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"What I really had in mind was something that would insulate me from criticism."

Next PCC Board Meeting

January 24, 2016
1:00 PM – PCC Office
151 Nisqually Way

Next Community Watch / Emergency Management Meeting

February 27, 2016
10:00 AM – PCC Office

PCC Board

President	Bill Balcom
VP	Bill Krause
Secretary	Brett Anderson
Treasurer	Sonja Maddux
Trustee	Julie Caldwell
Trustee	Beth Marzano
Trustee	Steve Olson
Trustee	Calvin Porter
Trustee	Joan Williams

2016 Water Department

Manager	Ben Pacatte
Assistant	Alvie Whitlock

Message from the President

As 2015 draws to a close, I'd like to thank all the members who took time out of their busy schedules and helped during our community clean-up days. We had over 20 members at each event tackling numerous projects, including cutting tree branches and vegetation along No-Name Creek and Lake Holiday, spreading topsoil at the Lake and at the office, installing additional benches and construction of horseshoe pits to name a few. We even had members bring in additional tractors and equipment to make the work easier. One member has also volunteered his time emptying the trash cans each week at Lake Holiday, which will help keep our lake area free of trash.

To top off the day's work, everyone that participated enjoyed socializing and lunch afterwards. If you would like to take part in helping during next year's clean-up days, watch your Newsletter for a date and time.

To each of you, a heartfelt thanks on behalf of our community. Your efforts help make it the paradise that it has become. The entire PCC Board and staff would like to wish you a joyous holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2016!



Bill Balcom – President, PCC

Aiming for Safety

In the past year we have had a handful of incidents where firearms of various types have been fired within the boundaries of Paradise Estates. The safety of our members is of paramount importance and the firing of ANY type of weapon within our community is forbidden. Covenant #22 states that violations will result in a \$100 fine and a report to the Lewis County Sheriff. Please ensure your children and guests fully understand the dangers and potential implications associated with guns, bows & arrow, etc.

Vote Required

A ballot form is included in this mailing. It asks for your approval to sell a bare lot within Paradise Estates. This lot was awarded to PCC by the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, for lack of payment. The PCC Board finds no good use of the lot and believes it should be sold for the financial benefit of the community. The ballot seeks membership approval to list the lot for sale on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Please vote and return your ballot in the accompanying envelope.

Picnic Enjoyed by All!

The 2015 Summer Picnic was held on July 4th. While the weather was good, the wind gusts made cooking and serving a bit of a challenge. The picnic provides a great opportunity to meet your fellow community members. This year saw very few children though, so the games we had on hand did not get much use. Next year, bring your kids or grandkids out to share in the fun!



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Reminder

2016 Membership Fees are due by
2/1/2016

- \$250 per Lot -

Avoid Late Fees by
Paying on Time

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Turn off Water While Away

Each year, especially during cold weather, one or more members suffer a significant water loss due to an unexpected break on their side of the water meter. This misfortune can lead to very high water use charges. When leaving your property for a significant period, please turn off your water to avoid unnecessary loss.

Call the office at
(360) 569-2669 if interested
in more information on:

Free Yoga Sessions

Free Art Club Workshops

Book Exchange

Volunteer Opportunities

PCC Office Hours:

12-4 pm

Mon, Wed & Fri

An **OPEN** sign is displayed
during office hours

It is Permitted!

As noted in your Membership Handbook, PCC maintains a requirement that members provide a file copy of any permits that you have been issued by Lewis County or other governing bodies. Examples include building, mobile home, and septic permits. See Covenants 12, 13 and 29 for further details. Please ensure that any active permits are available to the PCC office for copying.

Email Broadcasts Suspended

PCC members could historically sign up for urgent email broadcasts. While such communications are rare, they were a great tool in times of emergency. Unfortunately, these types of email "blasts" are prone to hacker attacks and can widely distribute computer viruses and the like. Because of this, our hosting provider has suspended this capability. We hope that this service can be offered again in the future.

Be Prepared!

As cold weather approaches, we may well encounter storms or other events that interrupt the power to our community. You could even be snowed in! Take a few minutes to make a list of the things you would need to get you through several days of isolation. Consider:

Food,
Drinking Water
Ample Clothing & Blankets
Medicines and Personal Items
Flashlight & Batteries
Pet Care

The more of you who are safe, the further our limited resources will go!



For Rent

Over the years, cabins in our community have more frequently been offered as rentals. Rentals, especially short-term rentals, make it much more difficult for us to ensure that all occupants get notified promptly in the event of an emergency. The PCC Membership Handbook has long had a requirement that landlords and tenants complete and turn in a form to the PCC office entitled "RENTAL AGREEMENT" (see Covenant #2). This form is found in the Membership Handbook. It is also on www.paradisec.org (under the "Documents" link. If you are renting property on a month-to-month or longer basis, please take a moment to complete the form and turn it in to the office. This is used for emergency contact purposes and is important information to have on hand in the event of an emergency.

Pre-pay Discount!

6 bi-monthly water billings at \$36 each = \$216 per year. Deducting the 5% discount lowers this amount to \$205.20. Simply pay this amount for each lot you own no later than March 25th in order to receive your discount. The entire payment is credited to your account and means that you may not receive water bills until the entire credit has been used up. This saves PCC money due to the reduced printing, supplies and postage expenses. Your meter will still be read and any billable usage will also be deducted from your credit balance. Please contact the office at (360) 569-2669 if you have any questions related to this payment option, which is designed to save you money!

Branching Out

As is often the case, some of our lots have accumulated a significant amount of tree branches and brush over the past year. We endured a lengthy burn ban during the summer, which makes even clean-up more difficult. Fortunately the ban is now lifted and there is still time to tidy up our lots before the freezing weather impacts us! Please dedicate some time to clear your lot of debris. Many choose to burn branches and leaves. Free Burn Permits are available online at: burnpermit.lewiscountywa.gov



If you are not comfortable burning your yard debris, you can also haul it to the Puyallup Yard Waste dump located at:

17925 Meridian E
Puyallup, WA 98375
(253) 847-7555
www.lriservices.com

It's FREE!!

What to do?

Go to the "Links" page on www.paradisec.org if you are looking for local events and activities.



Just a reminder for all members and guests to display your parking hanger when parked at the lake. This hanger serves as a parking permit and shows that you are a member of our community.



"We do not remember days, we remember moments."

~ Cesare Pavese