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Next PCC Board Meeting

January 12, 2020
1:00 PM – PCC Office
151 Nisqually Way

**Next Community Watch /
Emergency Management
Meeting**

February 29, 2020
10:00 AM – PCC Office

PCC Board

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

Message from the President

This past year Paradise Estates has seen a large growth in newly built cabins, cabin remodels and an increasing number of visitors within our community. Our slice of paradise is changing and growing as new families purchase property and become a part of Paradise Estates.

Along with the increase in new members and visitors comes the need for volunteers to help maintain our community owned green areas and buildings. One volunteer of note is Rod Glyzinski, who has donated many hours toward improvements and repairs. Rod has performed preventive maintenance for our office, helped make improvements to one of our well houses, joined our spring cleanup efforts, and is quick to raise his hand whenever help is required. He acted as the impetus for placing a seasonal Sani-can at Lake Holiday, an initiative that was well received by our residents and guests. Because of its success, plans have already been made to provide for one again next summer.

I'd also like to send a special thanks to our Water Department Manager Ben Pacatte who has worked tirelessly at maintaining Paradise Estates water system. Ben routinely goes above and beyond his duties, ensuring safe and clean drinking water, while making improvements to our water distribution system. His mechanical knowledge has saved Paradise Estates costly repair bills related to our water system infrastructure. To those members that have silently volunteered, I'd like to personally **thank you** for your efforts.

Of course I would also like to acknowledge the continual efforts of Cecile Roy and Chuck Mitchell, who have repeatedly demonstrated their ability to manage our office workflow and finances. Their front-line efforts can be difficult at times but they are routinely carried out with professionalism and a smile!

On behalf of your Board of Directors we hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bill



↓ **Contact Info** ↓

Our system contains 394 member owned lots. Over time, contact information can grow stale if we aren't kept informed. To make sure that we are current, especially in an emergency, we ask that you complete the section below with your current information, then cut it out and return it with your next payment.

Lot #(s): _____

Owner: _____ Spouse/SO: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name/Phone: _____

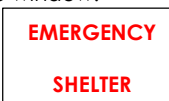
Owner Mailing Address: _____

**Please attach any other
important information or
special requirements.**

In Need of Shelter/Services?

Our community is fairly distant from the services often provided out of other towns. PUD dispatches primarily from Morton; Propane generally comes from Morton, Tacoma or Puyallup; bulk groceries are generally bought in Puyallup or Eatonville. Because we have a small population and are away from the larger populations, we also generally have to wait longer for service restoration. Because of these factors, we have equipped our office with a

supply of cots, blankets, water jugs and the like. In the event an emergency situation deprives you of heat, safety, the ability to cook, working plumbing, please contact the office for assistance. Your community club stands ready to help you through difficult periods. During community-wide issues, look for this sign in the office window:





Deadline for 2020 Membership Dues 2/1/2020

- Still \$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
Response/Shelter

PCC Office Hours:

12-4 pm

Mon, Wed & Fri

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

Dog Concerns

Like most communities, many of us, our members (or their guests) have household pets that we enjoy as a part of our families. The bond that develops between our pets and ourselves can be very strong. But while this can be very rewarding, along with it comes great responsibility, especially if your pet is a dog.

During our annual meeting, our assigned Sheriff's deputy informed us that dog complaints are on the rise and that canine behavior is ALWAYS the responsibility of the dog's owner. The Lewis County Sheriff's Office will not tolerate dogs that bite, threaten, run loose, defecate on others' property, attack other animals, are neglected, or bark for prolonged periods. They have even assigned a full-time deputy to investigate dog-related incidents.

Recently, our community office received complaints regarding six dog incidents in a 1-month period. These incidents can result in warnings or fines from our office and are often reported to the Sheriff, who has further authority to levy County fines. We have instructions on our website as to how to report such incidents. Please consult www.paradisec.org if you encounter a dog-related incident.

Remember that the County requires that dogs be contained or on leash at all times. We recognize that many pets are quite harmless but people unfamiliar with them may not realize that to be the case. While our association doesn't have a police force, we want to make sure that everyone realizes that your animals are ALWAYS your responsibility. Help us keep angst and injury to a minimum. Your dog and neighbors will thank you for it!



Changing Times

Paradise Estates was first established in 1964, amidst the Beatlemania craze. Our neighborhood began largely as a recreational camping destination and, much like hairstyles over the years, morphed into a somewhat changed community, one that blended "getaway" cabins with a handful of full-time residences. In recent years, we have seen the emergence of a short-term rental market as well. This new player has resulted in heightened property sales and construction at levels unseen in the decades of yesteryear. Our hope is that our residents and visiting members can learn to embrace this new presence. Remember that owners of such properties are subject to all of the rules & regulations that apply to all members. We also stress to each new owner that their guests are also subject to any and all behavioral rules as well.

Pre-pay Discount!

While we finally had to raise our water rates after 16 years, here's a way to save yourself some money!

6 bi-monthly water billings at \$46 each = \$276 per year. Deducting a 5% discount lowers this amount to \$262.20. **Simply pay this amount for each lot you own and each account will be credited an additional \$13.80 to reflect the 5% discount.** The entire payment is credited to your account and means that, providing your dues are current, you may not receive water bills until the entire credit has been used up. Your meter will still be read and any billable usage will be deducted from your credit balance. Please contact the office at (360) 569-2669 if you have any questions related to this money saving option.

Stay Prepared!

Emergency Checklist:

- ✓ Reading Glasses
- ✓ Medicines/Vitamins
- ✓ Fresh Water
- ✓ First Aid Kit
- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Family Photos
- ✓ Phone Numbers
- ✓ Important Papers
- ✓ Food/Pet Food

Think through being stranded for several days to get a feel for the things you could not do without. Community Watch / Emergency Management meetings are held at 10am on the last Saturday of every even month (except December).

We urge you to attend in order to stay informed and become familiar with our shelter capabilities.

**"All will concede
that in order to have
good neighbors, we
must also be good
neighbors. That
applies in every
field of human
endeavor."**

Harry S. Truman