



NEWSLETTER

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Note from the President

Members, Neighbors and Friends

Hello to you all,

It's our very first newsletter of the year, and by now the LSCC is already in full swing. I'm 1 year and 4 months into my Presidency, and, well...I'm still here! I learned a lot from 2015, and as I reflect over it, there are 3 take-a-ways I thought I would share:

1. You're only as strong as your fellow board members, and the community that surrounds you. The LSCC 2015 board was a fantastic mix of lake "newbies" and tenured members. Thank you to all the first timers: Lauren, Lucas, Nancy, Marc, and Lynn who gave the board energy and new ideas. And thank you to Monica, Scott and Sue who showed us the ins and outs of this community. And for putting up with my frantic texts that typically kicked in about 48 hours before each major event.

It was absolutely incredible to watch how this community comes together for every event. From the Easter Egg Hunt, to July 4th events, Santa Boat, and so many things in between, thank you to every volunteer for your continued support and willingness to help.

2. Last year we hit an all time record in July 4th donations, ending the year at just under \$18,500. These go to not just fireworks, but all the many events that go on throughout the day, as well as permits, insurance, and police expense. THANK YOU to all who donate to the day. Included in this newsletter you'll see more detail on where LSCC gathers funds, and how they are disbursed.

Although we broke records in donations, our membership was down by just two members, rounding out the year at 187. Our 2016 goal is to have 200 LSCC members. If you aren't a member and have questions about joining, don't hesitate to reach out.

3. I am EXTREMELY excited for 2016. As I mentioned in our annual meeting, I now know what I'm doing at least 60% of the time. Not to worry though, because we have 5 returning members and 3 new ones who have already contributed some great ideas and feedback. We look forward to continuing the great LSCC traditions, and adding a few new ones along the way. A full listing of your 2016 board is included.

I continue to learn so much about this community. I welcome your feedback and suggestions throughout the year. Don't hesitate to call or email. I'll see you all out there!

Best,
Jenna Running
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2016 Easter Egg Madness!

The 2016 Easter Egg Hunt brought 100+ kids and their wonderful families and friends to the Lake Sawyer Boat Launch Park. The sun came out to help out an already great event and it was over before we knew it! Next year we'll be adding more eggs and prizes to the mix. Thank you to my fellow board members for helping, as well as Christy Selz, Cheri Merrill, Linda Hagen and Johnny Hoefig. Enjoy the photos!



New Lake Sawyer Community Club Logo Needed

We've decided it's time to freshen up the LSCC logo and would love your help. This will be used on t-shirts, new resident packages, and any other swag we create throughout the year. It should be simple so we can easily print on various items.

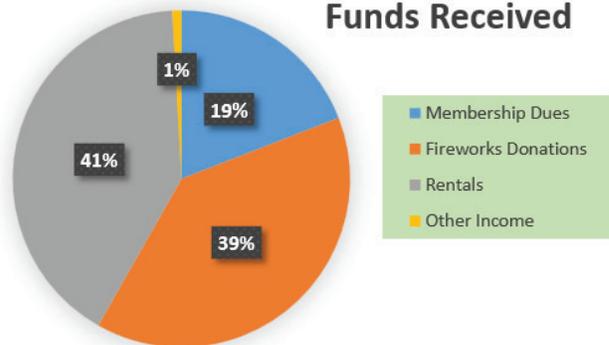
We would love this to be created by a resident, of any age, within our community. If you're interested, please reach out to Jenna Running at president@lakesawyer.org. If we get enough interest we may make a friendly competition, with the top 3 submittals showcased in our next newsletter.

Please let me know if you're interested by May 30, 2016.

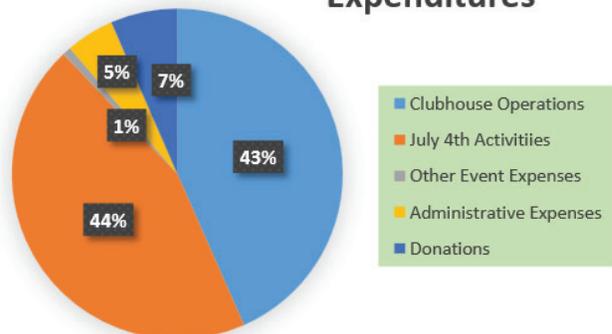
Lake Sawyer Community Club - 2015

Where do my Dues Dollars and Fireworks Donations go?

Funds Received



Expenditures



Santa Boat Mayhem

by: Jenna Running

Never in my life have I had the opportunity to be an Elf. Sprouting up to 5'10" before I hit high school, I wasn't elf material. Call it abuse of power, or right place, right time...but this last December, and my first year as LSCC President, I made my elf debut aboard the Lake Sawyer Santa Boat.

The weeks leading up to the big night were dramatic to say the least. Our water shortage threatened Santa's arrival and the relief of the sudden water influx only lasted for a moment as the water crept up, flooding many docks. As if that wasn't enough, the forecast did not look like it was going to do us any favors, with high winds and rain to start right as we would be pulling out to sea.

I'll be honest, the thought crossed my mind to scrap the whole thing and go by car. BUT the trusty volunteers were determined, and sail we did. For 3+ hours we went house to house, and although the rain started and the cold settled in, the happy faces on each dock warmed our hearts and we kept on making our way.

With 8 houses left the wind began to pick up, the waves swelled and docking became near impossible. Suddenly a gust hit us so hard it ripped the top of the boat right off, the waves came up over the bow and we scrambled to save the gifts. I saw my LSCC legacy flash before my eyes... "the year the santa boat sunk". But sink it did not, and although we had to pull her over, and do the rest of the homes by car, every house was visited and some even got a surprise knock on their door from Santa himself.



I'm not sure if Elfdom is really my thing...but I will say despite all the drama, it was a lot of fun. Our volunteers were AMAZING. Duane Gillis our amazing captain who weathered the storm and never gave up. Lynn Siedenstrang and Jay Newton were a fantastic duo as Mr. and Mrs Clause. Anthony Martinez, our gaffer and muscle as well as my fellow elves: Lauren Landis and Jenny Cornelison...you were all amazing. And, a special thanks to the Hoefig Family who collected and organized all the gifts for us...it was order among chaos!

****IMPORTANT NOTE: 2016 Santa Boat will be changing direction and going COUNTER CLOCKWISE around the lake. We've made this decision because the captains chair is along the right side, so docking is much safer as he has a clear sight line. It's safer for everyone!***



Letter From Black Diamond Police Chief Kiblinger

Citizens of Black Diamond,

- In the past several weeks, the police department has seen a sharp increase in burglary and car prowling incidents around the lake sawyer area. We continue to encourage everyone to call 911 if they see or hear anything suspicious. We are actively pursuing the current cases, but if you see people or vehicles that are suspicious, please do not hesitate to call and report it. The single biggest crime prevention tip we can provide pertaining to these crimes is to avoid being an easy or inviting target.
- Because we live in such a great and safe community, people can sometimes let their guard down. Working together through constant communication and neighborhood watch we can make a difference. Below you will find some great crime prevention tips and ideas citizens can follow to help reduce becoming a victim of these types of crimes:
- Call 911, at the first sign of anyone casing vehicles or homes. Casing is defined as looking into vehicles or homes or loitering around them with no apparent lawful purpose.
- Report persons sitting in parked vehicles with no apparent purpose.
- Call 9-1-1 if you see anyone tampering with automobiles.
- Bottom line is: immediately report suspicious activity or persons in your neighborhoods.
- Be a good witness - Try to get a vehicle license plate number. If you can't get the vehicle license plate number try to get as much identifying information about the vehicle or person as you can. Such as, color, make, model, damage, etc. pertaining to vehicles. Clothing, scars, tattoos, etc. pertaining to people.
- Write down license plates of unfamiliar vehicles in your neighborhoods in case something comes of them at a later date. The information may solve a case should a crime be occurring.
- Always lock your car doors; this can help becoming a victim of opportunity due to the vehicle being easily accessible.
- Remove all items of value, such as GPS devices, cell phones, computers, purses, checkbooks, and electronic devices if the vehicle will be parked in a driveway or on the roadway. Avoid leaving anything of value inside your car in plain view. At the very least, the items should be placed out of view or locked in the trunk.
- Don't leave garage door openers in your cars when they are parked on the street or in the driveway.
- Residents should also ensure their main and side garage doors are closed and locked.
- Develop knowledge of what's going on in your neighborhoods and be ready and able to identify when something is not right. Keep in mind if it doesn't look or feel right it probably isn't.
- Take a few precautions and send a strong crime prevention message to potential criminals. Such things as forming a neighborhood watch group and communicating with your neighbors can help. Posting signs or stickers warning of security systems, neighborhood watch, cameras, or dogs can also deter criminal activity.
- Use lights on timers or motion controlled lights in and around your property. Dark areas attract criminal activity. Also keep in mind that bushes, shrubs and overgrown trees near windows and doors create cover and areas for individuals to be unnoticed.
- Lock doors and windows to your house when you are away.
- You can tell the difference between solicitors and burglars. Solicitors will generally go to every house on the street and will look for houses that appear occupied. Burglars will skip several houses or look for houses that appear to be unoccupied. Solicitors want to contact as many people as possible, burglars and thieves generally want to avoid people.
- When possible and practical, leave a car parked in the driveway. Remember, NEVER leave valuables inside your vehicle.
- Install window slide locks or wooden dowels.
- Pick up newspapers and mail frequently.
- Communicate with your neighbors and avoid establishing the same day-to-day patterns when leaving or returning to your home.
- Get to know your neighbors and have the ability to contact them in case something unusual is occurring at their house.
- Ask your neighbors to call the Police if they see someone they don't know around your house when you are not at home.
- Notify your neighbors when you will be on vacation and enter a "Vacation Check" request at the Black Diamond Police Department. Officers will frequently check your residence while you are away.
- Complete a home inventory and write down all product model names and numbers, especially serial numbers for any items of value.
- Don't make excuses or assumptions for the actions of others. Be alert and report. When in doubt, let the Black Diamond Police Department check it out.
- If you are home when someone knocks at the front door and you are not interested in talking to them, aggressively announce your presence through the closed and locked door, informing the unknown party that you are home and not interested in opening the door.

Thank you,

Jamey Kiblinger
Police Chief

Learning About the History of Your Home?

By: Bill Kombol

There are a number of resources available to learn about the history of your home or lot. One of the best resources is the Puget Sound Regional Archives (PSRA), located on the campus of Bellevue Community College near Eastgate.

PSRA's collection includes property record cards kept between 1937 and 1972. This is the best source of historic photographs for homes and commercial buildings. These old photos were taken by the King County Assessor with the tax parcel, date of the photo, and other notations written on the photo, from which excellent quality prints can be made.

Searches are much easier with the tax parcel number. In order to find your parcel number, check your tax statement or go to <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor.aspx> Click on My Property, enter the portal, and type in the address. Your parcel number will be at the top. The Assessor's online data goes back to 1982. But with your parcel number in hand you can search the Puget Sound Regional Archives by calling: 425-564-3940, or emailing: Archives@bcc.ctc.edu. Be sure to request the parcel's record card which includes assessed value, ownership history, improvements, and other detailed information. PSRA can also provide a list of photographs and dates. Reproduction fees are reasonable and help support maintenance of this incredible resource.

From 1936-1940, the King County Assessor, using depression-era Works Progress Administration (WPA) funding, undertook a remarkable project to find and photograph every improved property in the county. For the fascinating story of how this huge archive came to exist, go to www.historylink.org and type in "WPA Photo" in the search box.

Want to dig even deeper? A 70-page guide titled "Researching the History of Seattle and King County Buildings" was produced by the Seattle Public Library in collaboration with the King County Archives. Google the above title and download a .pdf version which covers legal records, land records, census, marriage, court, death records, and much more.



This "yesterday and today" montage stitches a Dec. 13, 1939 photo obtained from PSRA to a photo taken at the same location on Dec. 13, 2014. If you closely examine several trees, branches, and homes across Lake Sawyer, you can see how some things stay the same even 75 years later!



Dock Numbers

The fire department that services Black Diamond is Mountain View Fire & Rescue. MVFR started providing services in Black Diamond in 2006. Prior to that, the Black Diamond Fire Dept. implemented the blue & white reflective dock numbers we see on the ends of docks today. The docks were numbered to aid responders from the water side. While the dock numbers are helpful to the Santa Boat, & directing folks to Dock #200 for the Volleyball tournament; nothing beats an actual address if you need to call 911. The Police and/or Fire departments will come from the street side 95% of the time. Assistant Fire Chief Robert Young said "While it was a good idea, ideally, to have street addresses on the water side and dock numbers on the street side..." (Assistant Chief Young is not telling us or asking us to do that). The Lake Sawyer Community Club has provided the Fire & Police Departments with a spread sheet of addresses w/ coinciding dock numbers. We as helpful residents can post a note, sign or piece of junk mail so our guests have both address & dock numbers in case of emergency and 911 is called.



Dock Plates and Stickers

Past boards of the Lake Sawyer Community Club have tried to come up with ideas how to show that we have paid the \$50. dues and that we are proud members of the LSCC. Years ago, a metal plate w/ an eagle and the year on it was the way it was done, each year upon paid membership you were given a date sticker to put on the plate. Later, we were trying to improve on the idea, to make it "bigger" more "obvious" to show the LSCC pride. That is how we've come to have an aluminum plate upon which we put a neon, waterproof, fade proof sticker on it. The tough part, is receiving the sticker in the winter when you join, and keeping it until you go near the frigid end of your dock in the spring. The first 10 people who respond to this e-mail requesting assistance w/ the plate & sticker situation will get first class service by the current LSCC board to set things right.

New 2016 Officers And Board Members:

Jenna Running - President

Lauren Landis - Vice President

Lynn Siedenstrang - Secretary

Sue Sherer - Treasurer

Lucas Rubstello - Trustee Number 1

Scott Sherer - Trustee Number 2

Kurt Gieger - Trustee Number 3

Steve Paige - Trustee Number 4

Duane Gillis - Trustee Number 5



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"Building Community"

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Lake Sawyer Community Club (LSCC) Membership Form 2016

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

E-mail _____

Mailing address (if different) _____

Dock Number _____ 2016 Dock Stickers Will Be Mailed to Members. Do you need a dock plate? Yes No

LSCC Membership Dues (\$50) _____

July 4th Donation: _____

Platinum:	\$500+
Gold:	\$200-\$499
Silver:	\$100-\$199
Bronze:	\$1-\$99

Please mail payment and form to LSCC, PO Box 191, Black Diamond, WA 98010

Membership in LSCC provides a sense of community and opportunities to meet neighbors and participate in the variety of events we hold every year.

LSCC Member Benefits:

- Preferred rates to rent the newly remodeled clubhouse for special events.
- Year round Newsletter, if you are not a member, you miss out on the later editions such as:
 - 4th of July special edition newsletter detailing the week long list of fun family activities.
- Free admission to family nights at dock parties & Oktoberfest with food and refreshments provided.
- The Santa Boat!
Exclusive dock side gift delivery from Santa, Mrs. Claus and crew of Elves and 8 Reindeer!
- Members can vote on issues brought up at the annual meeting.

Membership fees also support the Black Diamond community as well. The Black Diamond Food Bank receives quarterly donations. Funds go toward buoy maintenance and replacement, lake water quality testing and reports. The LSCC holds an Easter Egg Hunt open to the public at Boat Launch Park and supports the BDCC with a Holiday Giving Tree at the Lake Sawyer Grocery.

If you have any special skills you would like to offer, or to volunteer with the LSCC, please feel free to contact any board member and don't forget to visit our web site at www.lakesawyer.org

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