Paradise News



Summer 2019 Newsletter

Paradise Community Club, Inc. - An equal opportunity employer and provider for special needs

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Water Emergency?

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Picnic Time!

Saturday, September 7th Annual Picnic (Noon - 3pm) – PCC Office 151 Nisqually Way

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Snacks and Drinks Provided



All PCC members & guests are welcome!

Come meet your neighbors and bring your appetite!

2019 Annual Meeting Recap

The 2019 PCC General Membership Meeting was held on June 1st at the PCC office – 151 Nisqually Way.

Meeting Highlights

Election Results

The following individuals were elected or re-elected at this year's Annual Membership Meeting:

President – Bill Balcom
Vice President – Bill Krause
Trustee #2 – Calvin Porter
Trustee #6 – Chuck Mitchell
Trustee #7 – Bill Balcom
Budget: 54 Yes 2 No (Pass)

PCFD#23 Fire Chief Matt Medford addressed the audience and stated that they expect a bad fire season this year. His team has already assisted in a 7acre grass fire. He expects the summer fire ban to come early this year as well (ban took effect on 6/17/19 but contained campfires currently allowed). Matt also discussed the fact that Pradise Estates is in the entension year of its contract with PCFD#23 and that a renewed agreement some form of replacement) needs to be agreed upon before 12/31/19. The other forms of coverage include a potential merger

annexation agreement of our two fire departments. Such an arrangement would likely require equal taxation rates across the two districts. Currently, PCFD#23 residents taxed at about a 1/3 higher rate than our own LCFD#17 residents. He also spoke of the possibility of PCFD#23 being merged into South Pierce Fire & Rescue (likelihood unknown), which could leave those of us on the Lewis County side of things with inadequate services. LCFD#17 has only one volunteer at this time. This possible change in coverage may cause an increase in fire insurance premiums as well. Our area can expect a levy vote of some sort on the November ballot. Only those whose residence is in community are eligible to vote.

Lewis County Sheriff's Office

was represented by Deputy Chris Rubin, the only deputy assigned to our East end of the county. He once again nagging addressed our issues related to dog behavior. He explained that a deputy (Smokey Padgett) has been assigned to investigate dog issues. More critical

incidents will result in a deputy being dispatched but follow-on investigations will be led by Smokey. He further mentioned prolonged dog barking (30minutes or more between 9pm and 7am) is a violation of Lewis County Code. Deputy Rubin stated that he knows that some calls are not placed because of the belief an officer will not respond – or at least not in timely manner. Nevertheless, he suggests that calls are never suppressed as the old adage "the squeaky wheel gets the oil" remains true.

He confirmed the nonemergency number below:

Sheriff Non-emergency #: (360) 740-1105

Treasurer's Report
(As of 5/31/19)

Reserves = \$62,881.17 Checking = \$86,723.94

Sani-Can at Lake

After a suggestion at the meeting and a consensus after discussion, the Board agreed to place a Sani-can at Lake Holiday. This is on a trial basis through the Labor Day holiday.

PCC office hours: 12-4 pm Mon, Wed, & Fri

Phone/Fax: (360) 569-2669

Email:

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Support the Lion's July 4th-7th (11am-6pm) Serving Hamburgers to raise funds. They're delicious!

The Mt. Rainier Lions Club is located just west of Ashford at 27726 SR 706 East



Next PCC Board Meeting

Sunday, 9/8/19 - 1pm PCC Office - 151 Nisqually

Note:

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations, or alternative means for communication of program information should contact Cecile at PCC office (360) 569-2669 at least 24 hours in advance of events requiring

PCC is in compliance with the terms of the Assurance Agreement (RD form 400-4), executed in conjunction with the RD funds awarded for this project (water system upgrade).

Reiteration of Rules



Our Membership Handbook provides a thorough review of PCC Covenants, Rules & Regulations, and is located on our website (see Documents link on www.paradisecc.org). The PCC office has observed over time that most of the complaints that we address fall into just six areas. In an effort to aid our property owners, we have developed a Quick Reference Sheet, which was distributed last year. This document focuses on those areas that account for 80% or more of complaints heard by the PCC office. We ask that members ensure that all tenants or guests be kept aware of these requirements. We have laminated the form for durability and suggest that it be placed on the refrigerator or in other conspicuous location. Call the office if you are new to the community or need another copy. Remember that owners are responsible for the actions of their quests.

Annual Meeting (cont.)



A bear has been seen at various locations within and around Paradise Estates (over the past few weeks). Please be cautious, don't approach and leave no food outdoors. Children and pets are of particular concern.



We offer a huge thank you to everyone who helped prepare a portion of what was once again a delicious pot luck luncheon spread!

Water Department Report

Ben Pacatte reported that our system has a green status and remains in compliance with all required regulations.

He recapped the recent work to upgrade Well House #2 (Parts Bins, Wall Sheeting, Work Area/Bench, Gravel Driveway) and the remaining work (Emergency Generator, A Variable-Speed Pump, Connection Valve, Electrical Uparades) that expected to be completed by mid-July. announced that he has been summoned to Jury Duty in July and has worked out staffing coverage for the potential time away. He will also be available to assist Bill Balcom with the upcoming USDA Security Audit.



"There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart".

2019 Progress

The following is a recap of community progress over the past year:

Improvements to WH#2 Building and Grounds

(Parts Bins, Wall Sheeting, Work Bench, Generator Slab, Insulated Walls and gravel driveway and well

Spring Cleanup/Branch Chipping

A big thank you to those of vou who helped during one or both of our spring cleanup days!

New Emergency Shelter signs

Repaired street lights (PUD)

New Total Burn Ban sians

Replacement of WH#4 Control **Panel**

Billing Systems consolidation

Take Note:

Tall Grass Danger!

It is critically important during the summer months to keep your grass mowed. Tall dry grass brings great potential fire danger to our community. Please promptly respond to any related notice.

Community Watch / Emergency **Management Meetings**

10am – Last Saturday of every even Month (except December)

Lewis County Sheriff Non-Emergency# 360.740.1105

Free Yoga Sessions

Wednesdays 10am-Noon

Finance Committee Meetings

10am – 3rd Wednesday of every <u>even</u> month (Review of Financials-All Welcome)

Bible Study

Mondays 6:30-8pm

Your PCC Board of Directors

President	Bill Balcom
Vice President	Bill Krause
Secretary	Brett Anderson
Treasurer	Chuck Mitchell
Trustee	Calvin Porter
Trustee	Steve Olson
Trustee	Joan Williams
Trustee	Rose Gaines

~ Celia Thaxte