

# **Lake Jane Estates**

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#### **Vice President's Message**

A summary of the annual meeting:

The LJE annual meeting was held on July 29 at the upper park picnic shelter. Only 42 members attended, so of course there was no quorum and the membership as a whole conducted no official business. Nonetheless, a few significant LJE issues were discussed. The first significant item discussed was the board's hiring of Bob Garrison as our facilities manager. Bob gave a brief biography of himself, and a short talk on what he hopes to accomplish for LJE.

We announced again that the annual assessment was being raised by \$81 because of \$45 to fund Bob's position, \$35 for legal fees for the Jensen lawsuit, and \$1 for an official LJE phone line installed in our treasurer's home.

The next issue was the lawsuit that Randy Jensen has brought against LJE, because we denied him permission to subdivide his properties as he proposed. Mr., Jensen was in attendance and he spoke about what he felt were his rights as a property owner. Evelyn Raymond gave an equally strong speech on behalf of the potentially adversely affected nearby property owners, and on behalf of the rights of LJE as a group.

The case is in the hands of the appeals court. We expect to have a verdict shortly after the first of the year.

The last significant issue was the remodeling of the old fire station. Mr. Vanunu, who now owns the property, has submitted a plan to remodel the building into an adult group care home.

Members voiced both their pro and con opinions. Even if we chose to, LJE would be wasting their time trying to stop this remodeling project. The City of Bonney Lake's lack of clear permitted uses and prohibited uses is one reason. The Americans With Disabilities Act is another.

An opinion voiced several times was, that this would be a good use for the building as long as construction proceeded in a timely manner. Members also wanted to be sure that the end result would present a good looking street front and that no bad, excessive auto traffic would be generated.

City councilman Dave King, a LJE member gave us some information on Mr. Vanunu's dealings with the Hearing Examiner and the City's efforts to get Mr. Vanunu to comply with their regulations on timely abatement of the old building. Dave assured us the City would do its part to see that Mr. Vanunu's plan was properly executed.

After the meeting was adjourned the Board held a brief meeting at which four people stated their intention to become new board members.

Jeff Brain, Vice President

## Lake Report, September 2007

Again this summer, mother nature has been kind to Lake Jane. She has showered us with some very timely and significant rainfall. We had only one prolonged hot and dry period which greatly reduced the evaporation of lake water. As of Sept. 10 the water level was only 2-1/2" below the outlet gate.

The lake was chemically treated in early June for weed growth. It was also spot treated on Sept. 10 for weeds.

All of this made for some very clear water. Our water monitoring team of Lenore Faulk, Preston Tinsley and Jon Gubbe consistently reported secci disc depth visibility of 8 to 9 ft.

Most importantly, we had no toxic blue green algae bloom.



Besides the helpful weather and timely treatments, we feel that the clear water was due in no small part to the efforts of all of our members both on and off the lake. Thanks to everybody who:

reduced the use of lawn fertilizer,

planted a strip of nutrient absorbent plants where their property meets a drainage

into the lake,

used a silt screen when landscaping next to a drainage area,

picked up after their pet,

used a water recycling commercial carwash.

We encourage all members to engage in these practices.

A fish plant has been ordered for October.

On or about August 6 some used motor oil was poured into one of the storm drains at the intersection of 68th St and 192nd. This storm drain is connected to a culvert under 68th St. and flows directly into Lake Jane. The Bonney Lake Public Works Dept. was notified. They said that they would clean out the catch basin below the drain grate. It was difficult to determine if they actually cleaned it out.

Putting a toxic substance into a storm drain can have serious financial and/or criminal consequences. It is a violation of federal environmental law. Such bad behavior is an act of disrespect for your neighbors and all the efforts they make to keep lakes and streams clean.

If you see somebody dumping toxic waste down a storm drain, call the police.

Submitted by

Jeff Brain, Lake Committee Chairman.

## Park Report

It's been a great summer seeing so many of you enjoy the park's accommodations. Truly, Debra Jane has one of the largest and most beautiful parks in the area. 'A game of tennis or basketball anyone!' Just bring your water bottle, a good pair of tennis shoes and a friend. By doing so, you will have a good old-fashion time, away from the TV and you will be enjoying the real thing! If you haven't taken a stroll through the park lately or planned playing baseball with the family on a Sunday afternoon, we encourage you to do so, especially before the summer ends. We think it will become a habit that will last the whole year through.



We have been having some great repairs and clean up done to our parks this summer. Since bringing Bob on as the Association maintenance person, he has been working on many things. Repairing the lighting throughout the park. Hanging new signs and many more projects. We had a work party this last week and took two loads of limbs & debris to the clean green.

We would like to give a special thanks to Keith Arionus. He made a special screen protector for one of our lights above the picnic area along with many other projects as always.

This year I am getting many early park reservations for next spring and summer. Book it early the days are filling up (Jill 202-7088). Thank you to all the party's that were booked this summer. There were some great ones. Everyone did a great job of cleaning up.

Any time you have a name change, phone number change, switching from living in Lake Jane Estates to renting your home out in Lake Jane, or divorce/marriage then please contact the Treasurer so your records can be updated. We do not sell our members information and only use it for Lake Jane business. Also please remember us when you are selling your home and include our dues in your escrow process.

Call 253-863-1250. Thank You!

### **Pool Report**

The Pool Season was from June 21 – September 3.

The pool season was a huge success this year. We had great lifeguards. The swim lessons were enjoyed by all. We had many compliments by parents. There were several pool parties throughout the season.

We had a small setback when the heater broke and we had to put in a new heater for the pool. Aqua Care was very quick about getting a new one in for us. The floor started pealing up and seemed too slippery; but the contractor will be coming out to fix that.

We hope to see many more families enjoy the pool next year.

If you have any questions or concerns about the pool, please feel free to contact one of the Pool Committee members.

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### LJE FACILITIES MANAGER: BOB GARRISON

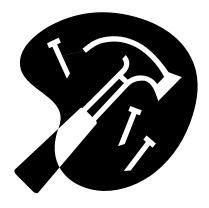
In July of this year The LJE Board hired Robert K. Garrison Jr. as our facilities manager. Bob's position is a part-time position with the majority of his work performed in the summer as pool manager, although several other repairs and upgrades have been accomplished this summer. Bob is also charged with maintaining our parks and lake. He will manage renovation and improvement projects with direction from the board.

For those of you who missed Bob's introduction at the annual meeting, below is a short biography on Bob, some of his HOA experience, and how he arrived in Bonney Lake.

Bob is a retired logistics officer of the U.S. Army. Some of the places he served during his Army career are Germany, Korea, Vietnam and several locations in the USA. His final assignment was as the logistics officer for the 9th Infantry Division at Ft Lewis, Washington. He settled in Puyallup where he and his wife Karla, sons Jason and Joshua lived for several years. While living in Puyallup's Gem Heights area, Bob was a board member of that homeowners association. He helped them establish the community and developed usage plans for their multipurpose building, which included a pool with staff members. While residing in Gem Heights, he made a few real estate investments, where he put his handyman skills to good use.

Now residing in Panorama Heights, he was on the first HOA board and helped set up the community. He still resides in Panorama Heights though not a board member at this time.

The LJE Board of Trustees is very happy to have acquired the benefits of Bob's skills and energy. We have received several compliments about Bob's presence at our pool and parks. We are looking forward to improvement and continued good maintenance of our facilities by our newly found manager.



# Your Neighborhood

- Thank you to Jeff Gubbe for rejuvenating the horseshoe pits.
- Thank you to Jill Lauch, Lenore Faulk, and Dan Scott for helping at the park cleanup work party.
- A HUGE thank you to Elizabeth and Jerry Wright for scuba diving into the lake and fishing out our testing equipment.
- Lately our neighborhood has experienced a lot of mail theft and mailbox vandalism. All of us in LJE should be vigilant about this. Refrain from putting outgoing mail in your mailbox, especially anything containing a check or money order. Some members of LJE have installed locking mailboxes. The post office has the regulations for installing such a mailbox.

Such permission may be revoked if the Board of Trustees concludes that the introduced, cultivated, or kept plant, fish, animal, or waterfowl has become a nuisance. Costs for cleanup or removal of any such plant, fish, animal or

waterfowl as ordered by the Board of trustees, shall be borne by the property who originally introduced, cultivated or kept the plant, fish, animal, or waterfowl.

