign up), the Noxious Weeds Committee (Craig Wallace, Roger Danneman, King County and all the volunteers who helped post/remove signs and clean up the noxious weeds last summer), and Colton Snure again for his excellent work taking care of the grounds maintenance. Thanks to all the Board members for your time and efforts. 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. Wishing you a wonderful year to come!

Lake Desire President 2012-2014—Heather Stafford [staffordlkdesire@gmail.com](mailto:staffordlkdesire@gmail.com), 425-917-0336.

**Candidates for Lake Desire Officers 2015**



**President:**

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

**Secretary:**

- Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Board:**

- Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President:**

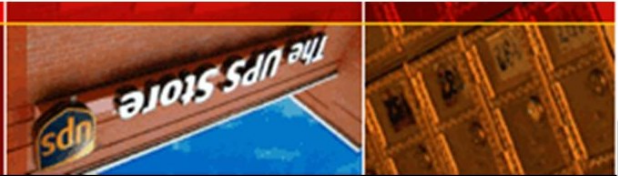
- Heather Stafford
- Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:**

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



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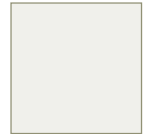
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