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Next PCC Board Meeting

May 18, 2014

1:00 PM – PCC Office

151 Nisqually Way

(moved from 5/11 due to
Mother's Day)

PCC Board

President	Bill Balcom
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Message from the President

Ordinary people doing extraordinary things! As I watch the outpouring of help to those that were affected by the recent landslide in Snohomish County I see ordinary people stepping up to help their neighbors in need.

During our March board meeting, the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management gave a short presentation asking Paradise Estates community members to participate in a program titled Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Team or PC-NET. This program is designed to provide our community citizens with the skills, knowledge, and tools to respond in an effective manner to an emergency in our neighborhood. Like the landslide, when emergency response capabilities become overwhelmed, neighbors become the first responders in their communities. PC-NET provides the training using a team building approach to develop response teams ready to work in an organized manner to help those in need. Once trained, participants can volunteer as a light search team member, first aid station, or pet care to name a few; anyone can participate.

As I look at the surrounding area where the landslide occurred, we need to recognize the vulnerability to the many hazards in our own area. If we are ready to respond to a disaster of this magnitude, we'll be ready to respond to most any type of emergency.

In the coming weeks the Board of Directors plans to meet with the PC-NET coordinator to see what our community can do to participate. More information will be available during our annual meeting in June. However, if you wish to participate or want to find out more information to see what is involved please contact Cecile in the office or send us a message at pcc007@centurytel.net. We'll add your name to those interested in the program. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things by helping neighbors help themselves during an emergency.

Bill Balcom, President PCC



Annual Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars! This year's Annual Membership meeting will be held as follows:

Sunday, June 22, 2014

10:00am – 2:00pm

**PCC Community Center
151 Nisqually Way**

(Potluck Lunch)

Agenda

Last Call for Ballots
Call to Order
Introductions
Review of Prior Years Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Accounts in Arrears
Prior Year's Accomplishments
Ballot Committee Adjourns
~Potluck Lunch~
Emergency Preparedness
Water System Report
Good of the Order
Adjournment

Join Us for The Picnic!



This year's summer picnic will be held as follows:
Sat. 7/12 1-4pm (Big Lake)
Let us serve you free burgers, dogs, snacks and ice cream – on our newly reconditioned picnic tables!

Work up an appetite first!
PCC Cleanup Day – 7/12
9am - Big Lake
Bring: Rakes, Shovels, Pruners, Wheelbarrows, Gloves, etc.

Help us clean up after the long winter!



2014 Membership Fees were due on 2/1/2014

Late fees apply to outstanding balances and water meters are subject to being locked for non-payment

Notices were originally sent with the December 2013 water bill.

Fire info:

FREE Burning Permits
Burn Ban Status
Pierce Alert Program

Call SW Clean Air Agency
(800) 633-0709
or go to

<http://burnpermit.lewiscountywa.gov/>

For instant free residential burning permit (when ban is not in place)

Last Call....

for free rocks - load what you want at the big lake and to the right of the small pond - then we'll clean up the rest

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PCC Office Hours:

12-4 pm
Mon, Wed & Fri

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

Phone/Fax: (360) 569-2669
or

Email/Web:

PCC007@centurytel.net
www.paradisec.org

Pet Peeve

We've all experienced it at some point; a neighbor's dog starts barking and for some reason won't stop. This annoyance is not permitted within Paradise Estates. Please ensure that your pets behave and do not disrupt the peace and tranquility of other members and guests. Additionally, we have again heard reports of dogs roaming our community without being on a leash. Leashes are required, based on community covenants. Failing to adhere to these pet related rules can easily result in significant consequences. Fines from the Association and potential action by the Sheriff's Department can result.

We understand the benefits of having household pets; we simply need to remind pet owners of their responsibilities regarding them.



Community Events

PCC Art/Craft Clubs

If you would like to join other aspiring artists in a small group setting, please contact the office. Sewing, quilting, wood carving, painting, or whatever tickles your fancy!

Yoga Update

A reminder that free Yoga sessions are held at the PCC Community Center. Call the office for dates/times:
(360) 569-2669

PCC Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of every even month - 10am at the PCC Office

All PCC members are welcome to review how your community dollars are spent. Join us!

"The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek."

~ Joseph

Community Watch

While the number of reported crime incidents in our community have decreased, we must all remain vigilant to keep awareness high. Here are a few crime prevention tips:

- Buy and use Quality Locks
- Work with a Neighbor
- Install Cameras
- Don't Advertise Absences
- Install an Alarm System
- Report Suspicious Activity
- Capture License Numbers



Safety First!

Never put yourself at risk when dealing with a volatile situation.

Photo Contest

Don't forget to keep your camera at the ready! While handy in crime prevention, you might also capture the shot that wins the annual photo contest! Submit photos to the office via print or email. Winners will be chosen at the Annual Meeting.

Transitions



Once again we'd like to welcome our new members to Paradise Estates. We hope you will enjoy what our community has to offer.

On a more somber note, we would like to take a moment to say farewell to those owners and family members who have recently departed. Our hearts go out to you as you remember and honor your loved ones. May you all find peace.



Stay Informed

You can sign up for email alert notifications on our community website. Just go to www.paradisec.org and follow the "Email List" link to sign up. Signing up for this free notification option will help ensure that we can get important messages out to you in a quick and efficient manner.

Red Flag at Entrance?

If you see a red flag posted at the entrance from Kernahan, it means that a crime incident has recently been reported in the area. At times like this, you should carefully check your property for signs of break-in or outdoor theft. Report signs of a crime to the Lewis County Sheriff's office.

Non-emergency phone:
(360) 740-1105

Reminders!

Water/Dues Rates Remain Unchanged!

This is hardly news, but noteworthy just the same: Since the new water system was implemented roughly a decade ago, PCC has not had a single rate increase! Further - we will not witness one in 2014 either!

Your water department and Board have worked hard to contain operating expenses and are proud to maintain our low rates.

Keep Us Informed!

It is vitally important to keep the PCC office informed of any changes to your phone number or mailing address. Those of you who live alone should ensure that the office has an emergency contact for you as well. Without one, we may be unable to respond to emergencies!