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Message from the President

I always try to close out the year thanking those members who volunteered to help make our community a better place during the year. This year I'm asking for every members help in petitioning the Lewis County Commissioners requesting they include our roads within PCC for repair/repaving in the 2017 project list.

During the past two years our roads have been placed on this list and twice they were removed for other projects deemed more important by the Commissioners. It should also be noted the PCC Board of Directors added streets for water line replacement in anticipation of Lewis County repaving our roads.

Other than recent pothole repair, our roads have not seen any improvement by the county since PCC was developed and I have been informed the current 2017 list of road projects for the county does not include roads in PCC.

There are three ways you can assist in the petition process:

- We have a petition already started at the office, stop by and include your name on the list of other members.
- Request an individual petition by calling or email the office and ask to have one sent to you, we'll include a stamped envelope addressed to the commissioners. Our Email address is: pcc007@centurytel.net
- Email your request to the Commissioners at <http://Lewiscountywa.gov/contact>. Our community is included in District 3 and our Commissioner is Gary Stamper.

The Board of Directors would like to deliver the petitions to the County Commissions by January 10th.

On behalf of the Board of Directors have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bill Balcom – President, PCC

Next PCC Board Meeting

January 8, 2017
1:00 PM – PCC Office
151 Nisqually Way

Next Community Watch / Emergency Management Meeting

February 25, 2017
10:00 AM – PCC Office

PCC Board

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



2017 Water Department

Manager Ben Pacatte
Assistant Alvie Whitlock
Volunteer Maria Niesen

Dog Days

Once again we want to bring the issue of canine behavior to your attention. The PCC office fields more complaints about dogs than any other single issue. Members are required to maintain control of their pets at all times. Dogs can violate our rules and covenants by running loose, attacking other animals or persons, defecating without owner cleanup or due to prolonged barking. Please control your pets; remember that a repeat infraction can result in a \$100 fine and the involvement of the Sheriff.

Containers

We have counted the returned ballots regarding the shipping container vote. Our members voted against allowing shipping containers. PCC covenants only allow permitted residences, including mobile homes and suitable outbuildings. Containers and storage pods are not considered to be suitable outbuildings and are therefore not permitted within our community, except when used temporarily to support the movement of personal property (not to exceed 60 days). We will work with members to remove those containers already here.

Good Will Hunting

Hunting and target practice are long-standing traditions in the areas adjacent to our community. While traditional, these activities have no place within the boundaries of Paradise Estates. Sadly, some members have reported hunters stalking game on various members' lots. While hunting on private property is only generally permissible with owner approval, there is absolutely **NO HUNTING OR SHOOTING of any form of gun or bow & arrow allowed within Paradise Estates.**



2017 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

Book Exchange

Volunteer Opportunities

Emergency Management

PCC Office Hours:

12-4 pm

Mon, Wed & Fri

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

Emergency Management

Over the past two years, the PCC office has been evolving the Emergency Management capabilities supporting our community. This past September we finished the installation and testing of our emergency generator. We now have the ability to continue to run our office in the event of a power loss. Additionally, our office facility is equipped to temporarily house our local members if and when that need arises. The facility will maintain heating, hot water, refrigerator and microwave functions, and the charging of personal devices. WIFI is also available, but is dependent on Centurytel internet service being available.



Maintaining a supply of power is important, but it is only one basic need in the event of an emergency. The PCC office currently has an inventory of sleeping cots, blankets, reflective vests, hardhats, clipboards, ice, water jugs, and emergency tools as well.

While PCC strives to provide an initial Emergency Management capability, you are strongly encouraged to maintain adequate supplies of medicines, dietary needs, medical supplies, etc. in order to meet your critical needs.

Emergency Management has been added as a regular agenda item to our Community Watch meetings, which are held at 10am on the last Saturday of every even month (except December). We encourage you to attend an upcoming meeting.

Lake Holiday

Due to potential liability insurance claims, our carrier has asked us to post signage stating that our lake area is private and is only to be used by our members and their guests. We were also asked to notify the President of Bavarian Retreat, so that he can notify the lot owners in that community.

Few people knew that our big lake is actually known as Lake Holiday. We have therefore posted a new Lake Holiday sign at the arched entrance adjacent to the lake parking lot.

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 \$ave you money!

Year End Cleanup

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

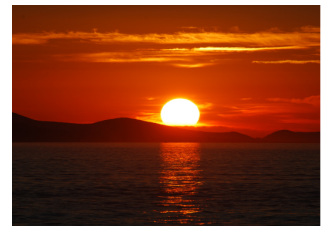
If you are not comfortable burning your yard debris, you can also haul it to the Puyallup Yard Waste dump located at:

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

It's FREE!!

Farewell

Once again, we want to take a moment to extend our sympathy and best wishes to those of you who have lost loved ones. Such transitions are often the most difficult times we will face.



The PCC Board and staff members hope that you can remember the best of times and find peace.

“To make an end is to make a beginning.”

~ T. S. Eliot