



Most Wonderful Time of Year!
The Santa Boat is coming!

It's almost the most wonderful time of the year, Santa's getting ready to launch! This Christmas season we are grateful to Melissa Schindel for returning as gift drop-off organizer, Bill Swedberg for reprising his role as Santa Claus, Wendy and Eric Olmsted returning as the lovely Mrs. Clause and the all important deck-hand, and welcoming Lance Salisbury who is the owner of National Event Pros and Games2U Entertainment as our driver, along with the many other elves behind the scenes who keep the Christmas spirit going. **Thank you!!**

Santa Boat Date

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 16th when Santa Claus comes to the lake! He will depart at 4:30 p.m. from dock 160 this year, and his sleigh pontoon travels clockwise (decreasing dock numbers).

Santa Visit Considerations

When planning Santa's visit, please note that Santa cannot deboard, and be courteous of his other stops

by limiting your visit to five minutes. The Santa Boat will do its best to reach all the docks in the boat and canal, water level and ice permitting. When you see Santa approaching and want to give a signal, it is very dark and flashlights can be blinding navigating docks. Prolonged flashing and pointing the light makes it hard to see so please make it short then point the flashlight down. Thank you!

Tracking Santa's Journey

Updates on Santa's location will post to the Lake Sawyer Santa Facebook page. We highly encourage you to "like" our Lake Sawyer Santa Facebook page so that you will receive updates of Santa's progress around the lake!

<https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Sawyer-Santa-560012104014032>



Gift Delivery & Drop-Off

Please note that you **must be an LSCC member** to participate in the gift delivery. This is a good time to sign up, only \$50, and it can be done online at <http://www.lakesawyer.org/membershipdonate.html>. If you are unsure of your membership status please email president@lakesawyer.org. If you are enrolling in membership after Dec. 1, please bring proof of payment to gift drop-off.

SANTA BOAT (cont.)

Gift Guidelines

Gifts are limited to only 1 gift per child and 1 bag per dock. Individual gifts should be in the range of 12" X 12" X 12" or smaller and should be a reasonable weight for one person to lift. Mark the child's name & dock number clearly with a black sharpie on each wrapped gift. Put all gifts for your dock in a large white garbage bag, tied shut, with the dock number written in sharpie in extra-large print.

Drop-off Procedure

Drop off your gift bag on Thursday, Dec 14th from 9:00am to 7:00pm at Melissa Schindel's house, 29718 226th Ave SE. (One white garbage bag maximum per residence). You will check your gifts in and verify your dock number and membership. You may leave food bank donations at that time as well as monetary donations by check. Please text Melissa if you have any questions or need an alternative time to drop gifts off at 206-229-8252.

Black Diamond Community Center Donations

Santa will be collecting donations to the Black Diamond Community Center. Donations can be made online at www.lakesawyer.org under the Membership/Donate tab, or given as a check at gift drop-off or during the journey on December 16th. Non-perishable food donations can also be given at gift drop-off.

The BDCC always needs ongoing support and it is greatly appreciated. Every donation stays in Black Diamond. The LSCC is matching funds of up to \$2,500 and once again we have an anonymous donation match of \$10,000. We have **raised over \$125,000** in just over three years during Santa Boat for the BDCC."

Thank you and Happy Holidays!



Santa Boat Map

BDCC GIVING TREES "THE JOY OF GIVING"

The Black Diamond Community Center Giving Trees are set up with gift tags at the Community Center, Black Diamond Library and the Lake Sawyer Grocery Store. The Community Center organizes this annual Christmas gift drive for families in the area who are in need of extra support with gifts for their kids during the holidays.

For more than a decade, the LSCC has helped set up a tree at the Lake Sawyer Grocery Store. Volunteer, Anna Morris, helps to keep the tags on the tree and shuttle gifts to and from the LSG. There is always a huge response at the 'little grocery store' thanks to the store's generous regular customers and community minded store owners who are now lake residents - Andrew and Morgan Strand. Gifts are due back to the Lake Sawyer store or Community Center by December 8th. Do not wrap gifts and attached the original gift tag when returning (instructions on the tags).



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Farewell from the President

After ten years on the LSCC Board, I am "retiring." It has been a joy for me to serve our lake community. I have built relationships with so many of you and I appreciate the engaged residents we have living here. Ten years ago when I started volunteering, I was husband-less, kid-less and working in Seattle. Now I have a first grader, a preschooler and manage a family business, all requiring more of my time! It is hard to step away, but volunteer boards often get better with change and so here is to passing the torch to our new residents!



Needed: 2024 Board of Director Volunteers

With my departure and a couple others, the board is in need of several dedicated volunteers to serve on the 2024 board of directors. Below are some of the specific roles that board members fill. If you feel like you would be a fitting volunteer for one of these roles, please reach out to us. We are also encouraging interested volunteers to attend our January meeting ahead of our annual meeting in February so that there is a brief crossover before the veterans depart.

Treasurer

Present monthly financials provided by the bookkeeper, keep and modify event budgets, review outgoing checks, answer resident questions about membership/donations. ***If you have bookkeeping experience, we could transfer that duty to the treasurer.***

Membership Manager

Maintain the resident roster keeping it up to date and requesting changes as needed. Modify the roster via Excel for various uses throughout the year for 4th of July, Newsletters, Santa Boat, etc.

Newsletter Manager

Organize articles and photos for the newsletter (design is done by third party unless volunteer has these skills). Delegate article writing and make sure deadlines are met. Coordinate printing and mailing.

Clubhouse Liaison

Be the point of contact for the commercial tenants and our Clubhouse Manager. Help with renewal of

commercial leases, coordinate maintenance or repairs as needed, lead clubhouse cleanup event in the spring.

Technology Guru

Update the LSCC website as needed (currently use Weebly), be a Facebook page editor, event creator and moderator, and help keep our Google Drive organized.

Dock Concerts

Take the lead coordinating summer concerts with residents and bands. Create a schedule, create marketing media, set up emails, and keep track of payments.

Fireworks Coordinator

Work with supplier to negotiate contract or go to market. Make sure all permits, service agreements, and insurance are in place. Oversee the barge assembly before July 4th, be the point of contact for the technician running the show prior to and the day of, and oversee the barge disassembly after July 4th.

LSCC ANNUAL EVENTS

- * Annual Meeting (February)
- * Clubhouse Cleanup (March or April)
- * Easter (March or April)
- * July 4th - Fun Run, Volleyball, Parade, Race Around the Island, House Decoration Competition, Fishing Derby, Fireworks
- * Dock Concerts (Spring/Summer)
- * Santa Boat (December)
- * Giving Tree coordination for Community Center (November)

Letter from Cheryl Hanson BDCC

Hello members of the Lake Sawyer Community Club. The season of giving thanks is upon us. I must say I am thankful for all of you who donate to the center all year long. Your donations make it possible for us to continue to give seniors and families gas vouchers, help with prescription drugs, hygiene items, minor car repairs, home repairs, and your help allows us to have a fully stocked food bank with vouchers for dairy products.

You also helped with our back to school supplies, and now we have sent out the applications for the "Share The Joy" program which will give our local youth gifts for the holidays. The tags are located at the Center now, and will also be available at the Lake Sawyer Store. The toy give away event is Friday, December 15th from 11:00am to 4:00pm when parents can pick up their unwrapped gifts. And we don't forget the seniors during this holiday season. Our turkey lunch for them is November 21st, complete with turkey and a dance. Our Christmas lunch for the seniors is December 21st, with ham and all the trimmings and another dance. If any of you want to come see our local seniors "rock out", come visit us.



Cheryl Hanson BDCC Director and John Morrison/Auctioneer

Our dinner auction that was held October 7th, 2023 and attended by many of you was a huge success. Our net this year was \$45,578.55, which is \$12,000.00 more than last year....**WOW WOW WOW!** Those of you who came to the dinner, donated auction items and desserts, we thank you for all your help. We wouldn't have made that much money if you had not donated those things to our event. A special thank you to **Lauren Landis** and **Melissa Schindell** who procured most of the silent auction items and many of the live auction items. I can say with all honesty the auction could not have happened without those wonderful women stepping in and helping when I thought we would have to cancel because I just didn't have the help we needed. Many say this is the season to believe in Angels, well I do believe in Angels and a many of mine live in the Lake Sawyer Community.

I hope to see you if you come in to get tags, or bring in toys. We are open Monday thru Thursday 9 to 4.

We also have FREE, new, winter coats, hats and socks

for anyone who needs them. If you know of groups from your church or school who are helping give out coats, please call us, we can help. 360-886-1011

Happy and safe holidays. You all are making a HUGE difference in our community.....**Thank you.**

LSCC Dues Increasing

In a financial review of the LSCC, the board made the decision to increase membership dues from \$50 to \$75 annually beginning January 1, 2024. The primary factor in raising dues is to have an appropriate reserve amount for the LSCC Clubhouse. During COVID and after, our reserves on hand were significantly depleted without rental income being produced from the Clubhouse. And while 4th of July events and fireworks are covered each year due to the generosity of lake residents through donations, insurance costs and the overall costs of our other events has risen over the last 25 years when the last time dues were increased. Doug Geiger, past President and long-time member, doesn't believe that there has been an increase since 1996.

The LSCC is not here to profit and so it is possible that once the reserve goal is met, dues could decrease depending on the profit margins the clubhouse makes from tenants. We appreciate your continued support through membership! We know that you see value in joining as a member. Annually at a minimum, we put on a Membership Meeting (February), an Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Events including a Fun Run, Fishing Derby, Volleyball Tourney, Race Around the Island, House Decoration Competition, Boat Parade and a Fireworks show, Summer Dock Concerts, and Santa Boat. We also send out newsletters, emails and host a private Facebook group to keep our community engaged and informed.

If you have any questions about the financials, please don't hesitate to email treasurer@lakesawyer.org.



4TH OF JULY - RECAP IN PHOTOS

FUN RUN



4TH OF JULY - RECAP IN PHOTOS (cont.)

RACE AROUND THE ISLAND

Kayak/Canoe - 14 & under

1st: Macguire Morey
2nd: Harper Morey
3rd: Trenton Cole

SUP - 14 and unders

1st: Levi Leh
2nd: Brenna McCabe
3rd: Georgia Hunter

Paddle Boat: 14 and under - one entrance with 6 six kids on the boat

1st Hazel Hutton, Grace, Esther and Svea Valnes, Jane Claire and Annie Mason

Paddle Boat: 15 and above

1st: Ellie Whalman and Haley Hudson
2nd: Rodrick Aldridge and Tyler Klemo
3rd: Haley Erwin and Michell Esau

Kayak/Canoe - 15 and above

1st: Jim Collins
2nd: Nick Cutler
3rd: Hanna Gormley & Sophie

SUP 15 and above

1st: Ben Erickson
2nd: James Banks
3rd: Carl Lindstrom

Peddle Canoes raced each other

1st: Brendan Boyle and Rylee Sennert
2nd: Lacklin & David Stormo



HOUSE DECORATING



FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA



4TH OF JULY - RECAP IN PHOTOS (cont.)

BOAT PARADE

First Place:

The Stocks (Dock 188)
The Volcano

Second Place:

The Drillevichs (Dock 196)
Tiki Bar

Third Place:

Bruce and Cheryl Young (Docks 86/87)
The Music Boat



FISHING DERBY



VOLLEYBALL



Winning team: Brian Barnett, Brandon Barnett, Derek, Jordan Butt, Trenton Butt, and Tyler Posey

SUMMER DOCK CONCERTS

What a great summer of concerts out on Lake Sawyer! Thank you to all the hosts for opening up your docks, the bands who came ready to entertain us, and all of you who attended and tipped the bands! It was a concert season to remember, and we're already looking forward to next summer!



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"The purpose of the LSCC is to bring together all members in good standing to inform and discuss mutual problems, concerns, and interests affecting our community, the lake, and our surrounding environment."

